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Message from the Principal.

Academic Growth

It gives me great pleasure to share with you that our school has been identified as one of only three selected across the entire Central Coast to be included in a special "High Value Add Schools Research Project" undertaken by the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (DEC). Our inclusion acknowledges that for each successive year from 2010 to 2014, Woy Woy South students have shown greater than expected academic growth in Literacy and Numeracy from Yr 3 to Yr5 in NAPLAN testing. They will be interviewing staff to “discuss the factors that have been pivotal in bringing about improved student outcomes, at a school-level, from 2010 to 2014. To this end, we would like to interview staff members that were based at the school over this period and can give their views on which factors were the key drivers of the observed improvement over time.” We are very proud to be identified as a school demonstrating “best practice” and to have the opportunity to share our successful interventions with other schools through this project.

Strategic Directions 2015 – 2017

Following on from the surveys and data we have accumulated this year, we have been formulating the 2015 - 2017 plan, mapping the priorities for the next three year planning cycle and beyond. We have identified 3 “Strategic Directions” for the school to pursue with the outcomes we are seeking. They are:

Students – Quality, Responsible Learners- Woy Woy South Public School students are aspirational, successful citizens achieving their full potential

Teaching – Quality Teaching and Professional Learning – Woy Woy South staff seek, share and implement best educational practice.

Community – Connecting and Learning - The Woy Woy South Community is a collaborative, informed and inclusive partnership for learning.

Our overall aim is: “To strengthen the learning culture, building the capabilities of teachers, students and community, to continually and effectively enhance the education of all students.” You will be seeing a lot more about these Strategic Directions as we move into and beyond 2015.

WIPEOUT

WIPEOUT plans are well underway, with more volunteers required on the day to ensure it all runs smoothly. Children must return their signed permission / sponsorship forms and at least $5 in sponsorship in order to participate on the day. A sausage sizzle form is included with today’s newsletter if you would like to pre-order for the day. All orders are to go straight to the canteen.

Last Week

WWS enjoyed a very full week last week with the Yr 6 mini-fete and the STAR-FM / State of Origin morning all rolling in the same week. We can only offer such exciting opportunities with huge amounts of organisation. I would like to thank Mrs Lappan, Mr Boyle and Mr Smith, the Yr 6 students and their families for the success of the mini-fete and Mr Collins for the huge morning that occurred on Wednesday, much to the delight of all involved. (Mr Collins met the STAR-FM workers here at 4.30am and many of our staff had rolled up to help out with breakfast from 5.30am). It was wonderful to be able to include so many families in our breakfast on the day and we thank Newcastle Permanent Building Society for their kind donation of $500 which funded the breakfast.

Leapfrog

Our Leapfrog Kinder transition program concludes this Friday with a healthy celebration feast of fruit and smoothies. The program has allowed our incoming students to get used to big school whilst providing us with the opportunity to group them into classes. It has been a wonderful program, extended this year with more sessions and we thank Mrs Parker for coming back from leave each Friday to specifically help with this as well as the other staff and P&C members who all contributed to the success of Leapfrog.
Performance Groups
Plans have been finalised for our Pacific Island Dancers, Senior choir and Ukulele groups to travel to two local pre-schools and the Peninsular Village nursing home to show off our talents! We will be looking to expand this program in 2015, showcasing the wonderful things we offer for our students.

Exciting Project!!
More great news! Gosford City Council has asked Woy Woy South PS to be involved in the "Name Project". The new underpass along Woy Woy Road is to be beautified in a council project involving commissioned artists in a Word Art mural for inside the underpass. The art work will feature first names from the Woy Woy area through history to present day. We have been selected to be included! What it means for us is that on Monday morning’s assembly, the project co-ordinator and artists will come to talk to the children about the project. Parents are invited along if they would like to be included.

Each child who returns the permission slip in this newsletter will then move to the Hall and write their first name on paper set up there. The artists will then include all those names into the finished art work. It will be very exciting to be able to go and find their own name when the project is finished and available for viewing. You may have already seen names being collected at Deepwater Plaza and this is the next step. Please return the slip in this newsletter and come along on Monday if you would like your own name included.

My Permission is given for my child…………………………………………
Of Class……………………to participate in the Gosford City Council 'Name Project' and include their first name only in the artwork to be completed.
Parent/Carer……………………………………………………..Date…………………..

