Print Tool



"We challenge and support all students to achieve their personal best"

From the Principal
2014 Koorana AECG Deadly Awards
Violin Lessons at WWPS
Aspire Home Reading Awards
Operation Christmas Child
School bus timetable changes

2015 Breakfast Club
St Vincent De Paul Christmas Toy Collection
Fish Breeding Houses
International Day for People with a Disability
Stage 2 Christmas Party 2014
P & C News

From the Principal Term 4 Week 8, 2014

Wet and Wild

A huge thank you to our P&C for the organisation and running of "Wet and Wild" last Thursday. What fabulous fun for all our students! We had soaked, excited children who had a ball in the water and certainly the water was a bonus on such a hot day. Thank you mums, dads and caregivers for ensuring all students could participate and for having that essential towel and change of clothes packed and sent with them, so they could get comfortable again after their water fun. The P&C are busy counting the money raised and will announce a final total as soon as this is done. The P&C have generously donated these funds to allow the school to finish the Wi Fi set up process so that the internet is accessible in all areas of our school and also to provide some more banks of iPads for student classroom use.











Hot weather

We are experiencing some very hot days at present and need to be conscious of children's health and wellbeing during these hot periods. Here at school we monitor the heat and if it is very hot the children are kept indoors at break times in the air conditioned rooms and encouraged to drink lots of water. Be aware that the children may need extra drinks packed during these summer months and most definitely need their hats. It would be sensible to apply sunscreen before coming to school. Glare and extreme heat can cause headaches, sunstroke and dehydration. All of which we can avoid if we all work together to make sure children's needs are met. Thank you for your support to keep our children well, comfortable, happy and learning.

Chess team wins tournament

Woy Woy Public School was represented last week by six teams at the Central Coast Primary School's one day tournament. All teams played well and represented the school with pride. One of our teams, comprising Sam Dewey, Oliver Haime and Scott Mateer, won first place and will progress to the state finals. The team of Mathew Sarayeldin, Jordan Manning and Jamie Hanna were runners up on the day. The team of Brock Van Aalderen, Tyrone Green and Mitchel Bampton came in at fourth place, missing third place by one point. Well done and congratulations boys!



Thank you to Mr Andrew Brady for his excellent coaching and organisation of the teams.

Deadly awards evening

Last Tuesday afternoon/evening the Deadly Awards were held for our Aboriginal students at Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy campus hall. All aboriginal students from our partner schools from the Brisbane Water Learning Community were recognised for their achievements. This includes Woy Woy South, Umina, Empire Bay, Ettalong and Woy Woy Public Schools as the primary school partners and we are joined by the two secondary college campuses of Woy Woy and Umina. The afternoon kicked off with a family orientated BBQ for all attendees followed by a formal award presentation including musical and dance performances. Congratulations to all our students from Woy Woy Public who received awards. We are very proud of you. Well done! A big thank you to Mrs Nerida Ceaser who oversaw our part of the participation and made sure our students were recognised for their achievements and that their families were invited and informed about the Deadly Awards presentation.

Preschool information evening

Last Tuesday evening we had a Preschool information session for parents of children enrolled to attend our Preschool in 2015. Parents and families of these children had the opportunity to hear about what Preschool will be like for their child in 2015. In 2015 our Preschool will keep the same hours as the rest of our school, 8:50am-2:50pm. After parent interviews at the beginning of the year and the initial orientation session, it has been decided that aligning the hours of the preschool to those of Kindergarten to Year 6 students would be best for all concerned. A big thank you to Mrs Kerrie Stewart and Mrs Deb Witchard for the organising and running of the Preschool evening.

Young Black and Ready for school

Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander students who will be starting school in Kindergarten in 2015 attended a session at Woy Woy South Public School called "Young Black and Ready for School". Parents and students were able to meet each other and also receive valuable information about starting school. This is a very supportive program for all of our aboriginal families on the Peninsula. Thank you again to **Mrs Nerida Ceaser** for supporting our families at this session.

Year 6 transition visit to Umina Campus

Well done Year 6. Off to high school for the day. Such a big but exciting change of school life coming up for our Year 6 students. Lots of class changes to negotiate throughout a typical high school day, lots of rooms to find the location of and then the challenge of getting there on time! Lots of different teachers to get to know. It will be a bit overwhelming at first but a few weeks into 2015, it will become second nature. It will be sad to see Year 6 go, but we know a big new world full of learning and wonder awaits them. Enjoy your last few weeks with us Year 6.

Staffing for 2015

Processes for recruiting three new teachers and a new Assistant Principal for our school are running smoothly. We will be ready to announce who our new staff members will be by the end of term and have a good idea of what classes/stages teachers will be placed on. Numbers are still coming in for Kindergarten. Our Preschool is now full and we have a growing waiting list. Of course, we know of some children who will leave our school at the end of the year and have some inquiries for placement of other children coming into the area to be enrolled for 2015 as well. Hopefully soon we will have a bigger picture of anticipated numbers and will start the process of structuring classes. Thank you to all of you who have made appointments and discussed your concerns, or put them in writing to me, around the best placement for your child/children in 2015.

