



School Leaders 2017

School Captain, Paul Cabanas, School Vice Captains, Lachlan Greig and Kaitlyn Tallis and School Captain Kaylah Neden.

# The Wag



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Term 1 Week 4



## Have you noticed our New Australian Flag?

Recently Kate Walsh and her family approached our local member Mr Angus Taylor about the prospect of obtaining a new Australian Flag for our school. Kate took the initiative to visit Mr Taylor at his office and explain to him that our school needed a new flag. Mr Taylor kindly listened to Kate's request and as a result presented Kate and her family with a new Australian Flag. Well done Kate we are so very proud of you!

Our photo shows Kate Walsh and our School Captains raising the new flag, Kaylah Neden, Kaitlyn Tallis, Paul Cabanas and Lachlan Greig



## Music News

We are very pleased at Wollondilly to offer a great range of musical experiences for our students. As the year progresses, students will have many opportunities to sing, dance and play. Beginning this week, our students from K-2 are invited to come to the music room at lunch time on a Tuesday for some percussion fun. Every 5 weeks or so a new experience will be offered, such as ukulele and drumming.

For our 3-6 students we will soon begin choir and dance rehearsals for the annual GCOPS (Goulburn Community of Public Schools) Concert. This involves all the local public schools coming together to perform in massed choirs and other dance and musical items. It is a fabulous opportunity for our students to perform in a large scale event and requires weekly rehearsals at school plus 2 combined rehearsals with the other primary schools and attending one evening performance in town. All of our 3-6 students are welcome to be involved.

**Mrs Dunn**



**K-2 Lunch time percussion group**

## Working with Children Check Clearance

If you are a volunteer at our school and you have been volunteering in some capacity since before June 2013 then each year you need to complete a *Working with Children Check-Declaration* for volunteers.

Forms are available from our office and **MUST** be completed for any volunteer activity you participate in at our school. You must provide us with 100 point check, involving proof of identity, eg birth certificate or driver's licence.

If you are a new parent to our school, wishing to volunteer in some capacity then you need to apply for a *Working with Children Check* clearance. There is no cost involved and the process is an online application, or visit a NSW Roads and Maritime registry to receive a *WWCC* clearance number. This is then valid for 5 years. This process may be easier in the long term, as the check lasts for 5 years, while the current declarations will not be able to be used after 2017.

While the process may seem cumbersome, we do this with the best interests of our children in mind.

**Thank you for in ensuring all students at Wollondilly Public School remain safe.**



## Circle of Life

This term **1W** will be investigating how living things grow and change in our science unit 'Watch it Grow.' Last week we had the opportunity to observe a clump of frogs eggs, also known as frogspawn. The students could see some of the little black spots inside the eggs. After three days they hatched into tiny tadpoles. It was interesting to discover they eat their eggs when they first hatch. Unfortunately the very hot weather was not kind to the tadpoles and only a few remain in our care. We are hoping to see these tadpoles grow hind legs and then front legs and eventually lose their tail. We will then release the frogs back to their original home. **Miss Wright**



Frogs' eggs



Tadpoles



Tadpoles eating

## The Little Worm

On the way to the garden little worm saw his best friend called Ruby. So then Ruby and the worm went for a walk. They saw some flowers. Then Ruby saw some a lovely butterfly. The butterfly had rainbow wings and she was called Sparkle. The butterfly made a nest and took milk from the flowers. Ruby and the worm kept on walking and walking until they saw a grizzly bear. They were screaming and they ran away. The grizzly bear caught the little worm and ate him. Ruby was crying

By Caitlin Dunn, 1W

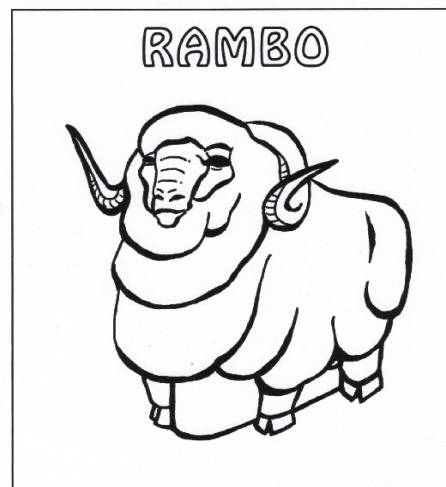


## Kindergarten Enrolments 2018

**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**



GOULBURN SHOW 4th-5th MARCH 2017

THE BIG MERINO CREATIVE COMPETITION

Let your imagination run wild, colour, paint, draw, stick, create.

All Artwork will be displayed at the Goulburn Show on 4th and 5th March 2017.

Please return all entries to the Big Merino by Friday 24th February.

Name .....

Best parent contact name & number .....

## Goulburn Show

If you would like to enter the Big Merino Creative Competition, please see the staff in the school office for an entry form.

