WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Term 3 – Week 3                                                                                   Date: 29th July, 2014

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Excellence and Opportunity in a Friendly, Caring Community

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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Message from the Principal.

Woy Woy South will be celebrating Education Week 2014 this week with several events outlined in our special timetable enclosed in last week’s newsletter. It is also a time to celebrate outstanding performances by our school.

Academic Excellence

Three of our students have been successful in their applications for Gosford Selective High School placement in 2015. Our congratulations go to Jack, Jake and Tamsin for this outstanding achievement. In addition, all our Year 6 students seeking placements in specialist strands at Brisbane Water Secondary College for 2015 have been successful in entering either the “S” (academic) or CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) classes. This year, for the first time, we entered eight Stage 3 students into the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians achieving 6 Distinctions, 1 credit and 1 participation award.

Education Week

Our special events for this week were sent out with last week’s newsletter and the timetable is still available through the App but, in case you have misplaced the information, today was our Open Day, Thursday is Jeans4Genes day (gold coin donation for the privilege of wearing jeans), Friday the 3-6 Athletics Carnival and next Monday, the K-2 Sports Day. Please share in your child’s education by coming along to one of this week’s events.

Helping Parents to Help Their Children

Last week, a note was sent home with students in Yr 2 – 6 inviting you to attend an information session aimed at providing parents with skills and strategies designed to support their children in reading more complex material. The initial session will be held in the Library on 5 August, 6.00 – 7.00pm with a follow-up session on 2 September. These sessions are being run as part of our Focus on Reading program and we are pleased to offer the opportunity for parents to become effective partners in their child’s education.

Sporting Excellence

I am delighted to share news of an outstanding performance in the pool by Jack of 5/6L. Jack represented the NSW Primary School Sports Association (NSW PSSA) in the Swimming Championships held in Melbourne and came away with a personal best time in each of his events and a Gold medal in the relay. Congratulations Jack and his family.

Improved Communication

Thankyou to the parents who have given feedback regarding our new WWS App. Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our community. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “Woy Woy South Public School” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store and get ready to hear from us. Important information regarding event and excursion cancellations will also be available through our App. We have also now placed the order for our LED sign on our Ocean Beach Rd boundary and that should arrive before the end of term. Parents who have returned the “School Directions” surveys have given important feedback as to positive aspects of the school and suggestions as to future improvements. I will contact the people who have given their names but will address as many general issues as I can through the newsletter so everyone is informed. One of the issues that our community feels very strongly about is banning smoking near the school gates. Smoking is banned within all school boundaries by law but we must rely on co-operation from our community to keep our fence lines and gates free of smoke.
Once again, I am asking for smokers to avoid these areas, in the interest of the health and wellbeing of our students and non-smoking adults.

Mrs K. Whealey
Relieving Principal.

P & C NEWS.

Athletics Carnival – Friday 1 August (Yrs3-6) and Monday 4 August (Yrs K-2)
The P&C will have Tea, Coffee, Cold Drinks and Sweets available for purchase on these days. We will be set up in front of the Uniform Shop (just next to the Canteen). See you there!

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. All welcome.

Can't make it to the meetings but would like to raise an issue/ask a question? Just send it to us in writing – address to The Secretary WWS Public School P&C and drop it into the red P&C box located in the canteen. Remember to include your details so we may get in touch with you if need be.

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.

Wednesday 30 July
Nadine
Thursday 31 July
Tracie
Friday 1 Aug
Karen S & Sharee
Monday 4 Aug
Tracie
Tuesday 5 Aug
Kirsty

GREEN MEAL DEAL

Homemade Bolognaise Pasta
Bottle of water

$4.50

Exciting News.

Your canteen is going online. What does this mean for you?
• Ordering 24/7
• Easy to Use
• Safe and Secure

Use your PC, Mac, IPhone, IPad and Android. More information next week.

Have a healthy Week

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

FROM OUR STAFF

Athletics Carnival 2014

As in previous years our annual athletics carnival for grades 3-6 will be held in the school grounds this Friday, 1st August.

Timetable for the day:
9:15 am - Age races (8's, 9's, 10's, 11's and 12's)
11:30 am - Novelty events - Long Jump finals - Shot put finals, Discus Finals
1:15pm - Lunch
2:30pm - House Relays
2:45pm - Clean up house areas

Some important information to help the day run smoothly:

• All children need to be wearing their house colours.
• Children need to bring a hat and sun protection.
• The canteen will be operating on the day.
• Any parent who wishes to take their child home early will need to get their child's name marked off at the recording table.
• it is important that children sit in their house areas in the back playground and do not wander across the running tracks to see mums and dads. There are races until the end of the day and any person on the tracks could cause a collision.

