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Wednesday 31 July 2019

Term 3 Week 2



Festival of Instrumental Music

Our talented recorder students had an amazing experience in Sydney yesterday. A full day of rehearsals and lovely adventures around the harbour, all culminating in performing for a sell-out crowd at the Sydney Opera House. Our students have worked very hard for the last 6 months to learn the repertoire and did an outstanding job performing in a very nerve racking atmosphere. They demonstrated superb behaviour all day, navigating the crowds and rain in style. Thank you to the family members and Mrs Stokes for attending and supporting this amazing adventure. Our students had incredible seats, with a vantage point right over the orchestra performing below us on stage. I'm sure we will never forget this amazing night.

Mrs Dunn & Miss Harker

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Welcome to Week 2 Term 3

FESTIVAL of INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC- It was truly an exciting experience to go to the festival of music Banksia concert last night at the Opera House and watch our talented recorder students play with 1200 other students in the concert hall of the Opera House. Mrs. Dunn has been working with these students for many weeks to prepare them for this experience and I would like to congratulate her on the wonderful performance I was able to witness last night and also to Miss Harker for supporting Mrs Dunn in preparing the children. The students have been practicing for many weeks, as 2 weeks ago they attended the festival of music recorder cluster rehearsal at Colo Vale Public School along with 150 other students from other primary schools around our region. We were very lucky to have Susan Sukkar, music director from festival of music, to conduct our group.

Thank you also to the parents many of whom attended the performance last night and I'm sure they were amazed at our talented students and also the talented students from across the whole of New South Wales. Well done!

PLAYGROUND UPGRADE -During the holidays the wonderful workers from kicking grass resurfaced the COLA and it's been wonderful to see students sitting on a warm covering rather than the old carpet that we had there. The workmen are still working on the front playground to redo the softfall underneath the play equipment, this will be closed until this work is completed. You may notice that Mr.Brown, Mr Hazelwood and Mr. Divall have been working in the garden above the play equipment, thank you to Mr. Brown, Mr. Hazelwood and Mr. Divall for your hard work, the garden looks wonderful.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE DAY ON FRIDAY 26 JULY 2016

Mayor Bob Kirk donated a tree to our school for National Schools Tree Day. On Tuesday morning Mayor Bob Kirk and Deputy Mayor Peter Walker together with our School Captains and Vice Captains planted a banksia near the cricket nets. See photo on page 5.

BUS SAFETY

It is timely to revisit the Department of Transport's Code of Conduct for Buses. The goal of the school is to ensure safe travel. All people and children must comply with the Department of Transport's Code of Conduct to support student safety.

What does the school do?

Each morning and afternoon, teachers supervise and seat students on the bus leaving Wollondilly Public School. Bus safety is regularly discussed with the children on the bus. Our students have been particularly reminded to stay seated in the morning and afternoon. They have also been reminded of the expectations of behaviour whilst travelling to and from school. The school follows up issues of concern and discusses these with the bus operator where necessary.

How can parents help?

- Never leave young children alone at the bus stop
- Wait a safe distance away from the road at the bus stop
- When the bus arrives at the stop, make sure the driver can see your child at all times
- Make sure they have their bus pass or money ready for the driver.
- Meeting your child at the bus stop in the afternoon & waiting on the side of the road the bus stops
 - Be on time when meeting your child
- Move away from the bus when you have met your child at the bus door
- Wait until the bus has driven away and until there is plenty of visibility in both directions before crossing any road.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Vicki Stokes, Principal



Wind Farm Experience

Stage 3 classes, 6F, 5/6A and 4/5EB, travelled by bus on Wednesday, 24 July, to Gullen Range Wind farm. We were visiting the farm for science to learn about sustainable energy.

When we arrived, we were split into two groups. Group 1 went inside the building and we saw four large screens. One of the screens showed the weather patterns, wind speed and direction. Another one had the images of the 73 turbines showing them in different colours. Green meant that they were in good working condition, purple meant that they needed maintenance. Red meant that they had a fault and needed repair and white meant that they were paused.

Meanwhile, Group 2 were outside freezing in the cold breeze, learning how the electrical current was being converted into a smaller form so that it could be transported through the electrical lines to 70,000 homes and businesses.

We all then jumped back onto the bus and travelled to one of the wind turbines. There we saw some solar panels and an anemometer. Our guide phoned through to his office and paused wind turbine 23. As the turbine was slowing, he showed us how the blades curved and changed angles. He also said that the blades were hollow.

We all thought that it was an interesting experience.



National Schools Tree Day



NAIDOC Assembly Friday 26 July 2019



Big Fat Smile

Before and After School Care School Holiday Care

**GET OUT OF
THE NORMAL,
GET INTO THE
AWESOME!**

Before School: 6.30-9am

After School: 3.30-6pm

School Holidays

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- Fun and creative activities in a safe learning environment



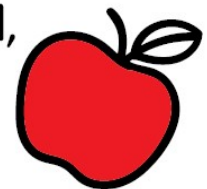
- Our educators use the national learning framework



- Large variety of sport and outdoor activities

- S.T.E.M. focus each month (science, technology, engineering, maths)

- Building up social, emotional and life skills



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Wollondilly Dreaming



Thirty primary school children guided in a community art and culture project by three local artists, supported by Aboriginal high school students and community volunteers

Celebrating NAIDOC Week in 2020, students will paint a pavement artwork on the Wollondilly walkway near the banks of the Wollondilly River in Goulburn

- Free workshops for participating primary school students
- Free community BBQ provided by Goulburn SES

Proudly sponsored by Southern Tablelands Arts and supported by Pejar LALC with the following organisations:



Help us secure the funding for this significant Community Art Project by voting #1 at



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ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS STARTING KINDERGARTEN IN 2020

WELCOME TO WOLLONDILLY PUBLIC SCHOOL

We invite all children entering Kindergarten in 2020 to attend our school orientation program. The program is designed to give the children a taste of what school is like and enables staff to meet the children and their parents. We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school!



KINDERGARTEN 2020 INFORMATION SESSIONS

Wednesday 28th August, 2019

2:30 - 3:30pm or 6:30 - 7:30pm

GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS

(Kindergarten teacher and parent)

Thursday 14th November, 2019

ORIENTATION SESSION 1

Thursday 24th October, 2019 from 2pm - 3:25pm

Parents and students will have a tour of the school on arrival. Students will then spend the remainder of the session in the Kindergarten classrooms while parents attend an information session in the hall.

ORIENTATION SESSION 2

Thursday 7th November, 2019 from 2pm - 3:25pm

Students will spend the whole session in the Kindergarten classrooms.

ORIENTATION SESSION 3

Thursday 21st November, 2019 from 1:30pm - 3:25pm

Students will have fruit break with their Year 5 buddy and then spend the remainder of the session in the Kindergarten classrooms. Please bring a hat, snack and drink to this session.