

# Wollondilly Public School

## THE WOLLONDILLY WAG



Wednesday 25 November 2015 Term 4 Week 8

As we approach the end of Term 4 it is a very busy time. Teachers are devoting much time outside school to writing student reports, all staff are engaging in various professional learning activities both within and outside school, plans are being made in preparation for 2016 and students are still working hard at achieving set goals.

### Water Safety

Teachers have been extremely pleased with the progress made by all students attending the swim program. Students can now practise their skills over the Xmas break ready for our carnival early Term 1 next year.

On Monday lifeguards delivered a presentation called 'Bush to Beach' to all students K - 6. This program was well received by the students and they are all now well prepared and know how to stay safe at the beach, river, dam or pool this summer.

These programs provide life skills that will stay with the students forever and we are pleased to be able to offer these programs at Wollondilly P.S.

### Excursions

Thank you to our teachers who plan these extracurricular activities for our students. Much time and effort is required beforehand in the planning and once again, it demonstrates the dedication and commitment of our teachers here at Wollondilly P.S. Last week I accompanied Year 4 to Sydney for their convict sleepover at the Hyde Park Barracks and it was quite an experience! It was very rewarding to see and hear the students who had not seen the Opera House before, had not been on a harbour ferry before or walked across the Sydney Harbour Bridge before.

On Friday this week Stage 3 students are visiting the Minnamurra Rainforest at Jamberoo to culminate their class unit of work.

These experiences may occur once in a lifetime and will certainly be experiences they will long remember.

### Leaders 2016

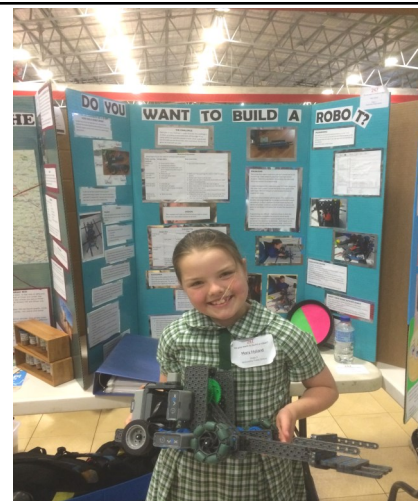
Yesterday students, teachers and proud parents listened to speeches from prospective school leaders for 2016. Congratulations to all the candidates who spoke confidently and from the heart.

Voting is now being conducted and new leaders will be announced at the presentation assembly in Week 10.

### End of year events

Please place important dates on your calendar as there are lots of events coming up. We look forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks.

**Susan Bradley**



**Young Scientists at University of Wollongong.**

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## **UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG, SCIENCE FAIR 4 NOVEMBER, 2015**

On the 4 November, Lockie Brouff, Cody Greaves, Lachlan Wray, Matthew Dunn, Bill Wong, Lachlan Karooz, Mary and William Hyland, Lucas Ottley, Maddison Edwards, Caitlin Kimber travelled to the University of Wollongong to present their science projects with over 700 other students from across the Illawarra region.

The students had to discuss their projects with a selection of judges, who were looking for their understanding of the scientific process they applied to their investigations.

The competition was very high- with a great range of varied projects covering all fields of science.

It was an amazing day and experience. The students will all be awarded with certificates from the university later this term.

The students' projects can be viewed in our school foyer.

Thankyou for all the hard work and enthusiasm and we encourage all students next year to participate in the competition.



## **UNIVERSITY TEST AWARDS**

Last Friday, a school assembly was held to congratulate all the students who took part in the university tests at school. Congratulations to all those students who chose to participate and thankyou to Mrs Dunn for taking the time to come to school to hand out the awards.



## **2016 CAPTAIN ELECTIONS**

On Monday, 23 November, the 6 girl and boy final nominees for the 2016 captain and vice captain positions presented their speeches explaining why thought they would be the best person for these positions. All of the speeches were of very high quality and congratulations to all the nominees for such an outstanding presentation.

After the speeches, Year 2 to 5 students voted in their classrooms. The captains and vice captains will be announced at Presentation Night. Good luck to all the candidates.







On 2 November, I travelled to Dubbo to compete in the State Championships with the South Coast Primary Girls Cricket team. The event was played over four days where we played two cricket games per day. My team played well through all matches and we achieved a great result of 6th out of 13 teams. I was lucky to meet so many great girls within the team and we had a fantastic time playing sport.

