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Staff Changes

Mr Steller and Mrs Rayner have returned from leave and are back enjoying their respective classes. Mrs Chloe Nebauer will be on maternity leave as from Friday 24th October and Mrs Price will continue the learning program for KNP. As these Kindergarten children have Mrs Price for 3 days a week already the transition should be happy and smooth.

Future Planning

Just to give you a reminder about the parent evaluation/planning forum on **Thursday 30th October**. This is to be held in the school hall. Parents are welcome to wander in from 8:30am to 10:00am and again from 2:00pm to 7:00pm. P&C parent members will be available in the hall for you to talk to. There will be displays showing what the school currently offers, the evaluation of the school plan to date, as well as some checklists and forms for you to fill in. It is so important that we work together to make our school the best it can be. Over the next week we will be holding student and staff forums as well to gather the whole of the school community's views. We thank you for your support in this very important process for our school. See you sometime on Thursday.

Early Intervention and Preschool Visit the Farm

What a wonderful day our little ones had at the farm. They nursed baby chicks and a bunny. They fed the cows, pigs and sheep as well as the baby lambs and piglets. The children learned how to propagate plants in the green house and looked at what was growing in the vegetable garden. Lots of fun and learning. This was another great educational experience for our children. Thank you to our Early Intervention and Preschool teachers Ms Wiliame and Mrs Stewart and to School Learning Support Officers Mrs Riley and Mrs Witchard for organising and supporting our children on a great day out.

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Year 6 hold Mufti Day

Thank you Year 6 for holding another great mufti day last Tuesday. Everyone loves coming to school out of uniform and the funds raised help to buy the Year 6 present to the school. It is a little bit sad that our Year 6 students only have a short time left with us and are now transitioning to high school, the next chapter in their lives. Some of the Year 6 students have been with us for 8 years having started in our preschool! So much a part of the school population and life. They will be missed but we know they will be moving on with fond memories and will be well equipped academically to tackle the high school curriculum. A whole new world awaits.

What a Whopper!

Can you believe the size of this beetroot proudly grown in our school vegetable garden! It measured 39 centimetres in circumference and weighed 1.233kg. It was destined to make a lot of chocolate and beetroot muffins in the cooking classes! A tasty way to disguise the old vegetables. Our students love the muffins. Certainly our composting program has produced some yummy fertiliser for our vegetables to thrive on. The proof is in the beetroot.



Operation Christmas Child

The school is running with Operation Christmas Child again. It is a generous way for us to give to children who are less fortunate than us. Miss Christine Dos Remedios is organising again this year. Please check the newsletter for further details. We look forward to sending your much needed donations to children in need. Thank you for your continued support.

Patonga Camp 2014

Year 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to attend the Patonga camp this year during Week 9 beginning the 1st December 2014. Mr Smith is overseeing the camp organisation. What a wonderful time the students have camping out. They interact socially, bush walk, orienteer, play outdoor games, do storytelling and generally have the time of their lives. Now would be a good idea to see where your payments are up to if you intend letting your child attend.

2015 Organisation Checklist

At this time of the year we start the process of looking at school structure for the next year. This includes placement of students in classes for 2015. It is time for you to contact me for an appointment or send me written information if you have any real concerns for the placement of your child next year in 2015. Such discussions are **always confidential**.



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As always it is important to remember that students are placed in classes to enhance their learning opportunities with sound teacher professional knowledge backed up with assessments, work task results and the classroom teacher's observational expertise on the educational, social and emotional growth of a child. We do welcome your input in this process if you believe there are extenuating circumstances that need to be considered when placing your child in a class. This process will need to be finalised by the middle of November so that we are ready to begin structuring classes for 2015, with a view to publishing the structure before the summer holidays if possible.

Health Alert

We have been advised by a parent of a case of Scarlet Fever in a student at our school. Attached to the newsletter is a Department of Health Fact Sheet on *Infectious Diseases of Childhood* so that you are aware of the symptoms and exclusion from school details.

Consideration of a new uniform top, sports shorts and winter jacket

The P&C have agreed that we start the process of updating a few items of our uniform. To do this we have investigated a few different types of shirts. We want to be up to date and a bit more trendy, in line with what other schools around us are doing, but still be mindful of cost, comfort and easy care as well. It is time to get the parent community, staff and student opinions about what we have sourced so far. We have chosen to start off with a shirt top that is 2 toned with sky and navy blue and are thinking about introducing house coloured shirts for sport day on Fridays. Our selection will be on display in the hall for the Parent Forum day on Thursday. Take a look and give a vote. We have the sports shorts in navy with the embroidered WWPS on them and would like to include this WWPS on our cargo shorts too. We will work on the new jacket style later on. Time for an update so let us know what you think!

Useful Parent tips

Selective high schools

Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 is now open. Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

Managing your child's weight

It's all about family when it comes to influencing children's waistlines and no number of wonder diets can beat some simple changes at home. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/fitness/managing-your-childs-weight>

Choosing the right school shoes

Can those school shoes last...one...more...term.....? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child's feet? Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Creative reading

If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar's 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant! <http://bit.ly/1f>

Belonging, Being, Becoming (Early Years Learning Framework) - Getting Ready for Kindergarten!

