January 19th, 2014

Excellence and Opportunity in a Friendly, Caring Community

Message from the Principal.

Opportunities for further learning

Term 1 is gathering momentum as many of our extra curricula activities involve travelling to excursions and workshops to supplement what is being taught in the classrooms. Last week, Kindergarten students had their very first excursion to Lions Park at Woy Woy and thoroughly enjoyed the bus trip itself as well as the organised activities.

Some of our excursions are for a large cohort of students and some are designed specifically for groups of students who are talented in more specific areas. Yesterday, eight of our senior pupils, accompanied by Mrs Webster, travelled to Erina Heights PS to experience a Debating workshop which involved them being coached by senior adjudicators and state representative debaters. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to extend their skills in Public Speaking. Today, a talented group of our swimmers participated in the Zone swimming carnival, having gained selection through their results in our school carnival and on Thursday a group of our Year 5 pupils will sit the academically competitive selective high school test for intake into Gosford and other Selective High school for Year 7 in 2015. We are continually expanding our programs for identifying and extending talented students across all areas of the curriculum.

Brisbane Water Secondary College forums

A group of 60 randomly selected parents are currently being contacted by BWSC and invited to participate in a parent forum. This is a positive initiative by the college to ascertain the community’s perception of the local secondary school and they are taking on board suggestions and feedback as to the programs run, college organisation and overall impressions. If you are contacted, it is a wonderful opportunity for you to make a positive contribution to the secondary schooling for your child. The more invited participants that contribute, the more the college will be able to truly reflect the needs and aspirations of its community. This is a very valuable program and one which involved all the partner primary schools across the Brisbane Water Learning Community.

P & C Annual General Meeting

This Friday brings the AGM for the school P&C, a very dedicated and dynamic group of parents who contribute in many ways to the running and organisation of the school. The AGM brings the opportunity to vote for the Office bearing positions but also to take the opportunity to see how the P&C works. If you are available, the P&C would love to see you at 9.00am this Friday in the staffroom.

Mrs K. Whealey
Relieving Principal.

P & C NEWS.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 – 9:30am. We have a new volunteer Uniform Shop Coordinator – Rebekah Johnson. Thanks and welcome Rebekah!

Clarification – caps and hats are $10 each.

Please note; we do not have EFTPOS facilities. Payment options are cash or cheque. Layby is available.

Meetings

Come to the AGM on Friday 14 March at 9:15am in the staffroom. The AGM is when all formal committee positions are vacated and nominations called to refill the positions for 2014. You need to be a P&C member to register your interest for a position and to vote for nominees. Membership costs $2 and is payable before the beginning of the meeting.
Please come along and join your P&C. It's an opportunity to get to know other parents, gain a stronger insight into what goes on at school and have a say/vote in the P&C's activities.

The general meeting for March will immediately follow the AGM. 

PS: If you have children at home, bring them along and see how they go! Maybe bring a quiet toy or something they like to eat.

### Canteen Roster and News.

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#### This Week's Green Meal Deal

**$4.80**

Wholemeal Ham, Cheese & Tomato S/W

Bottle of Water

### Important Notice:

We are in desperate need of Volunteers for Thursdays. Please come and see us. Even if it is only for an hour….. any help will be greatly appreciated.

Have a healthy and happy week 😊😊

Amanda and Jacqui – Canteen Ph. No. 4341 7798.

### From Our Staff

#### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – THURSDAY 3RD APRIL.

School Photo envelopes will be coming home today. Please check your child’s bag. All Photo envelopes and monies are to be returned no later than Thursday 3rd April.

Please bring all envelopes with the CORRECT MONEY enclosed to the front office. **Please do not ask the front office for change as we WILL NOT have any.**

#### Woy Woy South PSSA Cricket

Last week the WWS Cricket team played Woy Woy PS in round one of the PSSA Cricket knockout competition. Our team batted first and scored 5/76 runs off 25 overs. Charlie top scored with 26 and Jake scored 11. Harrison in his first game of cricket scored a handy 10 not out. We were not so strong with fielding and bowling and we managed to get 2 wickets. Charlie managed a run out assisted by Jake. Harrison bowled well taking 1/11. It was a good to see our students play well and in the spirit of the game. Good effort WWS boys.

Mr Smith

#### Celebrate Harmony Day and Close The Gap

On Thursday 20th March, WWSPS will be celebrating Harmony Day while promoting the Close The Gap strategy.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect. The message of Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs”. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity as well as the many different cultures that are part of our school community.

**Close the Gap** is a strategy to reduce Indigenous disadvantage while promoting positive outcomes in health and wellbeing. Traditionally students and staff choose an important Indigenous symbol to recreate. This year, we will create a whale, which is a totem from the local area.

