Building an attitude of gratitude into our lives will improve our mood and help us to keep the irritations of life in perspective. It helps us build a buffer so that we can better handle life’s disappointments. Realistically, there are clearly some tragic events that beset people that are terrible - and it isn’t our job to make light of them. But, the practice of gratitude can also help us appreciate the richness in our lives and reminds us to express our thanks to those around us.

**Excursions**

Excursions provide children to take topics studied in the class and explore and experience these in the real world. Although through technology we can now show our Stage 3 students what an Antarctic base station sees out the window in “real time”, nothing quite compares to the “real thing” as our Year 2 students found last week on their bus, ferry and walking excursion to reinforce their study of “Transport”. It was delightful to see photos of the children really enjoying this experience which they now take back to the classroom to enrich their writing and talking and listening skills. Even more pleasing was the report of excellent behaviour by all students on the day showing, once again, that Woy Woy South Public School deserves its excellent reputation in demonstrating our values of **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and RELATIONSHIPS.** Well done to Year 2 and we are sure that Year 1 will have a wonderful day this week when they, too, travel to Davistown on the ferry.

Other excursions are planned this term for 4P and 4K (their Rumbalara excursion that has so far been rained out twice!), Stage 3 visiting the Australian National Maritime Museum and Imax theatre to supplement their HSIE unit on Antarctica and Kindergarten’s visit to “The Farm” at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College as part of their unit studying “Changes”. Permission and Information notes will be sent out closer to the actual dates but I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff concerned for their thorough organisation of these events and also our parents for responding so well to our need for “cut off dates” for numbers and payments. It is only with both of these in place that we are able to offer these opportunities to our students.

**NAPLAN**

Today saw Yr3, Yr5, Yr7 and Yr9 students all around Australia commence this year’s National testing program with Language Conventions and Writing completed. Tomorrow, the Reading test will be held with Numeracy on Thursday. Friday is set aside for “catching up” students who have missed any tests. If you have a child in one of these grades, please have a chat with them over the next couple of days about the experience, how they felt, what they wrote about and let them know that as long as they try their very best everyone will be happy with their results.
Chicken Pox
We have a case of Chicken Pox reported in the school. The following information is provided by NSW Health:

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.

Mrs K. Whealey
Relieving Principal.

P & C NEWS.

MOTHERS’ DAY RAFFLE.
Congratulations to the following winners of the Mothers’ Day raffle
1st prize to Sarah Partridge
2nd prize to J Crowhurst
3rd prize to Jarrod Barnes
4th prize to Lauren Watson

CANTEEN ROSTER AND NEWS.

Wednesday 14 May
Nadine L
Thursday 15 May
Asta
Friday 16 May
Karen C
Monday 19 May
Tracie W
Tuesday 20 May
Belinda S

PLEASE NOTE:
Volunteers are always welcome, even just to help out for an hour or two

SPECIAL MEAL DEAL COMING
Welcome in Winter.
All orders need to be returned to the canteen by Wednesday 21 May.
NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THESE DAYS. (Tues 27 & Wed 28 May).

CRUNCH AND SIP
Crunch and Sip has gone off with a bang!!!
Most K-6 students have brought in a piece of fruit to eat each day last week.
What a great way to start Term 2.
Remember to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables and a drink bottle full of water.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2014
Stewart House is an important organisation that our school has been supporting for many years. It provides children who qualify with fantastic physical, mental and social support while at the same time giving them a break from their normal routine. This week all students will be bringing an envelope home. If each family could donate just $2, fill in their details and return the envelopes to the office it would be much appreciated. Envelopes need to be returned by May 20th to be in the prize draw.

LIBRARY NEWS:
BOOK FAIR!!
The Book Fair is up and running in the Library. Book can be bought in the mornings before lessons begin, during lunch times and for 15 minutes after school. Mums and Dads are welcome to drop in and shop with their children. There are a lot of exciting books on offer that we have not had before. As usual they are at bargain basement prices.
Mrs R. Santos (Teacher-Librarian)

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE.
TERM 2 – WEEK 2

Year 6 – Tegan, Ernest
Year 5 – Roy, Jordan
Year 4 – Tahlia, Indiana
Year 3 – Alexa, Beau, Liam, Tyger
Year 2 – Jayde, Ava, Tiarna
Year 1 – Mia, Jayden, Layla
Kindy – Boston, Jasmine, Chais

BONZA BEAR – Gemma KF

CLASS OF THE WEEK – 2B

Woyies – Dakota, Tyler, Josh all from 1A

Superstar Awards
Kane, Alecia, Finn, Brayden, Jeremy, Jazmin, Connor, Tahlia, Blaine, Liam

PBL – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING.

***** RESPONSIBILITY *****
This week’s focus is “listen and follow instructions”. At WWSPS we show we are listening to others by:
• Looking at the person who is speaking
• Keeping our bodies still while listening
• Keeping quiet while we are listening
• Acknowledge what has been said
• Ask a question if we are unsure
• Act on instructions

Congratulations to all of the wonderful WWS students who have won a Bee Award last week due to their great behaviour. Our Bee Award boxes are overflowing with awards!

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY
Just a reminder, for all those students who were selected to compete in the Zone Cross Country at Umina Oval (Fri 23rd May). Please return your notes and money ($4.50) to your teachers no later than Wednesday 21 May.

FROM OUR STAFF
Amanda and Jacqui – Canteen Ph. No. 4341 7798.
Yr 2 transport excursion.

Emilee 2K, Linda 2K, Caprice 2K and Madelyn 2Y all enjoy the ferry ride on their transport excursion.

It was all aboard for this crew out the back of the ferry on their way to sunny Davistown.

All of Year 2 stopped for lunch as they went on bus, ferry and foot to their destination for their transport excursion last week.
Last week in photos.....

Lincoln Edwards 1/2K
K-2 Bee Award Winner

Alicia Weatherall 3W
3-6 Bee Award Winner

Positive Behaviour for Learning.
Our focus for this week is listening and following instructions. Ask your child the 5 L’s of listening. 1. Eyes Looking. 2. Ears Listening. 3. Hands in Lap. 4. Lips closed. 5. Legs crossed.

Some beautiful work on sun safety by Cora Daniel 4K

Some beautiful work on sun safety by Riley Green 4K

Please visit our school to view our colourful displays in many areas of the school. K-6 work in the school foyer, also on the notice board near office and K-2 work of the week is display near the reading room. Plus all our exciting classrooms have all students’ work on display. Please visit our school website for further displays and photos of recent events.

By Brayden Duggan KH