Our Preschool students are getting ready to go to Kindergarten and the children have been having lots of conversations and asking quite a few questions as to what they think it will be like. So over the past few weeks, 'Roger, the Preschool Rabbit' has been visiting the Kindergarten classrooms armed with a few of the children's questions. Some of the questions are listed below and we thank the Kindergarten students who have taken the time to answer our queries.

It is lovely to be able to provide the children with the answers to their questions. This will help make their transition to BIG school a smoother and happier experience.

Toby: How will we know which class we will be in?

Answer from Gabe in KMD: Your teacher is the person who tells you what class you are in. You will find this out on the first day of kindergarten

Edward: "Will we get to do painting?"

Leshaye: "Can we draw pictures sometimes?"

Answer: "Yes, you sure do get to do painting. We paint when we do drawings." From **Fynn** and **Reagan** in KMD.

Lachlan: "Where do you put your bag? There are no lockers."



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Taj: "Where do you put your lunch box?"

Answer from the students in **KL**: "You hang your bag on the hooks outside your classroom, with your lunch box inside your bag."

Chayse: "What is the name card like? We have blue ones and the Pelican Groups are green."

Answer from the students in **KL**: "It has your name, as well as numbers, and also letters and sounds. It also has your left and right hand."



Operation Christmas Child

Just a reminder that we are once again collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. Shoe boxes, wrapping paper and knitted items are also welcome. To get through customs, items donated need to be new and things that will not leak. Any donation will assist the charity in creating boxes that will be given to children around the world who have never received a Christmas gift. Woy Woy Public School will stop collecting **Friday 31st October, 2014** so please bring in items you wish to donate by then. Thanks for your help with this. Any questions please ask.

Miss Dos

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Thank you to the local companies who sponsor our newsletter. Please support these businesses that support our school.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Toy Collection

For a number of years, the Woy Woy Public School community has supported local families in need at Christmas time by donating toys that are distributed by the St Vincent de Paul Society. Your donations of new, unwrapped toys can be left in the bin in the foyer of the school office from this week. Each year the Society and their clients are very appreciative of our community's generous support. Thank you.

Aspire Reading Awards

Congratulations to these students who have received their bookmark awards for home reading.

25 Nights: Jaerin Tuwairua K/1D

50 Nights: Jackson Williams 3G, Lilly Crawley 1MK, David Johnston K/1D

75 Nights: Brody Ryan 3G, Charlotte McAllister 3G, Mitchell Wilson 1MK, Layla Graham KL, Paige Keenan KL, Jake Fairbrother KL, Hamish Simpson K-6P, Brock Sutherland K/1D, Seth Graf K/1D, Jaden Walker K/1D, Jazmyn Tutauha

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100 Nights: Fletcher Moore 3G, Charlotte McAllister 3G ,Mitchell Wilson 1MK, Billy Eden 1MK, Brock Allen 1MK, James Bowmaker K-6W, Eloise Flight K-6W, Seth Graf K/1D, Jaden Walker K/1D

125 Nights: Mitchell Wilson 1MK, Zachery Zurawski 1MK, Dylan Smith 1MK, Natalia Jordan 1MK, Matthew Golds K-6W, Gemma Montalbano K/1D, Vali Focas K/1D

150 Nights: Fletcher Moore 3G, Eloise Hart 3G, Mitchell Wilson 1MK, Talen Higgison 1MK, Danae Stockwell KL , Natalia Jordan 1MK, Joshua Durrand K/1D, Elise Middlemiss K/1D, Zachary Adams K/1D

175 Nights: Olivia McLennan 1MK, Luke McLennan KL, Izzy Marsh KL, Zac Patterson K/6P, Joshua Durrand K/1D, Jessica Drury K/1D, Elise Middlemiss K/1D, Bronson Thomas K/1D

200 Nights: Lachlan Middlemiss 3G, Vivien Ding 1MK, River Quennelle 1MK, Jessica Drury K/1D, Laura Huber K/1D, Nate Armstrong K/1D, Bronson Thomas K/1D

225 Nights: Rylee Stait 1MK, Anwar El-Kurdi KL, Brady Colwell K/6P, Nate Armstrong K/1D, Laura Huber K/1D

Community Announcements

Jason Jackson Family Benefit Night

A benefit night will be held on Saturday 1 November at Easts/Woy Woy Leagues Club. Doors open at 6pm for a 7pm start. Tickets are \$75 and food, entertainment and special guests are included. There will be lucky door prizes on the night.

P & C News

Wet and Wild will be back again on **Thursday November 20**, with all the fun water activities. Sponsorship forms will be distributed to students shortly.

The Term 4 disco is scheduled for **Wednesday October 29**.

Tina Jackson - President

Uniform Shop

Opening times are each Monday and Thursday morning 8.30am to 9.00am. We are only able to accept cash or cheque.

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Tanya Watson, Uniform Coordinator

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