#### Nitbusters.

Make the rest of this month “Nitbusters Month”.

We all need to act together if we don’t want uninvited guests coming home for a sleepover. Repeat the wet combing method each weekend for the rest of the month. Treat, if lice are present, and repeat in seven days.

There has been an outbreak of head lice at many schools.

Head lice are very common so there is no need to be alarmed. Anyone with a head can catch them – regardless of age, sex, background or how clean our hair is. As children get their heads together, just one infested head can infest a whole class. Always remember prevention is better than cure.

Thank you.

Mr S Collins

Deputy Principal.

#### Chicken Pox

We have had reported cases of Chicken Pox in the past week.

Please read the following.

**Time from exposure to illness –**

2 to 3 weeks

**Symptoms:**

Slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab. Can be more severe in pregnant women and newborns.

**Do I need to keep my child home?**

YES. For 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over.

**How can I help prevent spread?**

Immunisation is available for children over 12 months old. It is recommended for people over 12 years who are not immune.

#### Scabies

We have had a reported case of Scabies in the school.

Please read the following:

**Time from exposure to illness –**

New Infections: 2 to 6 weeks & reinfections: 1 to 4 days.

**Symptoms –**

Itchy skin, worse at night. Worse around wrists, armpits, buttocks, groin and between fingers and toes.

**Do I need to keep my child home?**

YES, until the day after treatment has begun.

**How can I help prevent spread?**

Close contacts should be examined for infestation and treat if necessary. Wash linen, towels and clothing worn in the past 2 days in hot water and detergent.
SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE.
TERM 1 – WEEK 6

Year 6 – Hailey,
Year 5 – Leonie, Mya
Year 4 – Isaac, Craig
Year 3 – Isabella, Paige
Year 2 – William, Jade, Calix
Year 1 – Emlyn, Chayse, Joshua, Brody
Kindy – Bella, Kohatu, Jameson
Bonza Bear – Chayce 1H
Assembly Behaviour – Makayla 1A
Class of the Week – KF
Woysie Awards – Jace

BOOKCLUB RETURNS TO WWS

Woy Woy South Public School is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. We have two volunteer parents who will coordinate the book club. Twice a term during the school year we will send home a book club flyer with a different selection of books offered.

You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. Our school recommend them because the books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as $2).

It is easy to order. This issue’s flyer is attached. Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer, and return the order form to class teacher with payment by this Friday 14 March 2014. The books will arrive around two weeks after we send the class order to Scholastic.

Mr S Collins

UNIVERSITY OF NSW – International Competitions for Schools TESTS for 2014
Yrs 3 to 6 only.

Application forms for these tests have been sent home. If you would like your child to participate in these tests could you please complete the form, (tick which tests you would like your child to do), enclose the correct money in an envelope and return to the office as soon as possible. All monies and forms must be returned by the 7th April.

PBL – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

TERM 1 – WEEK 4

Don’t forget to come and have a look at the wonderful work our Kindy, Yr1 and Yr2 students have done this week. We are so lucky to have so many talented little ones in our school.
The lucky students to have their work on display this week are:

1/2K -  Mia
2B -  Lucas
2S -  Reece

I am feeling super!
I can handle anything.
I am feeling kind of funny but making good choices.
I am starting to feel irritated but I can handle it
I am feeling kind of funny but making good choices.
I can sit at my desk and do my work

Coastwide Child and Family Services
Playgroups
Woy Woy South Public School
Mondays 1-2:30pm

Supported Playgroups provide a welcoming, friendly and relaxed environment for families, parents and children to meet and share ideas and experiences. Playgroups are facilitated by Early Childhood professionals and families can gain access to specialist support services.

What happens at a Supported Playgroup?
Supported Playgroup staff are Early Childhood trained professionals with knowledge of child development, health and community services in the region. It is the role of the staff to coordinate, lead and provide appropriate activities for families, whilst providing support and resources to families. Parents remain during the entire playgroup session.

What does it cost to attend a Supported Playgroup?
There is no cost to attend but families are asked to bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. A gold coin donation is optional to help cover costs.


Parenting Groups on the Central Coast.

Uniting Care Burnside have released a handout listing all parenting groups on the Central Coast. There are many opportunities for parents in need of support for their families. The courses are for families from birth to teens, and also cater for grandparents and single parent families. Many courses are free and if you would like a copy of the handout please contact front office during school hours.

Thank you.
Mr S Collins Rel. Deputy Principal.
Last Week in photos

I like myself because I have beautiful muscles and I have magic powers.
I like myself because I’m smart.
I like myself because my mum and dad exist.

Fantastic writing William 5/3

I like myself because I’m different, I have got straight hair and can run really fast.

Excellent work Layla 5/3