

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

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From the Principal

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Term 4 Week 10, 2014

Here we are at the end of another school year. You might ask yourself where has that year gone and what have I done. At Woy Woy Public School we have had a very productive and successful year full of wonderful opportunities being provided for the children in our care and have had many pleasing student achievements.

Reports coming home

End of year student reports will be sent home on Thursday 11th December. Please look out for these in your child's bag. If you have any concerns relating to your child's report please make a time to see your child's teacher and discuss these concerns. Every child is different and will reach achievement markers at different times.Please praise your child for their efforts, build on their successes and weaknesses. Success breeds success .All children can achieve success (big or little) given time and the adequate tutoring to do so. Have faith in the saying "No one can do everythin,g but everyone can do something"

Year 5 and 6 campout at Patonga

Year 5 and 6 who attended Patonga camp over last week had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed their outdoor experiences. A huge thank you to Mr Smith and Mrs Rayner for the enormous job they did in organising and running the camp. Thank you to all of the teachers who gave up their time to care for the children and make sure they were all safe and happy during the night and through the day, including cooking and catering for them.

Staffing Update

Processes for recruiting 3 new teachers and a new Assistant Principal for our school are running smoothly. We have a new Assistant Principal replacing Mr Kevin Lane. Mrs Janine Szostak will start at our school at the beginning of 2015. Mrs Emma Mallarky will start at the beginning of 2015 as well, in the capacity of classroom teacher. Emma was a centrally appointed teacher to our school through staffing at the Department of Education and Communities. The process for two more class teachers is progressing well and we should know an outcome very soon. With the likely possibility that some children will leave our school at the end of the year and some new students will come into the area, 2015 numbers can change dramatically. As a result, although staff will make up temporary class lists, these will not be published before the end of the year, just in case we need to change the structure for 2015. All children will return to school and return to their old class formats until new class lists are finalised. This may only be a matter of days. It is better to be sure than cause disruption and angst with changing classes a few weeks into term 1 as was the



case at the beginning of this year.

Farewell and best wishes Year 6

It is so sad to lose our wonderful Year 6 students. Off they go to high school in 2015. A whole new exciting educational world exists for them to explore. Many have had a very long association with our school as far back as Preschool. It is rewarding to see them now, having grown into such strong, world connected young people. Woy Woy Public School wishes them the best for their journey through high school and into the future. We are proud we have had such a large impact on their educational journey through life. Enjoy high school, Year 6 and make sure you come back and visit us and let us know how you are and about all the exciting things you are doing.

New proposed items of Uniform update

Thank you for the response with our proposed uniform changes. Twice now parents have been asked if they like the proposed new uniform and if they would like to update these items as our new school uniform. Both times we have had positive results. Parents of children trialling the uniform items have reported back that they are indeed very durable, wash and wear well and are easy to get stains out of. Better still, they are totally drip dry, they do not shrink or pull out of shape. The price remains the same as the current items for 2015. The P&C have endorsed the go ahead to change over to these items as uniform. We are a uniform school and we want our students to feel pride in wearing their school uniform. To wear school uniform is our first school rule under the value - "Be Proud".

We will start by supplying the sports uniform. The new sports shorts will replace the old style over the next 2 years. The new house coloured sports shirts will be available for purchase at the beginning of 2015. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are placed in one of our 3 sport houses. This information is available from the school office if you are not sure which one your child belongs to. The sport houses include Davis-Yellow, Scott- red and Web- green. All students will wear the sports uniform on Fridays only. You will only need one shirt per year depending on your child's growth pattern. The skort for girls will be introduced and available for purchase in 2015 as well. We will have the new school shirt available in a range of sizes for purchase so you can change over as the need determines. All other items of uniform will still be available as normal. The proposed winter jacket will be further considered and trialled for wear, warmth and durability before a final decision is madeduring the year.

Presentations forSport and Academic achievements

We have many great achievements to celebrate this year and many students have received sporting and academic awards at our Presentation ceremonies on Monday 8th December. Thank you to all of you who were able to attend and help us congratulate these students. The Principal's speech I gave at the academic presentations is attached to this newsletter for you r interest.

When does school return in 2015?

School returns to start 2015 on 28th January for all school staff. Students from Year 1 to Year 6 return on 29th January and Kindergarten will start on Monday 3rd February after completing their PLAN assessments in those previous few school days. Classes cease for 2014 on Wednesday December 17th.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe summer break with their family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces back with us to start a new school year in 2015.

