Message from the Principal.

Our App now has 393 Subscribers!

Staff Development Day – Important Information

As all schools in the Brisbane Water Learning Community are joining together for a special day, the Staff Development Day scheduled for the first day of next term, Monday 20 April, has been moved to last day of Term 2 – Friday 26 June. Students will attend school for a normal school day on 20 April. The next Staff Development Day after that will be on the first day of Term 3. We apologise for any inconvenience but the guest speaker for Term 2 is Ian Luscombe, a very well credentialed behaviour specialist, and he is not available on our scheduled day.

St Johns First Aid

Last week we were pleased to welcome a representative from St Johns First Aid service to teach our Stage 2 students some basic first aid. The following are from some participating pupils!

William and Summer:
“The first thing we did was to sit in a circle and then he showed us how to roll someone over if they are not breathing and then to check if they have gum or something in their mouth.”

Bailey and William “You can put your finger below their nose to see if they’re breathing or put your hand on their heart or neck or wrist to check for a pulse.”

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 9.00 am this Friday in the staffroom.

Koorana AECG

Thursday afternoon, next week, (19 March) our local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) will meet here at Woy Woy South. If you are the parent of one of our Aboriginal students, you are invited to come along, see how the group works and meet some of the people involved in improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students in our local area. The meeting starts at 3.30 pm and afternoon tea is provided.

School Photos

Just a reminder that school photographs will be taken next week - Thursday 19 March. All students are to be in full summer uniform and girls are asked to wear their summer tunics – not shorts and tops on that day. We can access some summer tunics for any girl who doesn’t own one. The office and canteen will not be able to provide change on the day for photo envelopes. Please take the opportunity over the next week to collect the change you need to put into your envelope/s or order your photographs on-line from the company directly. Envelopes for sibling photos are available from the school Admin office.

Cross Country

Friday, next week, 20 March is the date for our annual Cross Country event. It will be held here at school for students in Stage 2 and 3. More details next week.

Staff Training

New Training occurred this week in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD), Curriculum Differentiation, Focus on Reading Phase 2 and L3.

Mrs K. Whealey

PRINCIPAL

P & C NEWS.

Meetings

The P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place this Friday 13 March. The AGM is when all current formal committee positions are vacated and nominations called to refill the positions for 2015. You need to be a P&C member to register your interest for a position and to vote for nominees. Membership is payable before the beginning of the meeting.

P&Cs are a worthy cause and the effort made directly benefits your child(ren). For an annual joining fee of $2, you get to know other parents, gain a stronger insight into what goes on at school and have a say/vote in P&C and school activities.

We would love to see fresh faces and hear new ideas so please come along.

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.
Term 1 Disco
Our first disco for the year is set for Wednesday 25 March. Permission slips with all the details coming home with this week’s newsletter or you can download a copy from the WWS website. We are looking for volunteers to help out on the night (particularly for the first session). If you can give some time please text Karen Connaughton on 0478 682 527.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is open from 8:30 – 9:30am each Tuesday and Friday and is operated by volunteers. Please note, we do not have EFTPOS facilities – payments can be made by cash or cheque and Lay-by is available. If anyone has an oversupply of plastic bags, we would love to take them off your hands – hand in to Rebekah in the Uniform Shop or to Amanda or Jacqui in the Canteen.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is now weekly and as it is week 7, many of you would be half way to redeeming a reward this term! Remember to hand your completed bank book and money to your teacher first thing Friday morning. Don’t forget that deposits have been carried over from last year, so they will count towards your 10 tokens required to redeem a reward. For more information, games, downloads, savings tips and other cool stuff check out www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking

CANTEEN ROSTER AND NEWS.

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Don’t Forget!
Gluten Free Nuggets – We now stock Ingham’s Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets. 3 x nuggets - $1.50
Please mark your bag GF when ordering.

Sushi Tuesday
Sushi is now available to order for lunch on a Tuesday
Varieties include – Chicken, cucumber & Mayo
- Tuna, Avocado & Mayo
- Vegetarian
All only $2.00 each.

FROM OUR STAFF.

Attendance
Dear Parents and Carers,
Some families will have received letters informing you of attendance falling below 85%. As a school we are legally required to monitor students' attendance and contact parents when the child's attendance falls below 85%. Parents and carers are required to send an explanation note the following school day after an absence from school. With today’s newsletter you will receive information on compulsory school attendance. If you have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.
Thank you.
Mr S Collins

SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES
HAVE BEEN SENT HOME
PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S BAG.
ENVELOPES ARE DUE BACK ON THE 19TH MARCH 2015.
PHOTO DAY.

