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## From the Principal

## Term 1 Week 4

### Happy Harold visits our school

Healthy Harold and the Life Education mobile classroom is visiting our school in Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 1. The Life Education program is a broadly focused health and drug education program delivered in preschools and schools across Australia. Individual modules cover a range of different learning areas and issues. Preschool programs support children's learning and development for a safe and healthy lifestyle and cover topics such as healthy eating, physical activity, hygiene, sleep, empathy and respect, relationships and positive communication. Primary programs focus on issues associated with body knowledge, safety, healthy diet, physical activity, puberty, respectful relationships, cyber safety, safe use of medicines, smoking, alcohol and other drugs. Specialist Educators deliver highly interactive and engaging educational sessions in the Life Education mobile classroom – a context, which provides students with a distinctive, engaging, hands-on learning environment and experience. Character devices – like the ever-popular mascot Healthy Harold the Giraffe – and interactive storytelling approaches are used to engage younger children and help them to connect with and explore the ideas being covered in the sessions. A range of digital and interactive tools are also used to support student learning.

This year at WWPS our preschool students will participate in the Harold's Healthy Play Day module. Kindergarten students will experience the My Body Matters module. Year 1 students will participate in the Ready, Steady, Go module and students in Year 2 will experience the Safety Rules module. Students in Years 3 and 4 will complete the Mind Your Medicine module and students in Years 5 and 6 will participate in the Decisions module. Students from Disabilities Programs classes will join with their age-based peers from mainstream classes in order to attend shows with appropriate content.



Ms Liesl Tesch MP, Member for Gosford has recently been inducted as an Ambassador for Life Education and Healthy Harold. Ms Tesch will be visiting our school on Tuesday 26 February in her capacity as Ambassador to join our 3/4M class in the Life Education van for their Healthy Harold session. Following this she will have some photos taken with our school leaders. The Life Education programs run in all schools and are a very important supplement to the curriculum content of the Personal Development part of our Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus. Thank you for supporting your child and giving them the opportunity to participate in this wonderful learning experience.

### **Stage 3 Forensic Science day**

Year 5 and 6 students participated in an interactive Forensic Science workshop in our school hall on **Wednesday 20 February 2019**. The workshop was presented by the Education Interactive group and was called 'A Case of Emergency'. In the scenario presented to students, a 12 year old student was missing and it was not known whether they had run away from home to join the circus, were kidnapped, or whether something else happened to them. Students examined the crime scene, learnt about animal tracks, scatology, took their own fingerprints, used a digital microscope, uncovered hidden clues and much more during this investigation. It was a very exciting experience for all involved.

### **Year 1 Cultural Continuum**

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Year 1 attended a Cultural Continuum incursion at Ettalong Public School on Wednesday 20 February 2019. The incursion was for all Aboriginal students in Year 1 in the Brisbane Water Learning Community. This included students from Ettalong, Woy Woy, Umina Beach, Empire Bay, and Woy Woy South Public Schools. The students were immersed in Aboriginal Dance and Storytelling activities, learning about and listening to the didgeridoo. Thank you to Mrs Nebauer for organising our Year 1 students and supporting them at the incursion.

### **Parent information sessions**

Thank you so much to all our parents who were able to attend the information sessions this week. This is always such an important time to meet your child's teacher and find out what is happening at school for your child. We do understand that there are parents that cannot attend due to work or other commitments. There are information booklets for each stage of learning for 2019. You can request to have a copy emailed to you, pick up one from your child's teachers, obtain a hard copy available at the school's front office or alternatively view a copy on the school's website and Facebook site as from next week.

### **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program Years 3-6**

Our school has been involved in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) program for over four years. Through the kitchen garden program, children learn:

- ✓ positive food habits for life
- ✓ about their natural environment, the seasons, and how to care for gardens
- ✓ practical skills, from recycling, composting and preserving to budgeting and fundraising
- ✓ life skills, such as cooperating, sharing, critical thinking and leadership
- ✓ by doing and having fun (they don't even realise they're learning)
- ✓ to be engaged, especially those who face barriers learning in the traditional classroom environment.

