WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Term 1 – Week 8
Excellence and Opportunity in a Friendly, Caring Community

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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Message from the Principal.

P & C

Last Friday saw the AGM of our school's P&C. Congratulations to the new executive members who were elected at the meeting. Karen S has been returned as the P & C President. The two Vice Presidents are Nadine Lawler and Justine M. Tanja H is the P & C secretary and Tracey T the Treasurer. In addition to these executive positions, Karen C is our new Fundraising Co-ordinator and Rebekah J the uniform shop co-ordinator and Canteen Convenor. Sarah P and Justine M are serving on the Canteen committee. Congratulations to all our office bearers and I am looking forward to working closely with them in the coming year. Thankyou to all who attended this meeting and offered to take up positions.

Road Safety

It is very pleasing to see our children using the new crossing so well and showing they are aware of their responsibilities when it comes to road safety. We do still have a number of children riding bikes to and from school without helmets and this is a cause for concern. Concern has also been expressed regarding illegal and unsafe parking around the school perimeter especially during afternoon pickup times. We are very aware of the difficulties involved in organising “pick up” spots for children but our primary concern is the safety of the students. There is no access to on-site car parks for parents as children move through this area –this is especially true of the back car park off Waterloo Ave. The small area near the rear gates of the school off Balacalava Ave is frequently used for parking but vehicles moving unsafely into and out of that area are also placing students at risk. As part of the review of the new traffic lights installation, we are expecting increased attention to parking and vehicle movement around the school from the agencies involved.

Swimming Scheme

The Special Swimming scheme commenced yesterday with just over seventy Yr2 and Yr3 students taking advantage of the opportunity to take part in the free DEC program to develop swimming skills. This program is run each year over a 2 week period with the only costs involved to pay for bus transport and pool entry. If your child is in Kindergarten or Yr 1 this is something to look forward to in the future. WWS teachers accompany the groups and specialised instructors deliver the lessons. Thank you Mr Young for being the school coordinator this year for this program.

Staff Development Day

Planning has commenced for the next Staff Development Day on April 28 –the first day of Term 2. This is a day when staff only attend school and partake in professional learning activities. The focus for the Term 2 day will be the implementation of the new Australian curricula in English and Mathematics, developing scope and sequence statements for our school and on-line training on the Disabilities Standards for Education. Staff regularly complete training in many areas online. Much of this training is directly related to syllabus outcomes and curriculum implementation but also in regard to the implementation of technology and in Student Welfare to ensure we are best meeting the learning needs of students.

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.

Student School Banking

School Banking will next be held on Friday 28 March then fortnightly thereafter.

If you would like your child to participate in school banking, please visit your nearest Commonwealth Bank branch or its website www.commbank.com.au for guidance.

P&C School Survey

The P&C are seeking input from the school community regarding the senior uniform and would appreciate completion and return of the survey form included with this newsletter.

Harmony Day – Thursday 20 March

The P&C will have tea and coffee available for purchase at the Harmony Day morning tea.
School Disco
The first disco for the year will be on Wednesday 9 April. Permission notes with full details coming home soon.

Mothers’ Day Stall
Mothers’ Day is fast approaching; if you have anything to donate to be sold at the stall it would be greatly appreciated. Please take them to the canteen or the front office.
Thank you

**CANTEEN ROSTER AND NEWS.**

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**HARMONY DAY RECESS SPECIALS.**
Please see attached note. No pre-orders taken and we will not be selling items before 11am. Thank you, enjoy 😊

**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 gratefully appreciated.*

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

**FROM OUR STAFF**

**IMPORTANT NEWS FROM BUSWAYS - BUS PASSES.**
Transport for NSW has advised Busways that the current practice of issuing students with a travel authority letter is invalid and should cease IMMEDIATELY.
From Monday 24 March, Busways drivers will no longer accept Travel Authority letters as a permit for free travel. In line with NSW Government’s Terms and Conditions of Issue, students who cannot produce a valid 2014 Buss Pass when boarding a Busways service will be expected to pay the appropriate fare for that trip, otherwise travel may be refused. We apologise for any inconvenience caused with regards to this change.