**All entries to the Big Merino by Friday 24 February.**

	Dates for your Diary
<b>February</b>	<b>2017</b>
Thursday 16 Week 4	School Meet & Greet- 5pm
Friday 17 Week 4	K-2 Assembly commences at 12.30pm in the school hall, hosted by 2S. All welcome to attend.
Tuesday 21 Week 5	Wollondilly Public School Swimming Carnival
Thursday 23 Week 5	PSSA Zone Cricket
Friday 24 Week 5	3-6 Assembly commences at 12.30pm in the school hall, hosted by 6B. All welcome to attend.
Tuesday 28 Week 6	PSSA District Swimming Carnival
<b>March</b>	
Wednesday 1 Week 6	P & C Meeting commences at 7 pm in the School Staffroom. New members most welcome.
Friday 3 Week 6	K-2 Assembly-12.30pm in the school hall, hosted by 1W. All welcome to attend.
Friday 10 Week 7	3-6 Assembly commences at 12.30pm in the school hall, hosted by 5/6K. All welcome to attend.
Friday 17 Week 8	K-2 Assembly commences at 12.30pm in the school hall, hosted by 1MV. All welcome to attend.
Friday 24 Week 9	3-6 Assembly commences at 12.30pm in the school hall, hosted by 3/4R. All welcome to attend.
Friday 31 Week 10	K-2 Assembly commences at 12.30pm in the school hall, hosted by 1/2N. All welcome to attend.
<b>April</b>	
Wednesday 5 Week 11	P & C Meeting commences at 7 pm in the School Staffroom. New members most welcome.
Friday 7 Week 11	K-6 Assembly commences at 12.30pm in the school hall. This is a Harmony Day assembly.  Last day of Term 1. Students resume school on Wednesday 26 April for the start of Term 2.



## GOULBURN & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

### Registration Days

**18th February**  
**10am - 12pm**  
**Veolia Arena**

**11th March**  
**from 10.30am**  
**Carr Confoy Courts**

#### 2017 Fees

NetSetGo - \$80  
Junior - \$140  
Intermediate - \$140  
Cadet - \$140  
Senior - \$190

Online Registration  
& Payment Available

See GDNA website  
for Link

more info [gdna.president@hotmail.com](mailto:gdna.president@hotmail.com)

**Jump Inn**  
Indoor Trampoline and Play Centre  
Friday Night Youth Club

Every Friday night  
\$15pp  
7yo- 15 yo 5.30pm-7.30pm  
What is included in the price:  
Drop and Run  
Pizza for dinner  
2 hrs of jumping  
Supervision  
Free Socks



#### Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet

There will also be a selection of new books for sale for \$5 and items from the clothing pool for sale from \$2.

Money from the book sale will go towards buying some exciting new science resources.



# Wollondilly Public School

## P & C Association 2017 Term 1 Newsletter

A very big welcome from the P & C to staff, students and their families, both new and returning. The year is going to be a busy one! Kicking off the new year is our Meet and Greet tomorrow. As you may have read, P & C will be providing a BBQ for students and their families. This event is a wonderful event to start the year to not only meet teachers and staff but other families. A great way to do that would be to lend a hand serving or preparing the sausage sizzle. A little help will go a long way! Our uniform clothing pool will also be set up for purchases.

P & C has already scheduled several events for the year and we would encourage you to mark them on your calendar.

- **Meet and Greet – tomorrow! Thursday 16 February, 5 – 7pm**
- **Swim carnival BBQ – Tuesday 21 February \*\*\*\*helpers required\*\*\*\*\*** see over-leaf
- **AGM – P & C Annual General Meeting. To be held on Wednesday 1 March in the school staffroom at 7pm.** If you wish to have some more knowledge and constructive input into your child's journey whilst at Wollondilly, this is your opportunity. Everyone is welcome!
- **LMBR catering project.** Wollondilly Public School will become a training hub for the Department of Education's rollout of their new computer platform. The school will host between 5 and 15 extra staff per day for a period of 3 months commencing in March. In conjunction with the canteen, we will cater morning tea and lunch for these staff. Donations from families will enable this to become a very successful fundraiser for our school. More information will be provided shortly.
- **School photo day – Thursday 23 March**
- **Classic Car Club Rally – Saturday 1 April.** No this isn't an April Fools joke. Wollondilly has been given the opportunity to feed the car club rally participants which will guarantee a minimum of \$900 for our school. This is a very worthwhile event for our school to host. Helpers will be required for this day for 1-2 hours at a time. More information will be forwarded closer to the event.
- **P & C Meeting – Wednesday 5 April, 7pm**
- **5cent Friday – Friday 5 May**
- **Mothers Day stall – Thursday 11 May**
- **Fathers Day stall – Thursday 31 August**
- **10cent Tuesday -Tuesday 10 October**



## Other matters:

### Uniform committee

Late last year, P & C approved the establishment of a Uniform committee to investigate alternative uniform qualities, styles, suppliers and satisfaction. A small survey was completed however new data needs to be sought and collected to establish this project. P & C are calling for interested persons to establish and manage this committee. It is anticipated the committee members would re – survey students, staff and families regarding our current uniform, collate the feedback and provide options for changes and/or improvement.



