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Here we are half way through the last term of the school year for 2014. We have had to deal with some very unpredictable weather over the last couple of weeks. Not only hot and cold temperature differences but wind and unusual storms as well. Smoke fog has been constant with bushfires looming in many surrounding areas. This has seen, on occasion, the need to keep students indoors and away from health affecting smoke. Just a reminder about making sure students have hats, sunscreen applied before coming to school and plenty of drinks provided as the weather continues to heat up heading into summer.

Teachers have been busy assessing our students and are now preparing the end of year student written reports. Reports will go out at the beginning of week 10 which is the week beginning 9th December.

Congratulations on ICAS English Results

Our students have achieved outstanding results in the recent International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) **English** test. Congratulations to **Andrew Huang** in Year 3, **Tom Rodham** in Year 4 and **Rhys McMahon** in Year 5 who received **Distinctions.** Overall our students received 3 Distinctions, 2 Credits and 16 Participation certificates. **Well Done Everyone!**

Swim School

Thank you for supporting the Swim School and making sure your child can attend and learn to swim and keep safe in water. It is such an important set of skills to learn, given as in Australia, our natural playground is always around water. The Swim School will continue this week as well.

Kindergarten Walking Excursion

Last Wednesday, our Kindergarten children set forth for a walk around the Woy Woy area looking at what is in our local area as part of their Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)work. They had a great afternoon out and we thank the wonderful people at Woolworths for their patience in allowing our students to purchase something. They were delighted to be so independent.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our "Ready Set Go" Kindergarten orientation program has been running since September. It is very

important for our new enrolment for Kindergarten 2014 to get a feel of "big school" before embarking on their school life. A large percentage of our intake is coming from a year in our own Preschool so they are reasonably familiar with the school environment. Having the new Kindergarten children into the school

and providing them with experiences of school life over a number of weeks, helps to familiarise them with the school environment, prepares them for what to expect and breaks down the anxiety around something unknown and new. It also gives our teachers time to spend with the children and see what skills they are

bringing and where they are socially, so that they can be placed into class groups and their learning program can be planned. We are looking forward to them starting with us next year.

P&C Annual General Meeting this week

The AGM for P&C is on **Thursday** night this week at **7:00pm** in the school **staffroom**. The P&C does wonderful work for our school in supporting the ongoing education of all our students. Funds raised directly provide many fantastic additions to our school both inside and outside the classroom environment. Please come along and be a part of our P&C. We need you!

Class Placements for 2014

Thank you to those parents who have made appointments to discuss concerns around class placements for 2014 or alternatively have put these concerns in writing. The staff will be looking at placing students in class structures at the end of November. As in previous years, lists will be available for parents to view at the end of this process.

Partial Absences

Thank you everyone for making sure your children arrive at school on time in the mornings ready to

start their morning lessons with their class. First lessons for our school day **start at 8:50am. Responsibility** is one of our school rules and an important **Value** we teach. Taking responsibility to be on time for school, work, appointments, transport pickups, shows, concerts, and other engagements is a lifelong commitment that we need to teach, role model and instil in our children. Making sure our children can function as successful adults in their future role is an important job. Thank you for supporting us and your children with this lifelong essential.

Helpful Parent tips Reading challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Preview app is a great way for students to find new books and track their progress in the challenge. It's free to download.

To download the app: http://apps.microsoft.com/windows/en-au/app/nsw-premiers-reading-challenge/7a451df8-214b-4cd7-92a8-f8a4ea6dbe78

Understanding climate change

Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO's scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling.

Find out more: http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx

Selective high school placement

Applications for 2015 placements for Year 7 in a selective high school close 18 November. Parents with internet access are asked to apply online. For information and application forms: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Art about Australia

The Aussie Art competition invites primary school children (K-6) to enter an artwork with a brief description of why 'Australia is the best place in the world', for a chance to win a P&O family cruise or a 16GB iPad 2. The competition closes on 17 February 2014. Enter the competition: www.aussievault.com.au

Ready for high school

Just to let you know that the transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist, is now available in 36 languages. Search by language: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php

Parent On-line Payments

Thank you to those parents who have been making on-line payments to the school for excursions etc. We hope that this system is easy for you. Just a reminder that payments can be made by visiting the Woy Woy Public School website and clicking on the "Make a Payment" tab.

Library News

Borrowing will stop this week. Please check for any books to be returned. Popular places are in tote trays at school, in school bags and in bedrooms at home. During Week 8, I will send reminders home for any outstanding loans. Please let me know if circumstances prevent the return of any books. Thankyou to those families that have done this.

The Book Fair profits have enabled the library to purchase over \$800 worth of new resources to meet the learning needs of the students. Thank you to those that helped our school by buying a book from the fair.

Mrs Walker

Public Speaking Finals

Congratulations to the Public Speaking finalists for 2013. The finals will be held on Friday 22nd November. Invitations have been sent to the finalists' families to come and witness the talents of Woy Woy Public School students. Attached to this newsletter is a list of names of the finalists.

Mrs Walker and Mrs Nebauer

Busways Change of Afternoon Departure Time

The school has received notice of a change in the departure time of Bus no 19 in the afternoons.

"Commencing Monday 25th November 2013 there will be a change to the departure time of the afternoon school bus 19 departing from Woy Woy Public School at 3:14pm and departing Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy at 3:16pm.

School Bus 19 will now depart Woy Woy Public School at 3:09pm and then Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy at 3:11pm (5 minutes earlier). There are no changes to the route instructions.

If you require further information, please contact our Kincumber Depot on 4368 2277 or visit our Busways website at www.busways.com.au "

K-6 Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received their awards at the assembly in week 4.