**Mikaylah John**

### BEACH SAFETY PRESENTATION

On Monday, 23 November life savers visited our school to remind us all of rules to keep us safe this Summer at the beach. As the Summer holidays approach, and many of us visit the beach, it was a timely reminder of dangers to be aware of.

Remembering sun safety rules such as slip, slop and slap; how to identify a rip and what to do if you are caught in one, dangers around rocks and dangerous animals such as blue ringed octopus, blue bottles and sharks and swimming between the flags were all discussed. Stay safe this Summer and remember the beach safety rules!



### SRC DRESS IN FAVOURITE SPORT CLOTHES FUND RAISING DAY

Last Friday was the final fundraising activity for the SRC this year. We held a cake stall, sale of wrist bands and mufti fundraiser.

Once again, an ENORMOUS thank you to all those WONDERFUL parents for your generous donation of an assortment of cakes, slices and biscuits and to all parents for your very kind donations of money.

We raised over \$400 which will go towards purchasing new readers for our Literacy programs.

I would sincerely like to thank the wonderful SRC executive for running the cake stall, organising the publicity and managing the finances. They have worked hard throughout the year and have displayed many leadership qualities.

*Thank you,*

**Mrs Chapman (SRC Teacher)**

### YEAR 6 FAREWELL DINNER

Letters were sent home this week inviting Year 6 students and their parents to the Year 6 farewell dinner. This will take place on Tuesday 15 December, 2015 at the Goulburn Soldier's Club.

The doors will be open from 6pm and dinner will be served at 6.30pm. **Please return your form acknowledging if you are attending or not with the money enclosed for the dinner.**



## Dates for your Diary

### Term 4

- Week 8 Friday 27 November - K-2 Assembly 12.20pm in the school hall. Hosted by KDH & KAH. All welcome to attend.
- Week 9 Friday 4 December– 2015 Sports Presentation Assembly in the school hall commences at 12.20pm.
- Week 10 Monday 7 December- K-2 Presentation Assembly - commences 5.30pm
- Week 10 Wednesday 9 December - 3-6 Presentation Assembly commences at 7pm in the school hall.
- Week 10 Thursday 10 December– 3-6 Movie excursion to see 'Transylvania'.
- Week 11 Monday 14 December - K-2 Movie excursion to see 'Charlie Brown'.
- Week 11 Tuesday 15 December - Year 6 Farewell dinner at the Soldiers Club.
- Week 11 Wednesday 16 December– K-6 P & C Christmas Carols in the school grounds. Today is the last day of school for students. School resumes for students on Thursday 28 January, 2016.

### Term 1, 2016

- Week 1 Wednesday 27 January is a STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY.
- Week 1 Thursday 28 January, all students from Year 1 to 6 return to school.
- Tuesday 16 Feb Wollondilly P S - Swimming Carnival for 2016.



#### Student Banking

Student banking is on every Tuesday morning (9am to 9.25am) on the library veranda, see Tracy in the Canteen for information.



## P B PARADE

Positive Behaviour in the Classroom



### 6 PB Cards

Jacob Taylor 1W Kasey Dawson 3-6S  
Kasey Dawson 3-6S Jamii Lee Barry 3-6S

### 12 PB Cards

Shaelyn Wilson 3-6S Cadence McGaw 3-6S  
Violet Ottley 1W Oliver Marriott 1W  
Nicholas Sexton 1W Alex Hailston 5-6C  
Lily-Mae Backhouse 5-6C Abbey Mortlock K-1M  
Amly Ann Jo K-1M Libby Walsh-Robinson K-1M  
Jerome Binu K-1M Hunter Foley K-1M  
Charli Hayes K-1M Chloe Jeffrey K-1M  
Ruby Pickwell K-1M Shannon Pethers 2N  
Elliott Thornthwaite 2N Zach Brooker 3-4C  
Kiara Payne 3-4C Louise Catt KDH  
Corey Woodhouse KDH Eva Blay KDH  
Gordon Tallis KDH Jeremy Morris KDH  
Imogen Cooper KDH Riley Drage 1W  
Georgia Collins 1W Mia Kimber 1W  
Madison Tunks 1W Noah Cohen 1W  
Gianmario Tilocca 1W Oliver Park 1W  
Lachlan Todkill 3-6S Cadence McGaw 3-6S  
Noah Berrisford 3-6S Hayden Ware 3-6S  
Hayley Caruana 3-6S