The SAKG program links to the curriculum and forms a big part of the school environmental education and sustainability focus. There are countless opportunities for embedding pleasurable food education into the curriculum. Kitchen garden learning can be integrated with learning requirements – from measuring garden areas and perimeters in mathematics to exploring seed growth in science, developing procedural text through recipes and sharing cultures through menus and celebrations.

The kitchen garden program also supports wellbeing programs, cross-age tutoring between students, inquiry learning, project- or problem-based learning and interdisciplinary approaches, such as STEAM.



Kitchen garden programs give schools:

- ✓ practical skills for growing and preparing fresh, seasonal, delicious food
- ✓ a hub for community engagement as educators, families, students, business owners and others from the community come together to share food, learn and have fun
- ✓ an understanding of the importance of food systems, food security and sustainability
- ✓ opportunities to recruit volunteers to develop healthy, secure school communities.

Students in Years 3-6 love the program and it provides them with skills for lifelong healthy eating and living. We have two wonderful educators in Lina Williamson (kitchen) and Pete Smith (garden) running the program for our students.

There is a special contract for our students to sign to be part of the program. A copy is attached for your information. The contract will be given out for all 3 -6 students to take home for families to read together, sign and return to school. The school asks for a small cost of \$20 per year to supplement the SAKG program. We use all the food grown in the vegetable gardens, orchard and eggs from the chicken run, but we always need extra ingredients for recipes and of course soil, seedlings, chook food and garden supplies. We raise some funds with our fabulous "cook for your parents" night in term 4 and by selling some of our seedling and vegetables, but it is never enough to cover all costs. We believe \$5 a term to be part of this wonderful experience is very reasonable and ask that you do support us with this so your child can be part of the SAKG program.

### **Regular attendance at school**

Regular attendance at school is extremely important for all our students. Please take time to read the Department of Education's Attendance Policy flyer and support your child's educational journey by having them attend school regularly.

Have a safe and happy fortnight.

Ms Ona Buckley  
Principal



## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Weeks 4 & 5

This week teachers have been teaching their students about how to 'Be Proud' at school assemblies. Lessons have focused on reinforcing behavioural expectations for how students are to arrive and depart the assembly area, and how to conduct themselves during the assembly. Students have been reminded of Ms Buckley's "Look, listen, sit still" mantra and of the importance of applauding the achievements of others in a polite and sensible manner.

Students who successfully demonstrate positive behaviours at assembly and when moving around the school during class time will be rewarded with Win Bin tickets and stars on their Star Charts.

As well as teaching about the aforementioned PBL focus areas, teachers have been speaking to children about the fact that they are not allowed to use the fixed equipment unless there is a teacher present. **It is important to note that this rule also applies before and after school regardless of whether parents are with their children or not.** We appreciate your support with this matter.

Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss PBL expectations with their children. If you have any questions related to the school's PBL program or about student wellbeing policies and practices, please direct them to either myself or Ms Buckley.

Mr Dan Betts  
Assistant Principal (Student Wellbeing)

## The Protectors Anti-Bullying Performance

Next week on Thursday 28th February, students in classes from Kindergarten through to Year 6 will have the opportunity to watch and participate in a performance of 'The Protectors', a live educational theatre program presented by Brainstorm Productions. 'The Protectors' teaches students important life lessons about resilience, perseverance and how to manage adversity, especially when dealing with bullying. Using research-based strategies, The Protectors and their 'Protector Tools' aim to help students learn how to handle bullies and understand how they can intervene safely to support children who are being bullied. It is hoped that students will come to appreciate that all people deserve to be treated with kindness and respect.

The workshops usually cost \$5 per student, however this year the school has made a commitment to cover the cost of this initiative, and the P&C have also generously agreed to contribute \$1 per child to the cost of the performances. Reducing the number of bullying incidents and enabling our students to feel safe and secure at WWPS, is of paramount importance. These anti-bullying workshops are an important vehicle for achieving this.

