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Wollondilly Public School

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Principal's Report

Term 1 Week 2

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break. A very warm welcome to all our new Kinders for 2017 and any new families to our school. We hope your experience with us is a very rewarding and we look forward to working with you throughout the year. Our students have settled into routines at school very quickly and the feel around the school is a very positive one.

Thank you to everyone for your patience with setting up our new classes. We were able to form 12 classes with new enrolments in the first two days. Children were placed in their classes from last year for two days while are number fluctuated.

2017 Staff

Acting Principal- Mr Steve Armstrong, **Assistant Principals-** Mrs Carmel Spillane (Relieving); Mrs Nicole McCormack (Relieving); Miss Caitlin Bright (Relieving) and Assistant Principal Hearing Miss Caroline D'Souza.

Classes

EIU (Early Intervention Support Class) - Mrs Young. **KDE** – Mrs Davy and Mrs Esson; **KAB** – Mrs Appel and Mrs Brewer

1W – Miss Wright; **1VM** – Mrs Vaughan and Miss Maher (welcome to our school). **1/2N** – Mrs Norris (welcome to our school); **2S** – Mrs Spillane

3/4M – Mrs McCormack; **3/4R** – Mrs Reitano; **3-6D** – Mrs Davis (welcome to our school). **4/5T** – Miss Tilley; **5A** – Mr Armstrong –TBA while Mr Armstrong is relieving; **5/6F** – Mrs Kennedy and Mr Fagan; **6B** – Miss Bright.

Learning Support – Mrs Naughton and Mrs Allwright **Itinerant Hearing Support Teachers:** Mrs Martin, Miss McColl, Mrs Sloane.

Teacher/ Librarian – Miss Fennamore; Release from face to face teachers (**RFF**)– Mrs Brown and Mrs Dunn.

School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs)– Mrs Carmichael; Mrs Wong; Mrs Medway and Mrs Woolner

School Administration Manager (SAM) – Mrs Murray; **School Administration Officers (SAOs)** – Mrs Finch; Mrs Stephenson.

General Assistants (GA) – Mr Brown and Mr Hazelgrove; Staff on leave – Mrs Cameron and Mr Martin is relieving at Breadalbane P.S.

Meet and Greet will be the same arrangement as last year. Invitations will go out to parents and Carers soon. Parents and students will meet with class teachers for about 30 minutes to give an overview of the expectations, work to be covered and class routines etc and to answer general questions. The P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle throughout the afternoon to enjoy when you can meet and chat with other parents.

Principal's position

Mrs Bradley's Principal's position will be advertised as soon as possible and her replacement will be known later this term.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for the year is on tonight Wednesday, 1 February commencing at 7pm in the school staffroom. If you would like to contribute to your child's education or to meet other parents, come along. Everyone is welcome.

Parking

You may have noticed that in many schools around Goulburn have large new signs indicating when and where you can park outside the school. Please take note of these Council signs as loss of demerit points and fines for parking in these areas can and have occurred already this week. Please take the time to read the restrictions.

Mr Steve Armstrong, Relieving Principal



Research shows that the most effective programs of reading instruction for low-progress readers involve intensive, systematic instruction in three main areas:

- 'phonics' or word attack skills;
- sight words recognition; and
- supported book reading in a one-to-one context.

In 2014 Wollondilly P.S. purchased the 'MultiLit' Program to assist students with their reading. Children on this program have benefited greatly and showed a marked improvement and confidence in their reading skills.

We would love to hear from anyone interested in giving some time each week to work with children in years 2-6 on a one-to-one basis. Any volunteers would be trained to use the program. If you'd like to see the program in action you are more than welcome to observe a session or two.

For further information, please contact Kathryn Naughton or Kathy Allwright at school.
We look forward to hearing from you!

Regards

Kathryn Naughton and Kathy Allwright
Learning and Support Teachers

Wanted.....Sandpit items

If you have toys no longer needed at home, we would gratefully accept donations to use in our school sandpits.

Recycled items such as clean ice cream and yoghurt containers, plastic milk bottles and PVC pipe off cuts (with no sharp edges) can also be brought to school.

Please take all items to Mrs Davy's classroom. Thanks!

*AJAX COLTS SOLDIERS HOCKEY CLUB
Meet & Greet Muster*

We are holding our Muster for the 2017 season with details as below. We would love to see all old players and welcome any new players. We cater for all ages from Under 7 to Seniors.

Location – Sunday 5 February 2017

Time – Anytime between 10am and 2pm

Where – Goulburn Soldiers Club Auditorium

Contact – Estelle Writer

(email – stell2805@gmail.com or mobile – 0418 274 429)

Fireflies Hockey Club

It's that time of the year again when the **Fireflies Hockey Club** will be holding it's annual hockey muster for the 2017 season.

Where: Goulburn Hockey Centre

When: 10am to 12 noon on 11 February 2017

There will be a special coaching clinic with coaches from our club which will be followed by a **FREE BBQ** for the kids who come along and register with **Fireflies Hockey Club**. Call Nic on 0432 398 346 for further information.