### 18 PB Cards

Shaelyn Wilson 3-6S Jessica Bush 3-6S  
Rob Emerson KAH Anneva Ajeesh KAH  
Gabby McKenzie KAH Lilly Sexton KAH  
Rachel Hunt KAH Lillie Scheuner KAH  
Alyia Blay 1W Sara Dyson 1W  
Millicent Elford 1W Amal Zahra 1W  
Liam Carmichael 1W Edward Crutcher 1W  
Rajveer Sarin 1W Riley Smith 1W  
Jacob Taylor 1W Archie Wood 1W  
Allegra Depetro Reitano 1W Alexander Fuller 1W  
Oliver Marriott 1W Yalda Barakzay 1W  
Violet Ottley 1W Nicholas Sexton 1W

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## Hyde Park Barracks Excursion

Last Tuesday and Wednesday the Year 4 students and some brave parents and teachers went off to Sydney for an adventure. We took a bus, stopping at Pheasant's Nest for a toilet break, before going on to Sydney. Our wonderful bus driver took us via the airport where we got to see some huge jets taking off. We then went into the city for lunch at Darling Harbour.

From here we took a ferry across to Luna Park (Milson's Point). The view of the bridge when going around Barangaroo took our breath away, but many students were more fascinated by the jellyfish bobbing in the water. We took photos at Luna Park (which looked very much like Lilijana's face) before walking under the bridge and using the talking toilet. The wonders of the big smoke!

Then we walked up onto the bridge and across to the southern side. We had a much needed sit down in the bridge climb shop cinema, where we watched two short films about the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Did you know that it took 1400 men 8 years to build or that it has 6 million hand driven rivets holding it together? That is 3 ½ million more than the Eiffel Tower!

We then had a quick walk through The Rocks (Australia's first European settlement), before going around Circular Quay to the Opera House. Unfortunately, a Florence and the Machine concert practice meant that much of the Opera House was fenced off, but we could hear her singing on the outdoor stage. We then had a sit down and a play in the Botanical Gardens, among the ibis, before walking up to the Hyde Park Barracks.

Here we met our guides Amy and Bernard, who took on the convict names of Will and Tom. We were put into convict shirts and given a lanyard with our convict names, crime and sentence printed on them. We had to maintain this character for the rest of our stay. After a delicious meal of bangers and mash, we went on a tour of the barracks and played convict games. Did you know the convicts hid their contraband under floorboards?

We then went to bed. BED! Hardly! We all slept in the same long room in hammocks, three stories up from the toilets. The building was built by convicts 198 years ago, so the steps were quite steep. Sounds of the city kept us all awake, including the church clock tower which struck loudly on the hour.

In the morning we had to make an origami style envelop to hold our ticket of leave. This ticket was given to convicts who had completed their sentence. We then had a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs and English muffins before packing our bags and saying goodbye to the barracks.

It was only 7.30am, so Mrs Hyland suggested that we walked down Macquarie Street to Martin Place and wave through the Channel 7 window. Outside the studio we met the Texas Barbeque man who was cooking breakfast. We got photos and also saw Big T from the X-Factor through the studio window.

We then walked down into the business district of the city, to Chifley Square. This area houses all the beautiful old sandstone government buildings. We saw the Lands Building that has statues on its ledges of the explorers that we have been covering in our homework this term. We also saw the obelisk sign from which all roads were once measured in the colony.

After Chifley Square we walked back through the Botanical Gardens to the Australian Museum. What a wonderful place to visit! We saw animals, skeletons, rocks and minerals and plants from all over the world. Then after a quick stop at the gift store, we went across the road to Hyde Park where we had lunch. Then we popped back on the bus and returned to school.

The weather was wonderful, the students represented our school with pride and our fabulous parents were awesome! A huge thank you to Mrs Craig, Mr Drake, Mr Hockey, Mrs Hyland, Mr Marriott, Ms Shelton and Mr Ware, without you our excursion would not have been possible.

**From Mr Crossley, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Cooper and Ms Tilley**