Ona Buckley

Principal

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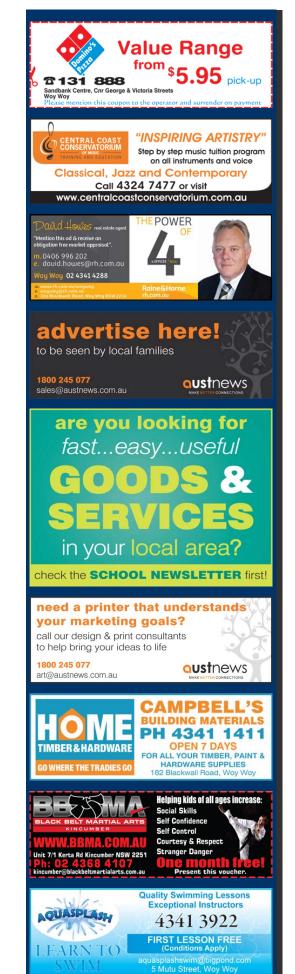
The children of 3G and Mrs Grejsen would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have consistently helped out with literacy groups and home reading this year. Thank you to **Mrs Fairbrother, Mrs Middlemiss, Mrs Moore, Mrs Newcombe and Mrs Pollock**. We couldn't have done it without you!

We would also like to say thankyou to all the parents who provided the class with the wonderful donations of tissues, hand soap and glue sticks. Much appreciated.

With thanks, Odette Grejsen and 3G

2015 Breakfast Club at Woy Woy Public School

Research shows that eating a nutritious breakfast supports learning and academic achievement. Unfortunately, every



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day, many students miss out on these benefits as they don't have the time to eat a healthy breakfast before coming to school.

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 Mrs Cooper (aka Foster) or Mrs Tina Jackson by email if they would like to volunteer a morning during the week to help with this important program. This program will not be able to run without the support from our parent community.

We are looking to start by holding the club 2 days a week – possibly Tuesday and Thursday. Your role would be to arrive at school between 8 and 8:20am, serve students with toast, cereal and a drink, and to help students wash up their bowls, plates and cutlery. If this is something you would be able to help with, please contact Miss Foster at Brigitte.Foster2@det.nsw.edu.auor Mrs Jackson at www.www.subefore the end of this term.

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

Mrs Brigitte Cooper

BWSC 2015 S and CAPA Class Students

Brisbane Water Sceondary College wish to advise parents/caregivers that as part of the S Class and CAPA programs, the students will be attending a team bonding camp on Monday 9th - Tuesday 10th of February 2015.

This outdoor education experience for will be held at Challenge Ranch, Somersby. Nestled among State Forests and Nature Reserves, the beautiful location and the team of education specialists will offer a dynamic outdoor experience including activities to promote team building and to challenge personal limits. This may include abseiling, rope climbing and flying fox.

This is a COMPULSORY overnight camp offered exclusively to selective classes. The cost of the camp is \$195.00. We understand the end of the year can be a costly time, however to assist with organisation of the camp, we do require a \$50 deposit by the end of this term. Final payment of \$145.00 is to be paid by Wednesday 4th February 2015. Payments can be made either in person at the Umina Campus Front Office or by credit card over the phone.

Full details of the camp will be mailed out to parents/caregivers within the next week.

If you have any questions or require any further details, please contact Susannah Murray, 6-7 Transition Co-ordinator, BWSC Umina Campus on 43419066.

Home Reading Award

Congratulations to the following students who have received their awards for home reading.

50 Nights: Maia Nanai 3G

75 Nights: David Johnston K/1D

100 Nights: Brody Ryan 3G, Chloe McPherson 3G

125 Nights: Seth Graf K/1D

150 Nights: Seth Graf K/1D

175 Nights: Natsumi Pollock 3G, Eloise Hart 3G

200 Nights: Charlotte McAllister 3G, Natsumi Pollock 3G, Amy Newcombe 3G, Gemma Montalbano K/1D

225 Nights: Alya Verheyen 3G, Natsumi Pollock 3G, Elise Middlemiss K/1D

250 Nights: Natsumi Pollock 3G, Jessica Drury K/1D, Bronson Thomas K/1D , Jaden Introna K/1D

275 Nights: Nate Armstrong K/1D, Laura Huber K/1D

Stage 3 Dance Group for 2015

On Wednesday the 10th of December at lunchtime in my room (5/6F), I will be holding the first round of auditions for students currently in year 4 and 5 that would like to be in next year's dance group. On this day students will be taught a



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short dance routine and will then be given a few days to practise. On Wednesday 17th December students will perform this short routine and I will choose the group from there. If any students know they will be away on either of these days, but would like to audition, can they please come and see me before Wednesday.

