Wollondilly Public School



Wednesday 11 November 2015 Term 4 Week 6

For the past two weeks I've had the privilege of sitting in the Principal's chair whilst Mrs Bradley has been on leave. It has been a very busy but productive two weeks with much being achieved.

Teachers are busy preparing for reports to be written and sent home; preparations for Captains and Vice captains elections are being organised; New Kinder enrolments for 2016 and orientation for them has been conducted; Grandparents day; Book Fair; Remembrance Day and Special Swimming Scheme has commenced. These are just a few things that a busy Term 4 brings.

Grandparents Day

Last week we were overwhelmed at how many wonderful grandparents were able to come and visit their grand - children at school. A morning tea was provided and grandparents were able to meet with their grandchildren shortly after and join with them in an Australia wide sing-a-long expertly organised by Mrs Dunn and Miss Fennamore. It was an exciting time for all and one that we are keen to promote and grow as a highlight for our calendar in 2016.



Kinder Orientation 2016





Last Wednesday we welcomed our 2016 kinder parents and children to their first Kinder Orientation. We were fortunate to have a presentation from the Cancer Council explaining to us about healthy lunch boxes which ties in very nicely with our "Crunch and Sip" program and from The Commonwealth bank explaining about the school banking program. Our brand new Kindergarten children were taken on a tour by some of our senior students and then spent some valuable time in class rooms enjoying their time with our current Kindergarten children and teachers. Parents were then able to have a presentation by myself on life at Wollondilly P.S. We can't wait until the next Kinder orientation day on 25 November.



Remembrance Day

Today we commemorated "Remembrance Day". Our ceremony was taken indoors due to the weather conditions at the time. Our school leaders led a short but respectful ceremony with the whole school taking part. We all observed a minutes silence and listened to the Last Post. Thank you to our leaders and Stage 3 teachers for organising this very special event.









P&C News

Thanks must go to our hard working P&C. Although small in number we are eternally grateful for the tireless work they put in. Their efforts year after year only benefit <u>all</u> our children at Wollondilly School. This weekend, (Saturday 14/11/15 9am to 2pm), the P&C need your help. They will be cooking a BBQ at Belmore Park markets and at this stage we only have 5 helpers and this includes two teaching staff. Your help is needed even if you can only afford a short period of time. If you're near Belmore Park, come and buy a bacon and egg roll or a sausage sizzle. All proceeds will go back to support students at school. At the last P&C meeting, it was agreed to support the school by buying \$1,500 worth of new whiteboards for teachers to write on and to assist with the purchase of equipment which will enable the school to access wifi. Already P&C have purchased two air conditioners for classrooms this year (already installed), 8 in all total over the last 4 years. Without the support of P&C, many programs will be very difficult to promote and support.

On 20 November, P&C have invited Advancelifestudios to come and take family portraits. This was well received and valued by the families who accessed this offer previously. P&C need at least 25 families for this to be a viable fundraising opportunity, so please consider. Photos will be taken in the school hall. Notes will be distributed at school and advertised through the school Skoolbag ap.

Mr Armstrong (Assistant Principal)

Dream Cricket

On the 30 of October a group of Wollondilly students attended a Dream Cricket Day at Bradman Oval, Bowral. On this day we were invited to join other students from across the Southern Tablelands and Highlands for a day of practicing adapted cricket skills.

The students had a wonderful day, meeting lots of new people including the Clown Doctors and Daniel Ramsey. Daniel Ramsey has been an award winning swimmer for several years, including many awards at the recent Down Syndrome World Champion Games. The students were so excited to meet him. Thanks to Lachlan Todkill for taking a great photo of Daniel.

We would like to thank PBC Buses for their wonderful transport for the day and the Goulburn Soldiers Club for financing our trip.

A big shout out also goes to Mrs Medway who organised the day for us. Thanks Mrs Medway!!!

Miss Day, Mrs Medway and Mrs Tyrell







Library News

A big thankyou to everyone who supported our book fair. The theme was Under The Sea and classes enjoyed the opportunity to be creative and brighten up the library with some colourful creations. Our visiting Grandparents contributed to a very successful event. **With \$4500 worth of sales our school earned over \$1500 in commission**. With the ongoing popularity of Book Club and our Book Fairs the library has been able to purchase more than \$4000 of books and equipment for the school this year. We have been able to select a wide range of popular titles for our enthusiastic readers and many children have been involved in choosing our purchases.

This term everyone has the opportunity to be involved in our Reading Review Challenge. Students, parents and staff are encouraged to fill in a book review sheet to share with others the joy of reading. If you would like to enter ask your child to bring home a review sheet for you. We have lots of books to choose from as prizes. Entries close on Friday in Week 9.