Canteen Award

Our school canteen recently received the "Central Coast Healthy Canteen Award". A big congratulations and thank you to **Mrs Anne Wilson**, our canteen supervisor and her band of volunteers for providing our students (and staff!) with healthy, tasty lunches.



OPEN 7 DAYS

FOR ALL YOUR TIMBER, PAINT & HARDWARE SUPPLIES 182 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy

TIMBER&HARDWARE

O WHERE THE TRADIES GO



New proposed items of uniform update

Thank you to those parents who have kindly let their children trial our proposed new uniform items. They certainly look smart but what we want to know is, "do they wear well?". Attached to the newsletter is a flyer for your information about the proposed uniform changes. One side has pictures and prices of the uniform; the other information relating to these proposed uniform item changes, plus an anonymous return slip for you to send back to school with your vote and comment by the date shown. Thank you for your consideration and support around looking at these few proposed uniform item changes for our school.

Some good parent tips

Choosing a book for your child

What makes a good book for young kids? Usually anything that they want to read. Resist the desire to choose only books that you read as a child. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/what-makes-a-good-book-for-young-kids

Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?

Lots of parents question the violence in many of today's cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence?

Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/does-cartoon-violence-make-kids-more-aggressive

Have a happy and productive week.

Ona Buckley, Principal

2015 Breakfast Club at Woy Woy Public School

Research shows that eating a nutritious breakfast supports learning and academic achievement. Unfortunately, every day many students miss out on those benefits. At Woy Woy Public school we would like to start a Breakfast Club in Term 1 2015. Many schools on the Central Coast have found that this program works really well to support their students.

We are asking that any parents please contact Miss Foster or Mrs Tina Jackson by email if they would like to volunteer a morning during the week to help with this important program. Please contact Miss Foster at Brigitte.Foster2@det.nsw.edu.au or Mrs Jackson at wwgspandc@live.com.au

We look forward to your support and the start of this exciting program in 2015!

Miss Brigitte Foster



2014 Koorana AECG Deadly Awards

On Tuesday the 18th November 2014, Koorana AECG celebrated the educational, leadership, sporting and cultural successes of Aboriginal students in our local area at the 2014 Deadly awards. The award ceremony was hosted by BWSC Woy Woy Campus. It was exciting to witness the progress and achievements of our students in the present and from the past, now in high school. Two of the three MC's for the evening were former WWPS students - Sean Downey, who is already receiving mentoring towards university placement in 2016 from Val Francis, and Janelle Rooney who is looking forward to beginning Year 11 in 2015. Mrs Buckley presented the awards for "Outstanding Attendance" for WWPS students and the awards for "Academic Excellence". The Mingaletta Dance Group performed traditional dances learned from local Aboriginal mentor, Stuart McMinn. They captivated and entertained the audience. Tallon Carter in Year 4 was a part of this performance.

Congratulations and well done to all 2014 award winners.

Leisel Collins Academic Excellence
 Aidan Downey Academic Achievement

Marley Delaney
 Casey Ferguson
 Maxx Ferguson
 Tallon Carter
 Brody Ryan
 Leadership
 Sporting Award
 Cultural Award.
 Brody Ryan
 Loadership
 Sporting Award
 Cultural Award
 100% attendance

The following students received an award for Excellent School Attendance in 2014

Ava Ayres, Annabelle Bridge, Adrian Brown, Ally Brown, Kane Butler, Lara Butler, Kieran Cashen, Milly Cashen, Jake Chamberlain, Chayse Charlton, Leisel Collins, Makaylah Jackson, Shaylah Jackson, Molly Mabberley, Kaidyn McDermott, Tony McDermott, Kairone Murdoch, Leshaye Murdock, Lleyton Murdoch, Tyrelle Pritchard, Charles Rooney, Ethan Rooney, Cheyanne Salmond, Jordan Stowater, Sidney Stowater, Nakiesha Towns, Jaden Walker, Liam Waters, Ronan Waters.

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.

Violin Lessons at Woy Woy Public School

Violin teacher Brian Hampton has been conducting lessons at Woy Woy Public School for a number of years. The lessons are held after school between 3pm and 8pm during school terms and a number of our students have taken advantage of his skills to learn a new instrument. If you would like to find out more, you can contact Brian on (02)4990 6687 or 0432 112 825 for further details.

Fish Breeding Houses

On Friday the 7th November, Moses, a visiting Marine Biologist from the Shangri-La Resort in Fiji volunteered to attend our school and spend time with students. Students in the fishing sporting group were fortunate to learn about fishing and sea life in Fiji. Moses answered many questions about the Fijian lifestyle and culture. He spoke to students about



the schools in Fiji where he teaches Fijian students about marine conservation and reef rejuvenation. He reminded our students of how fortunate they are to be learning in such a modern school. His schools still have only blackboards and chalk. The culmination of this visit was a practical activity where students were able to learn about and then produce fish breeding houses. These houses provide a protective area for fish to breed in, and small fish to live. Many students involved have expressed that this was an enjoyable, rewarding and educational experience. Many thanks Moses, for taking time from your holiday to visit our school.