This group will be performing in next year's Central Coast Dance Festival.

Mrs Cooper (Miss Foster)

Support Classes Camp Report

During week 5 of this term, thirty one excited Woy Woy Public School students travelled to the Mangrove Mountain Outdoor Education NSW camp, set in the bushland at Mangrove Mountain.

Our students participated in a wide range of activities including, abseiling, rock climbing and archery, as well as a multitude of High Ropes / Tree Tops Courses, Giant Swings and Flying Foxes.

During the afternoon of the first day the students were a little wet following an intense storm that hit the camp however the rain didn't interrupt the action-packed programme that was planned by the camp leaders.

The students were faced with many fun-filled challenges when the rain cleared. The students had to overcome the fear of heights in rock climbing and the fear of leeches whilst bush walking. They had to work co-operatively and think laterally in raft building and the challenge of the archery target seemed to enhance their hand and eye co-ordination with a bow and arrow.

Once the tables were set for meals we all enjoyed plenty of delicious and nutritional food.

During the evenings the fun and games did not stop. The students participated in a 'challenge night' and there was a fantastic disco were some of the students showed their best moves. The children were 'run ragged' by the camp leaders with one fabulous action game after another.

All the campers are to be commended on their positive, enthusiastic behaviour and willingness to learn and have a go, and there was not one complaint about the damp weather!







Year 6 Fun Fair

Year 6 are holding their Fun Fair this Friday, December 12th. Students should pay their \$3 entry fee to their class teacher before Friday. The entry fee will cover all activities and there will be cakes, slushies, milkshakes and more available for purchase, starting from 50 cents.

Community Announcements

Tennis Camp

| Where: | Peninsula Tennis, Umina |
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| When: | Monday 5 th - Friday 9 th January & Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd January |
| Time: | 9am-3pm (gates open @ 8am) ½ day 9am-1230pm |
| Cost: | Week \$75, half day Week \$40, full day \$25, half day \$15 |
| Included: | Racquets, BBQ Lunch, drink & ice Blocks on the Thursday and prizes on the Friday |
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The camp will be predominately tennis with other activities such as soccer, cricket, athletics etc to keep the children occupied.

The camps are held wet or fine with indoor activities provided. Bookings are recommended and all enquiries can be made by phoning 0410828278.

Woy Woy Public School Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards depicting a Christmas Scene in the Woy Woy Public School garden are on sale. The cards have been made from a painting done by one of our very talented mums. The painting is on display in the front office and the cards can be purchased for \$1 each.

P & C News

Wet and Wild

A fantastic day was had by all. Thank you to all students, parents and teachers for their support. A big thank you to Macca for all his help in settnig up the course. The money raised will be used for purchasing IT equipment for the



school. The top sponsorship winners are:

- Class 4WS
- Preschool to Year 2 Connor Conijn 2W
- Year 3 to Year 6 Tom Davison 4WS

Uniform Coordinator needed!

The P & C are still looking for someone to fill the position of Uniform Coordinator for 2015. The position involves the selling of uniforms, banking, ordering of stock and organisation of the stock room. If you are interested in this position, please email www.spandc@live.com.au or phone 0406 398 183.

I would like to say thank you to Tanya Watson for her time, skill and enthusiasm for the position in 2014.

The uniform shop will be open during January on the following days.

- January 22, 5pm 7pm
- January 27, 12pm 2pm
- January 28, 29 and 30, 8.30am 9am

School Banking

Thank you to all those who have participated in the school banking this year. Please remember, if you have any questions or problems, speak to Mel Huber or place a note in your child's bank book. The last banking day will be on Wednesday December 17th in the CA room from 8.30am. Students can take their own bank book to the CA room on that morning.

Richies IGA Donation

We have been lucky to have Richies IGA donate money to the school. Richies cards are available at the school office. When you present your card whilst shopping in their store, a percentage of each sale is returned to the school.



The P & C can always do with your help and ideas. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday December 11th at 9.30am** in the CA room. It will be a pleasure to see you all there. The first 2015 P & C meeting will be **February 12th at 9.30am** in the CA room.

Happy and safe holidays,

Letitia Cooley, President

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Presentation Evening Principal's Address

Girl Guides Flyer

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