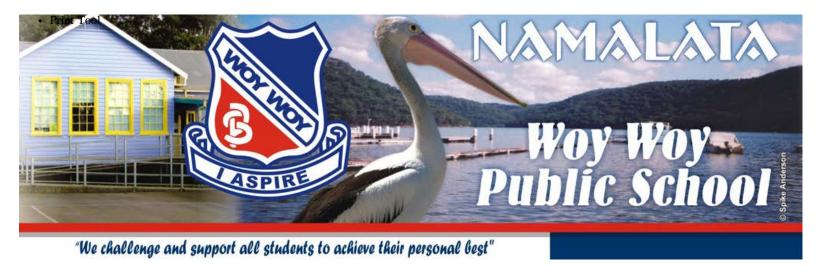
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Public Speaking finals

The finals for Public Speaking were held last Friday. What an amazing job our students did. Just to get up and speak in front of a crowd of people is no mean feat but to adhere to Public Speaking rules, use a microphone and be able to speak clearly and with good expression and fluency is a lot to remember. We have many talented students in our school who excel at Public Speaking. Congratulations to Evie Newell- Early Stage 1, Ruby Archer- Stage 1, Nell Hudson- Stage 2 and Megan Vandine- Stage 3. A huge thank you goes to Aunty Robyn, our special guest at the finals, who adjudicated and announced the successful overall winners and "Highly Commended" students. Thank you to all the teachers who worked hard selecting finalists from all our students across the school. A special thank you to Mrs Cathy Walker, Mrs Chloe Nebauer and Miss Brigitte Foster for their organisation of such a fantastic opportunity for all our students.

International Day for People with Disability

Our school celebrated the International Day for People with Disability on Monday with a special assembly and some follow up classroom activities throughout the school. Our special guests included previous students that had attended our school and were in one of our special needs classrooms, Shar and Kya as well as Mrs Amanda Price, Mr Price's wife, who told our students what it is like to have a physical disability and Carley Chapman who will compete in the Asia Pacific Games.

Our children in our Support classes entertained us with a number of songs. They put their heart and soul into their performance and enjoyed showing everyone just how confident and proud they are of who they are. How proud are we of them. We know just how big an effort it is for these children just to get up in front of others and how much practice and organisation goes on behind the scenes to get them ready. Congratulations to all of you.

Successful Preschool information evening

Last Tuesday our Preschool held an information evening for all the new parents of children starting in the Preschool next year. The meeting was well attended and thank you to Mrs Stewart and Mrs Witchard for the hours of work and dedication that go into setting up for such an evening. We are looking forward to having all the new little ones in our Preschool for 2014.

Deadly Awards

A large crowd gathered at Brisbane Waters Secondary College Woy Woy campus for a barbeque followed by an awards ceremony last Tuesday afternoon. Many of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students received awards. A big congratulations to all those students. Well done!

Maitland Public School Band

On Wednesday our school will be entertained by the Maitland Public School Band. They will be performing under our COLA at 9:00am and this will be free for all our students to attend. You are welcome to come and have a listen. I believe they are extremely good.

Cultural Cafe discussed bullying

Lots of parents from our other Primary Schools on the Peninsula came to our Schools as Community Centre building to discuss bullying in all its forms, its effect on others, how to know when someone is being bullied, what to do when this happens, and how to build resilience in children to protect themselves against bullying. This was part of the Peninsula schools initiative of a travelling Cultural Café which moves from school to school so parents across the Peninsula have a venue to meet up and talk about issues they see as concerns.

School Vegetable Garden

Our school vegetable garden is starting to produce lots of fresh, healthy vegetables and these are now being sold to our school community for a small price. The money raised is put back into our garden by purchasing seeds and other supplies for our garden to continue the growth cycle. A big thank you to Miss Moxon for overseeing our garden. We have applied to be part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program next year. This would enable us to have our students more involved in producing produce and learning how to make healthy meals out of what they have grown. Sounds exciting!

School Security

Our school is fortunate to have the new security fencing and every effort is made to keep our gates operating to keep our students safe. The gates are open in morning for arrival to school and then closed at 9:30am except for the main entry gate at the office. All persons coming onto the school site need to walk into the office to check in before entering the school grounds. This is for your safety and for our students' safety. The gates will be reopened at 2:30pm ready for afternoon pick up. No one is to enter the school through the car park gates except staff cars, delivery vans and garbage trucks. Obviously this rule is for the safety of all. Cars and people do not mix. A number of signs have been ordered for the fence to explain the rules of usage. These have arrived today, 26/11/2014 and will be up by the end of the day. It is really important for us all to make sure we keep to the rules of usage so that everyone will be safe.

