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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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Message from the Principal.

Semester 1.

As we come to the end of a very busy term, I would like to congratulate our students for their outstanding achievements in the first half of the year. Having read through Semester 1 reports, it is obvious that the majority of our pupils have really applied themselves to their learning and are being rewarded with improved academic achievement as a result. Socially, the students are clearly demonstrating our values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and RELATIONSHIPS in classrooms, the playground, whilst representing the school in sports and on excursions. I would like to remind our families of the events that have occurred so far this year. In the sporting field, we have completed our swimming and cross country carnivals and are now training for next term’s athletics carnival. Students have represented the school in Girls’ and Boys’ Cricket and Soccer, as well as Rugby League, Touch Football, Netball and Rugby Union with a significant number of students moving on to represent at zone, district and state levels.

Our performance groups, Pacific Island Dance group, our Stage 3 troupe and our senior choir have participated in community performances, the Central Coast Dance Festival and the college musical Oliver. We have plans for these groups to perform for both local preschools and local retirement villages.

Academically, another of our Year 5 students was invited to join the Gosford OC class in term 1, Year 3 and Year 5 completed their 2014 NAPLAN testing, Kindergarten students completed Best start benchmarking and Australasian competitions in Spelling, Writing, Computers and Science have been run. Students participated in Debating competitions and Debating and computer game training workshops. Within the school, we have been visited by the Pet Education group, Geoff “Joffa” Taylor the cartoonist, we had an Easter Hat Parade, Mothers’ Day stall, discos, NAIDOC week and supported Juvenile Diabetes research. We welcomed our 2015 Kindergarten parents to the school and yesterday, our trial of the “Woy Woy South Public School App” commenced. At this stage it is only available to Apple devices, download is free from the App store and it will be available on other platforms once the trial period ends.

The following instructions are provided - “Our School is conducting trial our own Skoolbag iPhone App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are trialling the iPhone version for 30 days. If we continue with the App after the trial we will then get the Android version in the Google Play Store. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag App. To install it, just look for our school name “Woy Woy South Public School” in the Apple App Store, and install it on your iPhone.

It is no wonder that both the students and the staff are looking forward to the holidays which start next Monday. We hope you enjoy your time with your family and all students return to school on Tuesday 15 July. Both Miss Fazzolari and Miss Handley will be getting married over these holidays and we wish them all the very best for their upcoming weddings.

Assessment and Reporting

Kindergarten students have received their reports and the remaining pupils will receive these on Friday of this week. Please take the opportunity to praise your child for pleasing efforts and achievements and talk with your child about the areas that are suggested for improvement next semester. Many parents have already returned their Student Led Conference (SLC) notes. If you have not yet done so, please take this opportunity to come along so your child and teacher can explain this important step in our assessment and reporting procedures. During these sessions, teachers will also be issuing a short survey on school improvement for you to take home and complete. This will help us with future planning.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Will be going home today. If there are any discrepancies with your photos please call Advance Photographers on 1300728972

Juvenile Diabetes

This Thursday, we are creating a “Money Snake” in the Primary quadrangle. All children are asked to bring along 20c (or a number of 20c pieces if you like) to make the snake as long as we can to finalise our fundraising for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Our mufti day last week raised $513.25, and we have been collecting loose change at lunch times as well, $89.60, bringing our total to $602.85. We would like to try and round this up to $650.00 with our snake on Thursday. Thank you to all our families who have helped us support this wonderful cause.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – MONDAY 14 JULY.

Please remember, all teaching staff will be off site at Curriculum courses all day. There will be NO student supervision.

ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 15 JULY.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

Mrs K. Whealey
Relieving Principal.
STUDENT LED CONFERENCE TIMETABLE
WEEK 1 – TERM 3.

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P & C NEWS.

Term 2 Disco
The Term 2 disco is TOMORROW Wednesday 25 June. Last chance to buy tickets is tomorrow morning 8:30 to 9:30.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will 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.
A small supply of caps will be available for purchase from the Canteen outside of Uniform Shop hours. Caps are $10 each. If anyone has unwanted coat hangers at home we could use them here in the uniform shop.