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – THURSDAY 3RD APRIL.**
School Photo envelopes were sent home last week. All Photo envelopes and monies are to be returned no later than Thursday 3rd April.
Please bring all envelopes with the CORRECT MONEY MUST BE enclosed to the front office. Please do not ask the front office for change as we WILL NOT have any.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn 2013 Update**
Thank you once again to everyone that supported our school in the Earn and Learn program last year. Our learning resources have arrived this week and are now helping our students improve their reading, writing and numeracy skills. These hands-on resources were able to “buy” with the thousands of points you collected are invaluable to the learning development of our students and we can’t thank you enough for them. We hope you will support the program in 2014 if it is implemented again.
Miss Fazzolari

**Stage 3 Excursion – Community Road Education.**
On Monday, 17 March, Year 5 students went on an excursion to the Community and Road Education Scheme (CARES) facility at Palmdale to learn about bike safety as part of our Personal Development curriculum on child safety. This program is run by NSW Police and endeavours to develop the student’s road sense and set the foundation of road safety that they will need all through their life. The program started with lessons on reading traffic sighns and following the rules of the road. Once students were well equipped with a good knowledge of the rules they were given a licence and allowed to ride BMX bikes around simulated roads with traffic lights, roundabouts and pedestrian paths. The police booked students that were breaking the law and took points off their licence. Students who survived the afternoon with all their points in tact went into a draw for a draw for a BMX bike to be drawn later this term. The Year 6 component of Stage 3 will be attending this excursion next Monday, 24 March.
S. Lappan.

**Celebrate Harmony Day and Close The Gap**
On Thursday 20th March, WWSPS will be celebrating Harmony Day. Parents are invited to come to school to share morning tea with their child/ren. The Pacific Islander group will be performing at recess in the 3 - 6 playground.
Please note, students are no longer asked to wear coloured shirts on the day.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014**
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has started again for 2014. The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge for each student to read, and to read more widely. Students in K -6 have until 29 August 2014 to complete the challenge. Please contact your child’s teacher for more information on how your child can be involved. For more information on the Challenge, please visit https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
Miss Fazzolari

**ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL.**
Congratulations to all our wonderful swimmers who represented our school at the recent Zone Swimming Carnival. All our swimmers did us proud with Charlie , Jack , Daniel , Blaine, Isabella and our Boys Senior Relay team all continuing on to represent our school at the up and coming Sydney North Carnival on 25 March 2014.
The outstanding swimmer of the day was Charlie who incredibly won every race he entered.
Well done every one of you, and good luck for Sydney North.
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.

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE.
TERM 1 – WEEK 7

Year 6 - Chloe, Harrison
Year 5 - Jessica, Sam,
Year 4 - Anthony, Kate, Heather
Year 3 - Alex, Beau
Year 2 - Emily, Baile, Eliza, Caprice
Year 1 - Samantha, Emersyn, Harrison.
Kindy - Kyle, Brayden, Bronte.

Assembly Awards
Dakota, Tyrone, Kynan, Tahlia, Xanthe, Jake Mareta, Ava, Charlotte
Bonza Bear – Harry – 1H
Assembly Behaviour Award – Tyler – 1A
Class of the Week – 2S
Woysie Awards – Saria, Aanika, Shonoah

TERM 1 – WEEK 4

Come and have a look at the wonderful work our Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 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:
KF - Joey
KH - Charli
1H - Samara
1M - Brody
1/2K - Lincoln
2S - Lorenzo

PBL – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

WOY WOY SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C
SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY
SENIOR UNIFORM.
Currently the senior uniform is worn by Year 6 students only and comprises of:
Girls – Plaid skirt with white shirt
Boys – Red polo shirt with grey school pants.
We are seeking feedback from parents/carers on whether to extend the senior uniform to all of Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6).
Please indicate your preference by placing a tick in the appropriate box and return to the P & C box in the canteen by 31 March 2014.

WHO SHOULD WEAR THE SENIOR UNIFORM?

☐ YEAR 6 ONLY
☐ ALL OF STAGE 3 (Yrs 5 & 6).

Name and class ……………………………………………………

COMMUNITY NEWS.

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.

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.

Last Week in photos......

Year 5 Bike Safety Excursion