School structure and classes for 2014

School staff have started the process of making up class lists for 2014. These will be finalised this week and published up on the school interior notice board next week. Please remember this is a very involved process and that each child is looked at individually for the best placement for their learning and social needs. Thank you to parents who have brought their concerns in person and by written format. Know that we have taken all concerns into consideration and where possible, have been able to place children accordingly. In saying that, our Kindergarten numbers for 2014 are sitting at 65 already which we are really pleased about but if numbers do go higher than 66 than we may need to restructure our present format of classes.

Have a great week everyone

Ona Buckley

Principal

K-6 Assembly Awards

Congratualtions to the following students who received their awards at the assembly in week 6.

KK	Tayla Macleod	3/4M	Natalie Cochrane
KLN	Amelia Hart	3/4R	Leisel Collins
KPM	Brock Wiegold	5/6A	Keila Wagg
1C	Zoe Lewis	5/6B	Gypsea-Lea Slater-Baker
1MK	Lloyd Ulawai	5/6L	Ruby Cox
1/2F	Lucia Keating	5/6HR	Luke Brown

2S	Zak Pearce	3/6C	Hannah Brutton
2C	Jordan Stowater	K-6P	Reece Maunder
3/4G	Kyuss Swancott	K/6W	Alannah Pal

3/4WS Kiara Caldren

Aspire Reading Awards

Congratulations to Samuel Keating 3/4G for completing 200 nights reading!

Year 6 Orientation Days Umina Campus

Orientation Days

Yr 6 students in our Learning Community will take part in Orientation Days at BWSC Umina Campus. The days will involve a tour of the school to complete a map activity, learning how to read a timetable, and experiencing taster lessons in subjects like Computers, Art, Science, Health and Geography. Yr 6 students meet key personnel including Principal, Deputies, Office staff, Team Leaders and Support teachers. Students will be lead through activities by our wonderful Yr 8 Peer Leaders. We expect that, by the time students get on to the bus at 12.30pm, all students will be feeling confident and a little excited about coming to high school.

Empire Bay Primary School	Wednesday 27 th November 2013
 Ettalong Primary School 	Wednesday 27th November 2013
 Out of Area/Catholic School 	Wednesday 27 th November 2013
Umina Primary School	Thursday 28 th November 2013
 Woy Woy South Primary School 	Friday 29 th November 2013
 Woy Woy Primary School 	Friday 29 th November 2013

Parent Information Evening Wednesday 27th November 7.00pm- 8.00pm

Parents will receive an Information Handbook on the night and Mr Walker, Campus Principal, will outline Middle School philosophy and the excellent opportunities offered at BWSC. CAPA students will perform and students will speak of their experiences starting high school. Finally, Ms Gilchrist will explain what will happen on the first day of high school. Uniform Shop will be open 5-45pm-6.45pm on the night!

We are looking forward to meeting you!

Sheree Gilchrist, Head Teacher Teaching & Learning

Poets' Corner

The Volcano

Deep in the Amazon,

the heart of the forest.

a volcano is ready to explode.

Volcanic soil is by far the best

and leaves nothing behind but gold.

So now this volcano erupts

and my story is not yet told.

The great Amazon vibrates

through the volcano of unknown.

So for seven days and seven nights

I go hungry and cold.

For seven days and seven nights

I visit villages from the books of untold

Background: The storyteller travels around the world and the volcano has wiped out his hut. He is going hungry searching for these ancient villages.

By Kara Speck, Year Four Poet

Community Announcements

Cultural Café

Hosted this week by Ettalong Public School Friday 29th November 9.15am -11.30. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday Families Activity

Hosted by Woy Woy South Public School (entry via Waterloo Street). Christmas and gift making craft Saturday 30th November 12pm-3pm. All equipment is supplied. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Activities are on rain, hail, or shine.

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

As the year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help and support throughout the year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as P&C President this year and believe that we supported our school with purchases that otherwise would not have been possible.

Your P&C Association for the coming year is as follows:

- · President Tina Jackson
- Vice President Leanne Jobson
- Secretary Jackie Kelaher
- Treasurer Lea Colwell
- Fundraising Coordinator Billie-Jean Higgison
- Uniform Coordinator Tanya Watson
- Canteen Coordinator Natalia Polglase
- Canteen Treasurer Jodi Rooney

CONGRATULATIONS to you all. We have two positions still vacant; these are 2nd Vice President & Uniform Treasurer

Ritchie's Community Benefit Card:

A BIG thank you to Ritchie's for a cheque totalling \$243.

This is due to their rewards program, please read below:

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So if you would like to support our school and don't already have a Ritchie's CB card or tag please collect one from the office here or alternatively pick one up at the registers at ANY Ritchie's store, supermarket or liquor. All you do is nominate Woy Woy Public School, it's that easy!"

The Uniform Shop is open on the following days:

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 5th December – 9.30am CA Room

Regards Fiona Fry

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