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Wednesday 7 February 2018

Term 1 Week 2



Welcome Kindergarten!

What a great start our new Kindergarten students have made to their new school! Our new students were very excited to spend the morning with their Year 6 buddies, in their new classrooms.

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Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2018 school year; a particular welcome to our new students and families. We also would like to give a warm welcome to the new Kindergarten children and their families. We have 60 children in Kindergarten and they have settled into school routine very quickly and each time I visit I am welcomed with lots of smiles and laughter. A detailed list of classes and teachers is included in this newsletter.

Efforts have been made to ensure that students are placed in the most advantageous class for their ability and needs with some consideration for friends and parent requests. The process is undertaken with the input of previous teachers and is quite rigorous. For these reasons, I ask that parents support the placements made and encourage their children to work towards making new friendships if they complain of not having friends in their new class. Encourage them to make new friends and that class time is for learning and in the playground they can see all of their friends.

Next Tuesday afternoon 13 February we will be hosting a Meet the teacher evening starting with a BBQ and Early Stage 1(Kindergarten) at 5pm. Please keep your eye out for the flyer for this evening.

The school aims to have many outlets for you to gain the information you need about our school activities and events. Please keep up to date with the School bag App, Face book, website and the newsletter as we update these regularly with new information. If you are unsure how to access these please ring the office.

Composite Classes- Enrolment numbers and the uneven patterns of this, affect every aspect of school operation from how the school is funded, the number of staff attached to a school, the number of classes that can be formed and the number of children in each class. Our enrolment numbers and the particular number of students per grade determine our class structures. Kindergarten classes have a general cap of 20, Year One classes a general cap of 22, Year Two classes a general cap of 24 and all other grades have a general cap of 30. At a school level we have to work within these confines and what this usually means is that composite classes are the only structure or model that works to create the number of classes we are allowed, based on the staffing formula. "The most common fear for parents having a child in a composite class is that they will fall behind – that the teacher's attention will be split between the two years and they'll get less overall learning time with their teacher. The research, however, doesn't agree. Multiple studies conclude it makes no difference to performance whether students are in a straight year group or in a multi-age class. Experts agree the most important factor in determining how well a student does is the quality of the teacher and their teaching. Additionally, it seems composite classes can actually enhance development; students becoming more confident and assertive, and learning to operate as part of a group while bolstering independent learning skills."

The staff at Wollondilly Public School are all tertiary educated, university graduates who, over time through continued extensive professional learning have become expert educators.

We hope that you and your children have had an excellent break and are ready for another year of learning at Wollondilly Public School.

Vicki Stokes

Principal

Term 1 2018 PAYMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

TERM 1 2018 PAYMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS This Term in Week 2 we will be sending home a family statement via the eldest student in the family. This invoice will cover activities such as Sound Waves. All other activities will be on a need basis and this will be as each excursion or activity is organised as there may be additional costs for programs which are available to selected students only, which may arise throughout the term and can be paid for as directed in the paperwork sent home with activity details.

A note will be sent home prior to each activity or excursion with the details of the excursion/ activity and permission note, which must be returned to the office with payment if not already paid. Student assistance is available for curriculum based activities by application to our Principal.

Payments can be made via our online payment system, details below, or to the School Office by cash or cheque. **MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS VIA OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE** Parents can make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment. Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions, sport and sales to students. When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter: the student's name, and class and date of birth. These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

If making a family invoice payment please include each student name and class. There are 5 payment lines available in Other to facilitate this request. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Please note: payments made after 6.00pm will not be received at school the following day, but the next working day. EG payment made after 6.00pm Tuesday will not be received at school until Thursday. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Office.

For all uniform orders, canteen and other P and C payments these are unable to be processed by the school and must be paid by cash or cheque into the red P and C box outside the canteen.

Working with Children Check Clearance

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 Services NSW 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 are no longer used.

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

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

Dates for your Diary	
TERM 1	2018
Wednesday 7 February, Week 2	P & C Meeting commences at 7pm in the Staffroom. New members most welcome to attend. Find out what's happening in your school.
Tuesday 13 February, Week 3	MEET & GREET from 5pm to 7pm.
Wednesday 14 February, Week 3	Cyber Safety. Student Workshop. Parent/staff workshop.
Wednesday 16 February, Week 3	K-6 SRC Assembly commences at 12.30pm in the School Hall. All welcome to attend.
Wednesday 21 February, Week 4	Wollondilly Swimming Carnival, held at the Aquatic Centre.
Friday 23 February, Week 4	District Swimming Carnival.
Wednesday 7 March, Week 6	P & C AGM Meeting commences at 7pm in the Staffroom. New members most welcome to attend.
Tuesday 13 March, Week 7	Regional Swimming Carnival.
Thursday 29 March, Week 9	School Photos, information and order envelopes will be distributed closer to the date.
Thursday 12 April, Week 11	Wollondilly Cross Country
Friday 13 April, Week 11	Term 1 concludes today with school resuming for



STUDENT BANKING
is **every Tuesday morning**
(9am to 9.25am) at the Canteen.

See Tracy (in the Canteen)
for more information.

Term 1 2018 -Assemblies - commencing at 12:30pm in the School Hall

Week	Date	Class Item
3	Friday 16 February	K-6 SRC

Arriving at school on time....

- Students have a chance to unpack their belongings and to play with their friends.
- Students are ready to start school with the class without being rushed or feeling frustrated.
- They are present to hear morning announcements and the day's routine.
- Teachers and students who have already begun work are not interrupted.
- Students get into the habit of punctuality, which is important in all aspects of life.
- Arriving 20 minutes late to school each day, is the equivalent of missing 11 school days in a year.