Mr Dan Betts  
Assistant Principal (Student Wellbeing)

# Messages from the Office

## Important Parking Message

The staff parking area inside the school gates on both Park Road and Bowden Road is for **Staff Use Only**. Parents dropping and collecting their children from school, Music Bus or Cubbyhouse BASC are asked to park outside the school grounds and walk their children to and from their car. This is a Department of Education directive.

### Office Hours

School phones are manned from 8.30am until 3.15pm. The office window is opened at 8.30am and closed at 3.00pm however office staff are available until 3.15pm. There is a teacher on duty at the bus lines until 3.20pm.

### Changes to Going Home Arrangements

Could you please ensure that your child is aware of how they will be going home in the afternoon. If these arrangements change during the day it would be appreciated if you could contact the office prior to 2.00pm to ensure that the message is passed on to your child.

### Skoolbag APP and Website

You can download the WWPS Skoolbag APP to both iPhone and Android devices. Event updates and important information will be sent out via our Skoolbag APP and you can record your child's absence from school here as well. You will also find our School website at <http://www.woywoy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> which is regularly updated with events happening in our school. The School email address for correspondence is [woywoy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:woywoy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

### Student Mobile Phones

Students who bring their mobile phone to school are asked to leave them at the office on their arrival and collect it at the end of the school day. Students are not permitted to have their phone with them during the day. It is also helpful if their name is on their phone.

### Late Arrival / Early Departure

If your child is late arriving to school or needs to leave early for an appointment, a partial absence slip is to be collected from the school office prior to going to your child's classroom. This slip is given to the classroom teacher.

### Payment of Money to the School

School fees and activity costs can be paid by credit card via the Woy Woy Public School website (<http://www.woywoy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>) using the 'Make a Payment' tab. If you are making a cash payment please place the money in an envelope with the child's name, class and the reason clearly noted. We have cash collection envelopes at the school office for your use. All money is to be given to your child's teacher. When making payments for multiple children, separate money and envelopes for each child is appreciated, as it is very time-consuming to sort out at the time of receipting.

Thank you

Linda Goldsmith – School Administrative Manager



# House Captains 2019

Apologies for the error in Sport houses in the last newsletter. Here is the correct list.

Final School House Captains and Vice Captains	
WEBB	
House Captains	Vice Captains
1. Madi Wright	1. Dylan Smith
2. Easun Zhang	2. Bronson
SCOTT	
House Captains	Vice Captains
1. Ella Maskill	1. Shae
2. Talen Higgison	2. Seth Graf
DAVIS	
House Captains	Vice Captains
1. Ally Brown	1. Lara Butler
2. Asriel Dove	2. Anwar El- Kurdi

## Assembly Awards – Week 4



Congratulations to the following recipients of our Academic Achievement Awards at our Week 4 K-6 Assembly.

Name	Class	Name	Class
Emily Overton	K-6PC	Michael Heggie	K-6W
Grace Schweinsberg	KB	Lily Rende	KW
Thomas Coulson	K/1M	Phoenix Stockwell	1S
Lola Keating	1CP	Anji Magee	2E
Crystal Prytz	2MK	Yitong Zhang	2Y
Riley Loaney	3-6O	Lucia Jian	3/4B
Liam O'Farrell	3/4LC	Mia Zhang	3/4M
Daniel Cooper	3/4T	Lilly Crawley	5/6B
Bronson Thomas	5/6C	Kailin McDougall	5/6R
Tayla Macleod	5/6H		

# Upcoming Events

TERM 1 2019			
<b>Week 5</b>	Feb	<b>25</b>	Life Education
		<b>26</b>	Life Education
		<b>28</b>	The Protectors Anti-Bullying Shows
<b>Week 6</b>	Mar	<b>8</b>	Golf Clinic Years 3-6
<b>Week 7</b>		<b>11</b>	School photos
			National Young Leaders Day, Sydney
		<b>12</b>	Zone Swimming Carnival
		<b>14</b>	School photos
		<b>15</b>	National Day Against Bullying
<b>Week 8</b>		<b>20</b>	Harmony Day
<b>Week 10</b>	Apr	<b>2</b>	CARES Special Ed
		<b>3</b>	CARES Special Ed
		<b>5</b>	Cross Country
<b>Week 11</b>		<b>8</b>	Stage 3 Rumbalara
		<b>9</b>	Stage 3 Rumbalara