Mrs K. Whealey
PRINCIPAL.

P & C NEWS.

Wipeout Friday 5 December 2014 – Save the Date!!!
Our major (and most popular) fundraiser event for the year, Wipeout is set for Friday 5 December. Included with this newsletter is a sausage sizzle order form. Please complete and return your order with payment to the canteen by Friday 28 November 2014. The Sponsorship Form which included the Permission Note went home last week. Please note, a minimum of $5 is required in order to take part in Wipeout. As well as a sausage sizzle, there will be fairy floss and snow cones for sale. There are prizes for the most money raised by girl, boy and class. Also, you will be entered into a raffle draw for every $10 of sponsorship you raise.

Important Dates:
Wednesday 19 November – when we needed to know who and how many of us can volunteer on the day. We only have a few returns so far. If you can help out but didn't send a form, please let us know.
Friday 28 November – Sponsorship Form with money raised (don't forget to complete the Permission Slip at the bottom of the form) to be returned by this date. Remember, everyone MUST return their Sponsorship Form regardless of whether or not they will be participating on the day.

Also on Friday 28 November – sausage sizzle orders due to be handed into the canteen.
Friday 5 December – Wipeout.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 – 9:30am. Please note; we do not have EFTPOS facilities. Payment options are cash or cheque. Layby is available.

CAKENTER ROSTER AND NEWS.

Wednesday 26 November
Amanda
Thursday 27 November
Sarah
Friday 28 November
Jill J and Jean H
Monday 1 December
Danielle and Tracie
Tuesday 2 December
Kirsty

END OF TERM SPECIAL
(While Stock Lasts)
Homemade Penne Bolognaise - $3.00

SPECIAL NOTE:
Jacqui and I would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers who have helped throughout the year. Your time has truly been appreciated and has made a difference to our canteen and what we can provide to the students. A special mention for Karen and Nadine who have helped and contributed for many years but are now moving on as their children start High School. Thank you and good luck for the future.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.
The last day the canteen will be open is Thursday 11 December. The canteen will be CLOSED on Friday 12 December and all the last week of school. Please note NO LUNCH ORDERS will be able to be made, nor will we be open at recess or lunch.

Have a happy and healthy week
Amanda and Jacqui – Canteen – Ph: 4341 7798

FROM OUR STAFF

Woy Woy South Public School will be holding a working bee

This Saturday November 29, we are seeking volunteers who are willing to help clean up and beautify our school gardens in preparation for the planting of new trees in both the secret garden and garden outside the G block computer room.
All volunteers are asked to bring a bottle of water, sunscreen, gloves and a hat. The working bee will start at 9am and finish before lunch.
Morning tea will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please call the office on 43411899.

Thank you,
Mrs V. Bain.
PLANTS NEEDED.
We would love some donations of succulent plants for our gardens.
Any donations can be left at the front office.
Thank you.

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SPECIAL STUDENTS.
TERM 4 – WEEK 7

Year 5 – Zac
Year 4 – Emily, Brayden, Zerne
Year 3 – Laila, Jacinta, Charlotte.
Year 2 – Kaylie, Calix.
Year 1 – Mia, Harry, Dakota, Rachael-Lee
Kindy – Alisha, Ella, Ella.

Congratulations to our Silver Medal Winners
Roy 5W, Damon 6S, Jade 5/6L, Frank 3A, Charlotte 3A, Daniel 5/6L,
Brooke 4K

Superstar Awards
Amy, Jamie, Jai, Alexa, Brayden, Geooffrey and Bailey.

Woysie Awards – Kimberley 1H, Isabelle, Piper 1H, Nicholas, Jayde 2S, Linda 2B, Craig 4K, Chloe 6S, Saxon 6S, Madison 6S,
Matthew 3A, Charlotte 3A, Reece 4K, Izabella, Tamara 6S, Elly 6S,
Mya 5M, Marcus 5W, Ayden 6S.

PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR & LEARNING).
This week we are discussing what we need to do before going outside to play.
Please discuss with your child what there ‘plan’ is in for playground.
Last week’s photos......

LAILA 3W

KEIRA 5/6L

MIA 5/6L

TAINE 5/6L

CORA 4K