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# Wollondilly Newsletter

**WOLLONDILLY**  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 2, Week 3 2021



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Wollondilly Public School

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## Staffing Update

Congratulations to Ms Stokes on being appointed to the role of Director Educational Leadership, Goulburn Principals Network. Ms Stokes will now be tasked with supporting the continuous improvement of principals across the Goulburn Network to ensure that the work of schools is evidence based and responsive to the needs of all students from preschool to year 12. We wish her all the best in her new role.

I will continue in the role of Acting Principal until a permanent principal is appointed through the merit selection process. The school community will be kept informed of any updates throughout this process.

## NAPLAN

Students in years 3 & 5 will participate in the NAPLAN assessments in weeks 4 & 5. NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress.

## Attendance

Missing school means your child misses out on vital information and maintaining learning routines. This can result in a loss of confidence and missing out on forming vital friendships.

Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sports days unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please register the absence on the Sentral parent portal, send an absentee note or inform your child's class teacher via Seesaw.

If your child is absent from school for unexplained periods they may be referred to the Department of Education and Communities Home School Liaison Officer.

## New Bell System

During the school holidays a new bell system was installed. The bell plays music at the end of each break to give students a 2-minute warning before needing to return to class. Each week a new class will get to nominate the song.

Kind regards,



Scott Fagan

Rel. Principal



# Cross Country Carnival

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April, we held our annual school cross country carnival. We were blessed with perfect weather conditions and the carnival ran smoothly thanks to the organisation of the Stage 2 teachers.

A special mention once again to our amazing parent volunteers who once again delivered with a delicious sausage sizzle.

We wish all students who have made it to the district carnival, held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May, the best of luck!





## What's happening in 1B?

In 1B last term we learnt all about *Living Things*.

We grew our very own bean plant that started out as a small bean and grew into a tall green plant.



We read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and played *memory* with the lifecycle of animals and humans.



We created a *pointillism* tree in visual arts.



*What is the most interesting thing you learnt about how things grow and change?*

Our plants grew higher - Jake

That plants use water and sunlight to grow - George

Our beans were just little and now they are bigger - Grace





# Mother's Day Stall

What do you call the best Mum in the world? The maxi-MUM!

It's that time of the year again, our annual Mother's Day Stall will be held on:

**FRIDAY 7TH MAY 12.30AM – 1.45PM IN THE PRIMARY COVERED WAY.**

Looking for something special this Mother's Day? Look no further. Take a MUM-ent and stop by our Mother's Day Stall and give your children the chance to purchase from the range of gifts available for their Mothers, Grandmothers, Carers or loved ones.

This event will also include the annual Mother's Day Raffle. There are a number of prizes up for grabs and tickets will be sold for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. They will be available for sale in week 3: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May from the school canteen (between 9am and 9.30am). The lucky winners of the raffle will be drawn Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and announced via our Wollondilly P&C Association Facebook page and notified via text message. All gifts will be packed and sent home via the winning children on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

The Wollondilly P&C would really appreciate any parent, grandparent, carer or friend volunteers to help us make this day a success. Please email [wspandc@hotmail.com](mailto:wspandc@hotmail.com) if you are available to help out anytime between the hours of 12.30pm - 1.45pm.

This will be 'MUM-entous' Mother's Day event.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Wollondilly P&C

## Stewart House Donation Drive

Stewart House donation envelopes were sent home with students on Tuesday (27 April). For a chance to win a \$4,000 GIFT VOUCHER, please follow the following steps:-

STEP 1...Take home the envelope and fill in your name, address, telephone number and school.

STEP 2...Insert a donation of at least \$2 into the envelope and seal it.

STEP 3...Return the envelope to the school office.

STEP 4...Envelopes need to be returned by Friday 14 May 201.

The winning entry for the \$4,000 gift voucher will be drawn on Friday 28 May 2021 at 12pm. The winner and winner's school will be contacted by phone and email.

For full terms and conditions for this competition are available on by visiting [www.stewarhouse.org.au](http://www.stewarhouse.org.au)



## Dates for your Diary

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<b>2021</b>	<b>TERM 2</b>
<b>Week 3</b> <b>Wednesday 5 May</b>	P & C Meeting commences at 7pm in the School Library. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend.
<b>Week 3</b> <b>Friday 7 May</b>	DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY.
<b>Week 4</b> <b>Tuesday 11 May</b>	Literacy and Numeracy Week (NAPLAN) (begins Tuesday 11 May and ends Friday 21 May).
<b>Week 5</b>	Literacy and Numeracy Week (NAPLAN – continues)
<b>Week 6</b> <b>Monday 24 May</b>	<b>WOLLONDILLY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL</b> held at Hudson Park, Bradfordville.
<b>Week 7</b> <b>Wednesday 2 June</b>	P & C Meeting commences at 7pm in the School Library. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend.
<b>Week 9</b> <b>Monday 14 June</b>	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY. – <b>No School today.</b>
<b>Week 10</b> <b>Friday 25 June</b>	Last day of Term 2. Students return to school on Tuesday 13 July 2021 for the commencement of Term 3.
	<b>TERM 3</b>
<b>Week 1</b> <b>Monday 12 July</b>	<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY.</b>
<b>Week 1</b> <b>Tuesday 13 July</b>	Students return to school today for the commencement of Term 3.
<b>Week 10</b> <b>Friday 17 September</b>	Last day of Term 3. Students return to school on <b>Tuesday 5 OCTOBER</b> for the commencement of Term 4.