KK	Gemma Montalbano	3/4M	Aidan Watson
KLN	Evie Newell	3/4R	Luke Jackson
KPM	Ally Brown	5/6A	Maddy Spithill
1C	Alec Williamson	5/6B	Jessica Lam
1MK	Kahlia Williams	5/6L	Amy Robinson
1/2F	Emma Cooley	5/6HR	Chelsea White
2S	Thomas Fry	3-6C	Alicia Hohaia
2C	India Roewekamp	K-6P	Tyson Kershaw
3/4G	Imogen McFarlane	K-6W	Mickennah Byrne
3/4WS	Cassandra Ulaiwi		

Aspire Reading Awards

25 Nights	50 Nights	75 Nights	100 Nights	125 Nights	150 Nights	175 Nights	200 Nights	250 nights
Ella Lowden 3/4G	Tyson Kershaw K-6P	Emily Roberts K-6P	Hamish SImpson K-6P	Shaylah Jackson 1MK	Hayley Frohmuller K-6P	Vali Focus KK	Toby Woolnough KPM	Brady Colwell
Dylan Rutherford 3/4G	Joel Weston 2C	Ella Hodgekiss 1Mk	Emma Tranter 3/4G	Marco Baker- Athanassiou 1MK	Connor Conijn 1MK	Rylee Stait KK	Shae Ferguson KPM	
	Lara Forrester 2C	Milly Cashen 1MK	Cianan Dean 3/4G	Talen Higgison KK	Dylan Smith KK			
	Ashtobn Murphy	Brookle Keenan	Blayze Jackson Beazley	Zachary Adams	Riley Edwards			

KK	1MK	5/6HR	KPM	KK
Trsitan Watson KK	Billy Eden KK	Alya Verheyen 2C	Kody Boyle KPM	
Keira Maguire Kk		Ruby Archer 2C	Tarlia Wright KPM	
		Emalina Prytz 1MK		
		Jackson Wright 1MK		
		Shae Goolagong KK		
		Madison Wright KK		
		Gemma Montalbano KK		
		Ally Brown KPM		
		Ashlyn Fitzroy KPM		

Community Announcements

Cultural Cafe

"Bullying the Bigger Picture - everyone has a part to play in lessening the occurrences"

At Woy Woy Public School SaC Centre, entry via Bowden Rd. Friday 15th November 2013 from 9.15am to 11.30am. If you wish to access the free child minding being offerred for this event, please notify your school so we can ensure the child minding ratio regulations are met.

Family Activities

Ball games and other play based activities will be offered at Woy Woy South Public School (entry via Waterloo St) on Saturday 16th November from 10am to 1pm.

Free Coffee and Cheese Morning

Wednesday 27 November 2013, 11.15am - 12.30pm at the Woy Woy Public School SaC Centre. Come and chat to our 123 Magic Parenting Facilitator, Suzanne, and get some tips and strategies on how to deal with your children's challenging behaviour over the school holidays. Meet other parents that have completed the 123 Majic and Emotion Coaching Program and see how it is working for them. RSVP essential by 20 November for catering. Call or text Philippa on 0477 317 862 or email philippa.skipper@det.nsw.edu.au We hope to see you!

Christmas Toy Collection

This year we are again supporting families in need in the local community by collecting children's gifts for distribution by St Vincent de Paul. There is a collection box located in the foyer of the school office where you can leave unwrapped gifts (no food items please). Your donations will be greatly appreciated by the children who receive them.

P & C News	
Canteen News	
Roster	
Monday	V.Hyde

Helper needed 9-12 please

Tuesday

Wednesday	Lucy
Thursday	Sarah
Friday	Alison

Thank you to all the voluteers who helped at the disco- greatly appreciated. Just a reminder that lunch orders need to be in by 9am sharp due to our early lunch time.

Thank you, Anne

P&C Membership

Unfortunately I will be leaving at the end of this year, as I will be going to America for two years. This is an exciting opportunity for my family, but sad also to be leaving our wonderful school community. I am very passionate about keeping our P&C Association operating and I am asking you all to consider joining and maybe taking on a small role. This will ensure that our school & children continue to benefit from funds raised.

Membership renewals are due at our next meeting; this is a small cost of \$1. It is paramount that we have members to keep our P&C operating; otherwise it would fold which in turn would see the closure of the uniform shop and our canteen.

This would be disastrous as the uniform shop would be outsourced and prices would increase significantly, as we keep all prices to a minimum with only adding between 50c - \$2 on nearly all our items. The same would be with the canteen.

You need to be a financial member to have the opportunity to vote at our AGM in November, this is when all positions are up for nominations. The positions are : President, Vice President, Secretary,

Treasurer, Canteen Co-Ordinator & Treasurer, Uniform Co-Ordinator & Treasurer, Fundraising Co-Ordinator.

If you are interested in any of these positions and have any questions please come see me, I am always in the CA Room on Mondays from 9.00-9.30am after the uniform shop closes or why not come along to our next meeting. The P&C Association at our school can only operate if we have people that are willing to give a little of their time.

Please consider joining as our main focus is raising funds for our school that not only benefit the school but our children also.

The Uniform Shop

Opening times :

- Monday 8.30am 9.00am
- Thursday 8.30am 9.00am

Please note: There are order forms available at our school office, you can leave orders and payment in an envelope at the office and these will be completed and delivered to your child's class. We have stocked up ready for summer. Summer tunics size 10 & up have been redesigned. Hats are also available from the canteen every day. Payment is by cash or cheque only.

If you have any unwanted uniform, that you are willing to donate please leave in the CA Room, these are sold for \$5.

Our next meeting

Thursday 14th November - 7.00pm Staff Room - Annual General Meeting

Regards, Fiona Fry P&C President

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AECG Flyer (1)

AECG Flyer (2)

Summer Surf Schools

Program to Aid Literacy Volunteers

Invitation to P & C AGM



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