School Visitors Policy

All visitors to the school are required and reminded to sign in at the School Administration Office, prior to undertaking any activity within the school. Visitors are then asked to wear a 'visitors label', which must be worn at all times while in the school.

Similarly, visitors are also required to 'sign out' in the Visitors Book when they are leaving the school.

This policy enables the school to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students, staff, parents and resources.



COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING

The School Banking Program is a great way to encourage your child to save regularly and also includes an exciting rewards program. Every time your child makes a deposit at school, regardless of the amount, they will receive a Dollarmite token. When they have 10 tokens they can redeem them for a Dollarmite reward item.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The P & C receive \$5- when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking Program.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start school banking. If you are new to Wollondilly School and your child does not have an account, you just need to call into any Commonwealth Bank branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking. Remember to take identification for you and your child. Other options for opening accounts are going to see your schools banking co-ordinator.

School Banking will take place at the Canteen, **every Tuesday, between 9.00am – 9.25am**. All you need to do is to bring your **dollarmite wallet, deposit book** and the money you want to bank and our school banking coordinators will be on hand to take your deposit.

If you have any queries please contact our **school banking coordinator Tracy Field (0434 903 627)**.

We look forward to you supporting the School Banking program at our school.

Tracy Field

Dates for your Diary	
February	2017
Thursday 16 Week 4	School Meet & Greet— School Note to go home soon.
Tuesday 21 Week 5	Wollondilly Public School Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 28 Week 6	PSSA District Swimming Carnival
March	
Wednesday 1 Week 6	P & C Meeting commences at 7 pm in the School Staffroom. New members most welcome.
April	
Wednesday 5 Week 11	P & C Meeting commences at 7 pm in the School Staffroom. New members most welcome.
Friday 7 Week 11	Last day of Term 1. Students resume school on Wednesday 26 April for the start of Term 2.

P & C Message

P & C Meetings are a must for finding out what's happening at your school. See you at the next meeting.....

- The first meeting for 2017 will be tonight - **Wednesday 1 February at 7 pm in the Staffroom.**



Registration is now open for Goulburn Junior Stockmen Rugby League for the upcoming 2017 season.

Please visit www.playnrl.com.au to register.
All enquiries please email
stockmenjuniors@outlook.com



**Is it hard to get your child away from the TV and playing outside?
We can help!!!!**

FREE fun program for kids 7-13 to become fitter, healthier & happier.

**Free 10 week family program
Enrolment now open for Term 1 2017**

For more information or to enrol: Free Call: 1800 780 900
SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back www.go4fun.com.au

**This is a treatment program aimed at children above the healthy weight range. Parents join their children for each session of the 10 week program.*



Meditation Classes/Groups for adults

Guided meditations with a focus on nature and healing. Music plays in the background while you sit on chairs. I guide you through the meditation journeys safely with my 15yrs of experience running meditation groups in Goulburn.

Price: \$10

When: Every Monday & Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm.

Where: 132 Lagoon Street Goulburn.

Bookings are essential.

Call Helen at The Floating Lily Natural Therapy on (02) 48223397 to reserve your seat.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.

Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

However it is parents who are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children between the age of 6 and 17.

The NSW DoE School Attendance Policy states:

The responsibilities of parents are:

- Their children who are enrolled at school attend every day the school is open for instruction, including school sports days, swimming carnivals, excursions and similar events
- They provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence otherwise that absence is unjustified.
- They work in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support regular attendance at school. This includes communicating with the school if they are aware of issues impacting on their child's attendance or engagement with school.

A child is considered to have unsatisfactory attendance when they have:

- Regular absences without explanation
- Regular absences and explanations provided by parents are not accepted by the principal, or
- Extended periods of absence without an explanation or the explanation is not accepted by the principal. An extended period of absence may be consecutive or irregular patterns of non-attendance.

The responsibilities of the school when a student's attendance is unsatisfactory are:

- Open communication on issues affecting student attendance is promoted with parents.
- Effective strategies are in place to contact parents where there is a pattern of attendance causing concern or the parent has failed to provide a satisfactory explanation for an absence.
- Principals are required to report "Educational Neglect". Educational Neglect is defined as 'The child/young person is of compulsory school age AND is habitually absent'. 'Habitually absent' is a minimum of 30 days absence within the past 100 school days. [Attending school less than 70%]

Kindergarten Enrolments 2018

Wollondilly Public School is accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2018. If you have a child who is turning 5 by 31 July 2018, please collect an enrolment form from the School Office. When you come to school to enrol your child please bring the following documents with you:

- * Proof of student's residential address (e.g. original copies of council rates notice, residential lease, electricity accounts, statutory declaration etc).
- * Birth Certificate or identity documents and Immunisation history statement
- * Copies of any family law or other relevant court orders. (if applicable)

Please return any completed enrolment forms together with supporting documentation for processing to the School Office. **School Administration Office**

Back to School Hotline

The Back to School Hotline opened for business last week and will operate until 24 February to answer parents' and caregivers' questions about NSW Public Schools. Our experienced staff are available on the hotline weekdays from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

The hotline number is **1300 738 338** (local landline call rates).