Jenny Northwood
Home School Liaison Officer

Private Music Lessons Available at Wollondilly

Wollondilly is very pleased to have 3 music tutors offering their services at our school. Lessons have proven to be very popular, with students from Kindergarten to Year 6 taking up piano, violin and guitar this term.

Guitar and vocal lessons with Polly- Contact Polly at <https://www.facebook.com/pollysrocknroll/> OR TEXT ONLY Polly's guitar and Vocal school on 0421 160 674

Piano lessons with Miriam – If you are interested or have any further enquiries, please contact Miriam on 0402 548 760

Violin, cello & viola lessons with Geoff

In 2018, Geoff Stewart-Richardson will be continuing the strings programme at Wollondilly Public School. Geoff is an experienced string teacher.

Students will be able to learn violin, viola and cello in either group or individual lessons.

Not only will students be able to learn the violin or cello (or viola), they will be able to learn music in a wide variety of styles — including contemporary music, classical, folk jazz and even rock!

If you are interested in starting one of these instruments or would like more information, please get in touch with **Geoff on 0468 326 912.**

Recycled Art

Plans are underway to create some interesting artwork from recycled plastic bottle lids to brighten up some of our walls at Wollondilly. We would very much appreciate it if families could send in clean plastic bottle lids in various colours and sizes, such as those found on milk and juice bottles. We will place collection containers around the school or they can be given to Mrs Brown or Mrs Dunn at anytime over the coming months. We have been inspired by other creations and hope you can help us to create our own amazing art for Wollondilly.



Kindergarten Enrolments 2019



ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2019 - existing WPS families

We are now taking in area enrolments for our Kindergarten children commencing in 2019. If you are an existing "in area" family currently at Wollondilly Public School and are enrolling a child for 2019, please request an Application to enrol form, from the school office, for you to complete.

Wollondilly Public School is accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2019. If you have a child who is turning **5 by 31 July 2019**, 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.

Thanks
School Administration Office

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.....<http://www.wollondill-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.

2018 Staff

Executive Staff

Principal	Ms Vicki Stokes
Assistant Principal Hearing Team	Ms Caroline D'Souza
Assistant Principal Stage 3	Mr Stephen Armstrong
Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 2	Mrs Nicole McCormack
Assistant Principal Stage 1	Mr Paul Martin

Teaching Staff

KAP	Mrs K Appel Mrs M Pemberton	KT	Mrs A Tyrrell
KM	Miss O Maher	1W	Miss S Wright
1M	Mr Paul Martin	2S	Mrs C Spillane
2M	Mrs N McCormack	3F	Mr T Friend
3/4EV	Mrs B Esson Mrs Z Vaughan	K-6H	Mr A Hooper
3-6L	Mrs F Landford	4/5T	Miss G Tilley
5A	Mr S Armstrong	6F	Mr S Fagan
6B	Miss C Bright	EIU	Mrs A Reeves
Learning and Support	Mrs K Naughton Ms C Depetro	Librarian	Mrs L Lieschke
RFF Teachers	Mrs K Dunn Mrs J Brown Mrs K Cameron	School Counsellor	Mrs K Young

School Administrative and Support Staff

School Administrative Manager	Mrs L Murray	School Administrative Officer	Mrs K Stephenson Mrs J Finch Mrs D Schultz
General Assistant	Mr M Brown Mr M Hazelgrove	School Learning Support Officers	Mrs S Woolner Mrs S Carmichael Mrs V Medway
			Miss C Wursten Miss P Bright



Meeting Notice

Welcome to our first AECG meeting for 2018.

Date: Thursday 8 February,

Time: 4:15pm

Venue: Goulburn High School Library

Afternoon Tea Provided

Goulburn Local

Aboriginal

Consultative Group

Don't forget to bring \$2 if you would like to become a member of our AECG.

Agenda

1. Welcome/Acknowledgement
2. President's report/introduction
3. Goulburn High School – Aboriginal Education
4. STEM Camp
5. Critical Thinking Course
6. Upper South Coast Region workshop
7. Banking
8. Re-nomination of Executive positions
9. General Business

If you are unable to attend please send your apologies to

Secretary: Veronica Ford - aecggoulburn@gmail.com

is it
BULLYING?

When someone says or does something
unintentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
RUDE.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
MEAN.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful and they *keep doing it*
even when you tell them to stop or show
them that you're upset—that's
BULLYING.

Goulburn's 25th Annual *Rose Festival* 2018



Saturday 10th March
11am - 5pm

Sunday 11th March
10am - 4pm

at the VEOLIA ARENA
47 Braidwood Road, Goulburn

The best country Rose Show in NSW!

Other Attractions

Gorgeous Floral Displays
Rose and Floral Art Competitions
Great Prize Money!
Art Exhibition
Plants • Gardening Tools • Crafts

www.goulburnrosefestival.org.au
goulburnrosefestival@gmail.com
Visitors Information Centre Ph 1800 353 646



Online Safety Program with Susan McLean

Wednesday 14 February

Parent, carer, family and friends' session– Wednesday 14 February, 3.30-5.00pm in the school hall. Refreshments will be provided. We encourage your attendance at this important and informative session.

Topics covered include:

- Popular sites for youth
- What do kids do online?
- Online grooming
- Misuse of devices
- Sexting
- Potential dangers and safety tips



'Susan is now acknowledged as Australia's foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and young people.' She has appeared on a variety of national television shows and radio stations. 'No one else in Australia has the same level of qualifications, experience and skill in this area. With over 450 presentations delivered last year Susan is the clear leader in her field. The high regard in which she is held speaks for itself. Governments, Elite Sport, International Corporations, Mental Health workers, and Schools turn to her first and her high level relationship with key industry leaders in this space sets her apart.' (cybersafety solutions.com.au)

KEEP YOUR KIDS
SAFE Online