## Snack Shack News

<i>Monday</i>	<i>25/2</i>	<i>Pat</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>26/2</i>	<i>Alice</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>27/2</i>	<i>Vicki</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>28/2</i>	<i>Kay</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>4/3</i>	<i>Kay M</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5/3</i>	<i>Pat</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>6/3</i>	<i>Vicki</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>8/3</i>	<i>Rita</i>

Hats are available in the canteen for sale for your convenience.

\$13.00



*Thank you to our volunteers. If you are unable to come in on your allocated day please contact Anne as soon as possible so an arrangement can be made for a replacement.*

Our last meeting was held on 14 February where we welcomed new friends and familiar faces. The aim of the P&C is to provide valuable resources to the school and work in collaboration with the school to promote student learning, wellbeing and high expectations for student success.

What's the buzz in the school? Could it be the new robotics kits? Yes, it is. Both the students and teachers are enthusiastically learning new skills and enhancing their STEM knowledge. It's an exciting time for all. Talk to your child about their recent classroom experiences. You will be amazed at what they have achieved and learnt in a short time frame as well as being engaged in 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. Happy learning!

## Volunteering

You can make a difference! We are always looking for volunteers to assist with services provided by the P&C such as fundraising, school banking and the uniform shop. This is a great way to connect with the school and find out what is happening firsthand. If you can spare some time and are interested in contributing in a small way, please contact [wwpspandc@live.com.au](mailto:wwpspandc@live.com.au) – as little as half an hour can ease the workload of our dedicated volunteers.

## Fundraising

We are still fine-tuning the P&C fundraising calendar with the School. Watch this space for confirmation of events and dates shortly.

## Uniform Shop

Ordering of uniforms and accessories is by email and payments online only. If you are unable to make online payments, alternative payment options can be arranged at time of ordering. A uniform order form is attached to this newsletter for your convenience. Please email your order form to [wwpsuniforms@outlook.com](mailto:wwpsuniforms@outlook.com).

**Please do not make online payments to the school.** After full payment has been received, the orders will be distributed to your child's class once a week on Thursday by a volunteer. Cut-off day for delivery on Thursday is Wednesday each week. An order form is attached to the newsletter.

## NEWS FLASH .... NEWS FLASH ... NEWS FLASH

It has come to our attention that the embroidery on some of the blue polo shirts provided by our manufacturer this year is not the correct colour. We have been working hard behind the scenes to resolve this issue. This matter has now been rectified with the manufacturer, who will be supplying us urgently with new shirts to swap with incorrect embroidered ones at no cost. This is great news. As soon as the new shirts arrive, we will let you know arrangements so we can swap the incorrect embroidered blue polo shirts for one that is the same size and has the correct embroidery. The exchange will only affect a small number of families within the school community. We apologise for this inconvenience. As we are a proud uniform school, your child is to continue to wear the incorrect embroidered blue polo shirts until the arrangements of replacing the shirts are notified.

## END OF NEWS FLASH



## **School Banking**

School banking has kicked off again this year. **Thursday** is our school banking day for 2019. Don't forget to bring your bank books.

For parents/caregivers, the focus should be on a regular saving habit not the amount being deposited. If your child deposits 50c each week they will be earning rewards. Every time they make a deposit, they get a silver token (maximum one per week). Once they have 10 silver tokens (made 10 deposits) they can claim a prize. This is regardless of the amount of money deposited. This term they can redeem Polars Savers reward. New prizes become available every term. Refer to the attached brochure for some more information and hints.