Aspire Home Reading Awards

25 Nights: Jamie Hibbs K/1D

50 Nights: Dyce Murphy 3G

100 Nights: Nadia Krohn-Said 3G, Billy Eden 1MK

125 Night: Vali Focas K/1D, Shae Ferguson 1MK, Dylan Smith 1MK, Mitchell Wilson 1MK

150 Nights: Vali Focas K/1D, Dylan Smith 1MK, Imogen Sanders 1MK, Mitchell Wilson 1MK

175 Nights: Natalia Jordan 1MK, Talen Hlggison 1MK, Mitchell Wilson 1MK

200 Nights: Fletcher Moore 3G, Zachary Adams K/1D, Elise Middlemiss K/1D, Olivia McLennan 1MK, Mitchell Wilson

1MK

225 Nights: Lachlan Middlemiss 3G, Ally Brown 1MK, Vivien Ding 1MK, Rylee Stait 1MK, River Quennelle 1MK

250 Nights: Leif Quennelle 3G, Rylee Stait 1MK, River Quennelle 1MK

International Day For People With A Disability

Our school will be celebrating International Day For People With A Disability on Tuesday, December 9. Students from the disability classes will be performing in a special assembly beginning at 9:30am. We invite all community members to come along and be entertained by our musical items and guest speakers. Our raffle will also be drawn during this assembly. Tickets are available from the Disability Class teachers.

As many of the disability students have been studying Africa, our assembly items have an African theme. All students are invited to wear earthy, African colours to add to the atmosphere of the day. We will be raising money for Riding for the Disabled and ask that students wearing mufti donate a gold coin to this worthy organisation.

At the conclusion of the assembly, K/6P and K/6W classrooms will be open for visitors to view our art displays. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

Disability Classes

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your donations to support the National Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal. We were able to create over 80 boxes and raised \$70 towards postage. Many additional items were also donated to the appeal. If they were too large or could have leaked, they have been donated to other charitable drives. Your assistance is appreciated and will provide a Christmas gift to a child who has never before received a gift.

Miss Dos

Stage 2 Christmas Party 2014

On Monday 15th December, all Stage 2 mainstream students will be travelling by train to the Central Coast Youth Centre at Niagara Park. We will be rotating through lots of fun activities such as wheelchair basketball, trampolining, indoor soccer, volleyball and many more. The children will need to take a packed party lunch to eat there and will receive an ice-block. The cost will be approximately \$12 per child. The Year 3 & 4 students will receive a note shortly. We will leave at 9:00am and return at 2:30pm on the day. We hope all students can attend this very enjoyable occasion.

Mrs Rayner- Stage 2 AP-organising teacher



School Bus Timetable Changes

Busways has advised that some changes will be made from December 1 to school bus timetables. Letters detailing these changes are being distributed to students by Busways and a copy of the letters is included in this newsletter's downloads.

P & C News

2015 Office Bearers

The P & C Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday November 13 . Congratulations to the office bearers for 2015 whose names are listed below.

 President Letitia Coolev Vice President 1 Tina Jackson Vice President 2 Emma Armstrong Lea Colwell Treasurer Secretary Gillian Graf • Fundraising Coordinator Billie-Jean Higgison Canteen Coordinator Natalie Polglase · Canteen Treasurer Fiona Fry • Uniform Shop Coordinator Vacant Uniform Shop Treasurer Fiona Frv Melanie Huber School Banking Coordinator • CCC P & C Rep 1 Letitia Cooley • CCC P & C Rep 2 Emma Armstrong Staff Selection Panel Leanne Jobson

Uniform News

School Uniform Shop will be open on the following Kindergarten *Transition to School Days* in addition to our normal days. We accept cheque or cash payment only.

Wednesday 26th November 9.15am - 9.45am

General opening times are each **Monday and Thursday morning 8.30 – 9.00am**. Donations of uniforms in good, clean condition are required please bring them into the shop. We have Eco bags, printed calico library bags and school backpacks with the school logo.

You can contact the P & C at wwpspandc@live.com.au

Downloads

Eleanor Duncan Health Services - Otitis Media Screening Consent

Stage 2 Xmas Party Permission Note

Christmas Twillight Market

GCC Parking Restrictions Fact Sheet

Kariong OOSH Booking Sheet

Kindergarten Cultural Continuum

Proposed Uniform Changes Letter

Proposed Uniform Changes Photos

Bus 58 Timetable change letter

Bus 16 Timetable change letter

Bus 53 Timetable change (morning) letter



Bus 53 Timtable change (afternoon) letter





Promote your business to local school families through this unique opportunity

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO

Your ad will be exclusive to each school's newsletter

1800 245 077 OUSTINEWS

Limited spaces now available