N.B. All children have the option to go into at least 3 events on the day - their age race, novelty events (unless they are involved in the field event finals) and the house relays.

High jumps finals have already been decided, 200M and 800M events are being held at another time.

Please come and support your child if you can and enjoy the day.

LIBRARY NEWS:

BOOK WEEK IS COMING!

Book Week 2014 will be celebrated in Week 6 (Monday 18th August – Fri 22nd August, 2014). We will be hosting a Book Fair in the Library with books supplied this time by Scholastic.

The Fair will be open before school – 8.30 – 9.00am; the whole of lunch time; after school for 15 minutes. Parents are most welcome to come and shop with their children before and after school.

A colouring competition is being run with the best from each class winning a book.

Class 5/6L will be grabbing the attention, daily, in every class, during Book Week, as they present a visual plethora of interesting facts about anything Australian, or Woy Woy South PS.

Mrs R. Santos (Teacher-Librarian)

Central Coast Schools Showcase

The Pacific Island Group will be performing at the Central Coast Schools Showcase on Wednesday 20th August at Laycock St Theatre. The students will be performing at the matinee show and tickets are now on sale from the Theatre. If you require further information please contact Mr Barr.
GARDENING VOLUNTEERS.

Woy Woy South is looking for volunteers to assist with the building of beds for our vegetable garden. There will be a working bee on Sunday August 10 commencing at 9am. All parents and community volunteers invited. If you are available to help, please leave your name and contact details with the front office on 43411899. A note will also be sent home to the eldest in the family. Please tear off the slip and return the note to school with your child.

Thank you, V. Handley.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL – PARENT MEETING.

There will be a Yr 6 Farewell parent meeting this coming Friday (1 Aug) in the 5/6L classroom, at 3:15pm. All Welcome.

K-2 Sports Day

K-2 students will be participating in a Commonwealth Games inspired Sports Day next Monday 4th August 2014. Every K-2 class has been allocated a country from the Commonwealth. They are encouraged to wear the colours of the country they are representing (see separate note).

An outline of the day events includes:
9am - Class as normal 9.30am-11am - Rotational activities on the oval 11am-11.30am- Recess (parents are invited to have a picnic with their children) 11.30am-1pm- Races and relays on the oval 1pm - Lunch (parents are invited to have a picnic with their children) 1.45pm – Classes are as normal till home time. Parents and carers are welcome to be a spectator and cheer on the students on the day. All you need to bring is a chair, picnic rug, food and some cheer. Hope to see you there

K-2 Teachers 😊

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SPECIAL STUDENTS.
TERM 3 – WEEK 2

Year 6 – Madeline Liam, Year 5 – Keira, Zac, Courtney Year 4 – Maegan Year 3 – Tyrone, Laila, Phoenix, Braydan Year 2 – James, Isabelle, Isaiah Year 1 – Paige, Charlotte, Mateeka, Alexxia Kindy – Nevaeh, Kirrilly, Cooper Congratulations to our Silver Medal Winners – Alex 3W, Isabella & Heather Superstar Awards. William, Bailey, Summer, Holly, Zam, Billee, Pateley, Luke, Jessica, Daniel, Tasma, Sean Bonza Bear – Brody Assembly Behaviour Award – Harry Class of the Week – 1/2K Woysie Awards Tyler, Jace, Samara-Leigh, Mason

TERM 3 – WEEK 2

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:

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PBL – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING.

The Social Skills Program is continuing to be a huge success with students and teachers working together to model and implement the three R’s. RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and RELATIONSHIPS.

This term will continue to focus on RELATIONSHIPS. Last week the program focused on “Tolerance”, this week the focus is on ‘GREETINGS’.

Students will be encouraged to use appropriate greetings whilst at school and home. Promote correct greetings by using them yourself, by using greetings like:

*Hello * How are you? *How is your day? **Please & Thank you

COMMUNITY NEWS.

Drawing, Art & Self-Expression

Kids Art Classes

Kids drawing and art classes with artist Belinda Lindhardt in her studio at Umina on Wednesday afternoons and at Ettalong Arts and Crafts Center on Thursdays afternoons starting Term 3. Limited spots available, taking bookings now! Ph. 4342 0626 or Visit www.creativehardt.com.au or on Facebook.com/creativehardt

What about you? Ask about adult classes on Thursdays mornings.
Photos from Open Day at WWS