As we come towards the end of the year some students need to be on the lookout for missing library books. We would like all books returned by the end of Week 8 to allow for stocktake at the end of term. We will provide students with a printout of the books they have outstanding to help you in your search and the cost is also provided so the library can be reimbursed for any lost items.

Don't forget students are running out of time to collect their 100 nights of home reading book prize. They just need to bring in their home reading log or a note signed by their parents to say they have been reading at home regularly all year. We still have a great selection of books to choose from.

Mrs Dunn & Miss Fennamore

Music News

Congratulations to our musicians who worked very hard to be ready for our Music Count Us In event. We were thrilled to be able to accompany the school as they sang this year's song 'Gold'.

With the added bonus of having our Grandparents and visitors at the event this year, it was a great performance. 40 students contributed their talents to our music group, with a range of instruments including recorders, violins, guitars, drums and a cello.

Recorder lessons will continue and I hope to put together a percussion group ready to perform at our carols night this year.

This year Wollondilly has been invited to perform at the Goulburn Community of Churches Carols Night. Students will be invited to join a choir to perform 3 carols at the event.

Mrs Dunn



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

Term Accounts

All school term invoices were due by Friday 9 October 2015, if you have not finalised your child's account, please do so as soon as possible.

Any student's account that remains outstanding will not be able to participate in that activity.

If you are unsure of the amount owing, please contact the school office for assistance.

School Administration

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2016 - existing WPS families

We are now taking in area enrolments for our Kindergarten children commencing in 2016. If you are an **existing** "in area" family currently at WPS and are enrolling a child for 2016, please request an Enrolment Application Form from the school office, for you to complete.

Kinder 2016-Dates for your diary

Kinder Orientation

Wednesday 25 November, from 10am to 12pm.

School Notes

School notes are available to download and print from our school website, if you happen to misplace or lose your original copy. We will no longer be reprinting copies of original notes already sent home.

Wollondilly Public School link.....<u>http://www.wollondill-</u> p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Notes can be found in the "W.P.S Notes" tab in the menu at the top of the screen.

It's not OK to be away It's not great to be late

A reminder that school commences at 9.25 am and concludes at 3.25pm

Dates for your Diary



P B PARADE

Positive Behaviour in the Classroom



Brodie Todkill 3-4		6 PB Cards		
		С	Elektra Scott 2	2N
		12 PB Cards		
Millicent Elford 1		V	Isabella Lynch	1 5-6C
Lyana Holt KDH			Isaac Jones KDH	
Harry Clements KDH			Gus Woodberry 3-4C	
Daniel Bush 3-4C			Jack Yeadon 3-4C	
Tushar Mani 3-4C			Kiara Payne 3-4C	
Mikayla Brennan Walshe 3-4C			Sebastian Gerstner 2N	
Henry Leah 2N			Daniel Dillon 2N	
Dan Emerson 2N			Hannah Sturgiss 2N	
Riley Davis 2N			Lacey Horwell 2N	
Ai	Aiden Mathew 2N		Ella Wright 2N	
Za	Zac Collins 5-6C		Georgia Staines 5-6C	

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Lucy Bell 3-4C

Reduce Waste

18 PB Cards

INSPIRE INVENTION

Upcycling Art Competition

GREAT PRIZES FREE ENTRY

Imagine how much less waste there would be if we could turn old things into completely new usable stylish products. This art completion invites young people to create something new and useful out of something old that will inspire other young people to think about what they throw away and other ways in which it could be used.

> Entries to Mrs Cooper by Friday November 13

Entries will be on display at the Sustainability Festival

Sunday November 15 at GMC Recreation Area Wollondilly will have a stall and students are invited to come along for any part of the day.

https://www.facebook.com/events/532118873605453/

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Term 4

- Week 6 Wednesday 11 November-Remembrance Day.
- Week 7 Tuesday 17 & Wednesday 18 November Year 4 Convict Sleepover Excursion
- Week 8 Monday 23 November November book orders due to Mrs Dunn in the library.
- 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 <u>Thursday 28 January</u>, all students from Year 1 to 6 return to school.
- Tuesday Wollondilly P S Swimming Carnival for 16 Feb 2016.

Special thanks.....

Relay for Life

Congratulations to our Wollondilly Team who raised **\$845.00** for 'Relay for Life'. Our targe was \$500 so we are very excited to have exceeded this amount!

Thanks to our school community for your support.

Mrs Davy and Mrs Cooper