Meetings
The next P&C meeting will be on 8 August. However, there is a fundraising meeting on Friday 18 July where we will plan/formalise our fundraising efforts for the rest of the year. The meeting will take place in the P&C Craft Room just after 9am. Please come along.

Happy holidays.

CANTEEN ROSTER AND NEWS.

Wednesday 25 June
Justine

Thursday 26 June
Sarah

Friday 27 June
Jill J and Jean H

TERM 3.

Monday

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tuesday 15 July
Belinda S

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.
We are still in desperate need for Volunteers. Please contact us if you can help, even for a couple of hours a month.

COMING IN TERM 3.

OUR CANTEEN IS GOING ONLINE.
• Order from 24 July – Fast & easy to use.
• Free to sign up!
A flyer with more information will be coming home early Term 3.

😭 Have a healthy and safe holiday 😭
Amanda and Jacqui – Canteen Ph. No. 4341 7798.

FROM OUR STAFF

THE DIDGERIDOO
By Ernie - 6B.
The world’s oldest musical instrument is probably the didgeridoo. It originated with the Indigenous Australians and has been used in open and secret ceremonies and story-telling.
To make a didgeridoo the men find a hollow tree trunk and cut the piece for the didgeridoo. They prepare the didgeridoo by taking off the bark. They heat a metal bar and clean the inside to remove all the termite residue.
An artist paints the finished didgeridoo with pictures that relate to the Dreaming or totemic animals. Animals such as snakes, crocodiles, emus, kangaroos and goannas are often painted.
To play the didgeridoo well you have to practise every day. You make a sharp raspberry sound with your lips and blow softly. Try to do some twangs with your tongue. Use your voice box to make animal sounds.
Didgeridoos began appearing in a non-traditional context in various Australian bands such as Yothu Yindi in the 1970’s and 1980’s.

Writing about!
the didgeridoo

Making the didgeridoos

PBL – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING.

RESponsibility
This week we are revisiting the six strands of Responsibility.
These strands are:
1. High - 5
2. Care for the school environment
3. Correct equipment
4. Learn and allow others to learn
5. Listen and follow instructions
6. Move safely and directly
Next term our PBL focus is Relationships.
Last Friday night our Stage 3 Dance Group performed at the Central Coast Dance Festival. The students delivered a fabulous performance of their item ‘Clarity’. Not only were they amazing on stage, but were on their best behaviour and were proud representatives of our school. Our dancers displayed our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Relationships to the other teachers and students at the festival.

The dancers would like to say a big THANK YOU to Karen Symington, Lisa Vaughan, Lisa James and Mrs. Santos for making the costumes. They would also like to thank all the parents for their help and support during the dress rehearsal and performance. Finally, well done to our dancers who have put in so much time and effort.

YOU WERE AWESOME!

Shakleton’s boat ‘The Endurance’.

I made a replica model of Ernest Shakleton’s boat ‘The Endurance’. I used a block of balsa wood and sanded it to the right shape. Shackleton’s ship got stuck in the ice and sank. Mine won’t.

Jayden - 5M.

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE.
TERM 2 – WEEK 8

Year 6 – Saxon, Sherece, Angel
Year 5 – Seth
Year 4 – Charlie, Jake, Jeremiah
Year 3 – Sophia, Dakota, Shaiqueta, Blake
Year 2 – Millie, Joshua, Skylia, Kaylee, Dealyndra
Year 1 – Nathan H, Shai, Noel

Kindy – Alisha, Keeley, Ryan

Superstar Awards.
Georgie Ayden, Liam, Mia, Makayla, Isaac, Kyla, Abigail, Liam, Tyger

TERM 2 – WEEK 8

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:

Too

KF - Chayce
KH - Kaydein
1A - Finn
1H - Kimberley
1M - Corey
2B - Eliza
2S - Callum

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 who 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’s news……..

Flag raising ceremony.  
Ochre face painting

NAIDOC WEEK

Didjeridoo playing.  
Boomerang throwing.