LIBRARY NEWS:
BOOK FAIR: is coming next week, Week 8. Students will be able to buy new books at bargain basement prices, to keep. The Library will be open before school, during lunch time and after school for 10 minutes for students to purchase books. Parents are welcome to buy books with their children outside of class time (before school, during recess, and, on Monday and Thursday afternoons).
Please note that the Book Fair will be open for book purchases after school on Monday and Thursday only. This is due to prior commitments to staff meetings and professional development.
Mrs R. Santos (Teacher-Librarian)

University of NSW – International Competitions and Assessments for Schools 2015.
Dear Parents / Carers,
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. The assessments comprise of Digital technologies tests, English tests, Mathematics tests, Science tests, Spelling tests and Writing tests. This is for Years 3 to 6 only.
Outline of this year's testing program:

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All tests will be held at Woy Woy South PS. This is the only notice which will be given for the tests and late entries are not possible. As tests need to be ordered, please ensure all entry money is sent to school no later than Wednesday 1 April, 2015.
Mr S Collins
Four ways homework aids students’ academic achievement

Homework provides an opportunity for parents to interact with and understand the content their students are learning so they can provide another means of academic support for students. Parent writer Glenda Faye Pryor-Johnson says that, “When your child does homework, you do homework,” and notes that this is an opportunity for parents to model good behaviour for their children. Pryor-Johnson also identifies four qualities children develop when they complete homework that can help them become high-achieving students:

1. Responsibility
2. Time management
3. Perseverance
4. Self-esteem

While these cannot be measured on standardized tests, perseverance has garnered a lot of attention as an essential skill for successful students. Regular accomplishments like finishing homework build self-esteem, which aids students’ mental and physical health. Responsibility and time management are highly desirable qualities that benefit students long after they graduate. [http://education.cu-portland.edu/blog/news/the-homework-debate-benefits-of-homework/](http://education.cu-portland.edu/blog/news/the-homework-debate-benefits-of-homework/)

WORKING BEE.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Woy Woy South is looking for Volunteers to help at our working bee this Sunday March 15.

The working bee will commence from 9am and will finish by lunch time and we will be cleaning up the gardens in our school.

All volunteers are asked to bring a bottle of water, a hat, wear sunscreen and bring their own gardening gloves. Morning tea will be provided.

If you are able to attend, please fill out the form below and return to your classroom teacher.

Thank you, Mrs V. Bain.

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WORKING BEE.

I, _____________________________, am able to attend the working bee this Sunday March 15.

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SPECIAL STUDENTS
TERM 1 WEEK 6

Year 6 – Bodie, Jordan
Year 5 – Emmanuel, Abigail
Year 4 – Anthony, Isabella,
Year 3 – Dylan, Caprice, Millie
Year 2 – Sophia, Noel, Piper
Year 1 – Gemma, Alex, Sienna

Superstar Awards.
Siha, Joshua, Sienna, Lian, Tyr, Emily, Mareta, Lian, Pateley
Bonza Bear – Jessica KS
Class of the Week – 1/2K
Assembly Behaviour – Gemma
Woysie Awards – Isabella, Noel, Sienna

COMMUNITY NEWS.

Vacation Care Services
Coast Community Connections operates two Vacation Care programs.

- Gosford Vacation Care at Gosford Public School
- Woy Woy Vacation Care at Peninsula Community Centre

Your children will be supervised and cared for by trained, experienced educators who are committed to providing high quality care and delivering experience’s with fun incursions and excursions daily. Each Service is regulated through The Department of Education and Training

We are CCB approved- Child Care Benefit is a payment from the Australian Government that is designed to assist families with the cost of childcare.

Call us now on 43461348 for more information.

Become an Ethics Teacher or Coordinator at Woy Woy South Public School.

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.
We have vacancies for volunteers to teach Years K – 6 ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

For more information, please contact: Jenni Bourchier Regional Manager, Gosford Region Primary Ethics 0411 198483 or Gosford-region@primaryethics.com.au
Last week’s photos......

Kindergarten had The Teddy Bear’s Picnic with parents and bears invited. Mums and Dads enjoyed the picnic and the opportunity to do some fun activities with their children in class.

Class activities were enjoyed by all after a presentation in the hall with good singing, fun and laughter. Students and their bears were listening to their parents read stories.