Interested persons should email [wpspandc@hotmail.com](mailto:wpspandc@hotmail.com)

### Swimming Carnival BBQ



Next Tuesday 21 February our school will hold their annual Swimming Carnival. P & C will be holding a sausage sizzle for students, staff and families to purchase on the day. The cost for the sausage sizzle will be \$2 each and no preordering is required. We are also hopeful to have Zooper Doopers available for 50 cents.

Helpers on the day would be greatly appreciated and if you are able to lend a hand for half an hour or so between 11 and 2, could you please email us at [wpspandc@hotmail.com](mailto:wpspandc@hotmail.com) or drop your details into Tracy at the canteen.

Thank you!

If you have reached this bit, THANK YOU FOR READING! On behalf of the P & C, we wish you all a happy and positive year.

Great things can be achieved with collaboration and we hope 2017 will be a great one.



**Cassie**

**Wollondilly P & C President**

## Wollon-Deli News

The Canteen will be closed on Tuesday 21 February for the Swimming Carnival.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

## School Banking

School Banking will still run from 9am/9:25am at the Canteen.

Thank you

### 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**



### **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.

**[www.thefloatinglily.com.au](http://www.thefloatinglily.com.au)**



## Principal's Report

Our new school year has begun very smoothly with all classes working productively and positively. This week we will host our second joint **school P&C and Meet and Greet BBQ** for all new and returning parents. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, Stage teachers and students to come together to gain a better understanding of what happens in our classrooms. We encourage as many parents and students as possible to come to school and enjoy a sausage sizzle and get together. The evening will commence at 5pm and will conclude at 7pm. We look forward to meeting with you.

**Wollondilly** this year is aiming to provide excellent school customer service. All students deserve to be educated in a school that delivers positive experiences where good customer service facilitates high quality teaching and learning. Research around the world demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community engagement. Guided by this knowledge, Wollondilly is aiming to make customer service a priority. Delivering exceptional customer service is whole-school responsibility and all staff in our schools have a role to play. To assist us to improve, The Department has developed the **Excellence in School Customer Service 360 Reflection Tool**- a type of surveying tool. This initiative will help our school gather feedback on how we communicate externally and internally. Wollondilly has registered for this program and more information will be advertised in coming weeks.

**The Smith Family** has been an excellent family assistance organisation for many years. Last week Mrs Murray and I met with Robyn Seager who was offering assistance to families in need. "The Learning For Life Program", is being offered to 300 families in Goulburn. Two payments assisting families in need are made in February and then in July to assist financially with school costs like book packs, clothing, excursions, Camps etc in fact any school based/education financial costs. Contact is made with The Smith Family independently of school and a meeting is set up for you after contact has been made by you to Robyn.

Three programs are on offer.

1. Financial assistance (2 payments in February and July) for educational purposes.
2. Mobile phone reading Program (This is an 18 week program run by the Smith Family). To access this you need to be on their caseload as per the financial assistance program.
3. A homework club. This will be run at school and supervised by volunteers from the Smith Family.

There are some conditions for you to access the Smith Family Scholarship program.

1. Have a health care card or parent pension card.
2. Value your child's education
3. Have a child with good attendance (90% or more)

Then your child may be eligible

**\*\* How do I access this?**

Call Robyn Seager-Smith Family on Mob. No 0418 689 678. Or speak with Mrs Linda Murray or Steve Armstrong at school as soon as possible.

[www.thesmithfamily.com.au](http://www.thesmithfamily.com.au)

### Kate Walsh

Please take the time to read yet another wonderful Wollondilly story about **Kate Walsh**. Kate has recently visited our Federal Member The Honorable Angus Taylor and has secured for her school a new Australian flag for us to fly at our school. Fantastic effort, Kate. Thank you.

**Car parking at Wollondilly** has always been difficult in the afternoons and at drop off times in the morning. The entrance to the staff car park has very clear instructions about parents parking in this area. The driveway is the only access for prams, wheel chairs and children with bikes. For this reason safety measures were put in place. We ask, for the safety of our children and parents with prams, bikes etc do not park in this car park during this busy time. Thank you for your understanding with this important issue.

You may not be aware that Parents and Guardians who live **far from school** or public transport can apply for the **School Drive Subsidy**. This new scheme has replaced the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy. NSW Transport has produced a brochure to assist staff to answer any questions asked by Parents and Guardians.

Applications for the School Drive Subsidy are now open at [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive) If you have any questions please email NSW Transport at [schooldrive.nsw.gov.au](mailto:schooldrive.nsw.gov.au)

**ICAS UNSW tests** have been conducted at Wollondilly for a number of years. This years dates for the tests are listed below.

Digital Technologies –(Tuesday 23 May) Science –(Tuesday 30 May) Writing (Monday 12- Friday 16 June)

Spelling (Tuesday 14 June) English (Tuesday August 1) Mathematics (Tuesday 15 August)

**Steve Armstrong**  
**Acting Principal**