## **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM is planned to be held on Wednesday 13 March 2019 commencing at 7.00pm in the Staff Room of Woy Woy Public School. All positions will be declared vacant with nominations being called for Office Bearers and other positions.

The President is responsible for:

- The successful functioning of the P&C Association meetings
- The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made welcome
- Supporting volunteers
- Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts
- Chairing meetings, in the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents will chair the meeting or the meeting can elect a chairperson from the members present for that meeting.

The role of the two Vice Presidents is to support the President.

The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks related to the decisions of the meetings as resolved, as well as preparing the meeting agendas, receiving and tabling correspondence, writing and dispatching outgoing correspondence as resolved/appropriate, maintaining the official records of the Association, such as the constitution, by-laws, rules of subcommittees, Incorporation Certificate, ABN details, list of financial (voting) members, Minutes, and Attendance book.

The role of the Treasurer is to receive and deposit monies, maintain records, draw cheques, electronically transfer funds and present accounts at meetings as well as the planning, budgeting and cash flow of the Association.

We also call for nominations for Fundraising Convenor and Sub-Committee members, Uniform Shop Convenor, School Banking Coordinator and other representative roles.

Should you require additional information, please contact [wwpspandc@live.com.au](mailto:wwpspandc@live.com.au).

## Next Meeting

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13 March in the Staff Room, Woy Woy Public School following the AGM**. We look forward to seeing familiar faces return and welcoming new families to our community. All are welcome to attend.

## Membership

The annual P&C membership fee is \$2.00 and this entitles you to participate in the democratic decision making process of the Association. If you are interested, P&C Membership forms for 2019/20 are now available from the school office or attached to this newsletter, or by emailing [wwpspandc@live.com.au](mailto:wwpspandc@live.com.au)

Completed forms and membership fee can be placed in a sealed envelope and placed in the P&C blue box in the school office or better still attend a meeting and find out firsthand what is happening within the school.

Until next time.


Tina Jackson  
**President**  
**WWPS P&C**

### Term 1 update.


# School Banking. Helping kids learn the value of saving.

### What pocket money can teach your child.


Pocket money can help teach kids about the value of money and how to look after it. However, there's no 'one size fits all' approach and it's important to decide what's right for your family. Research of over 1,000 parents of primary school students revealed that 55% give regular pocket money\* and here's how they manage it:



On average, kids save about half of their pocket money each week. Learning to put money aside for a bigger goal is a valuable life skill.



Around 4 in 5 parents link pocket money to the completion of a chore or task. This can help children understand that money needs to be earned.




Over half give less than \$10 per week. \$5-\$10 is the most common range. There's no right or wrong – the amount should suit your family situation.

### Join the Dollarmites on a Polar Savers adventure.

The majority of parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour\*. So to help, our Dollarmites characters (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are taking School Bankers on a Polar Savers adventure, that's full of exciting rewards.


Students participating in School Banking will receive a silver Dollarmite token each time they make a School Banking deposit at school (maximum one per week). Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a Polar Savers reward.



**Polar Savers Rewards:**  
Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set  
Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Ickle Slapband Ruler  
Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards  
Term 4: Water Slimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

### School Banking Deposit Tracker.

Colour in a number every time you make a deposit at school. For every 10 School Banking deposits you can redeem a reward.



To find out more about the School Banking program and how to get your child involved, ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a School Banking Parent Pack or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



\*Parents of Australian primary school children (n=1144). School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124.



Woy Woy Public School of Parents and Citizens Association Inc.  
ABN & ACNC: 15 364 243 614

## WOY WOY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C UNIFORM ORDER FORM

FROM TERM 4, 2018 UNIFORMS ARE MOVING TO ORDERING BY EMAIL ONLY. EMAIL ORDERS TO: [wwpsuniforms@outlook.com](mailto:wwpsuniforms@outlook.com)

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**PLEASE DO NOT PAY VIA THE ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT SYSTEM**

ITEM	AVAILABLE SIZES	PRICE	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL
WWPS Short Sleeve Polo - Sky Blue	6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 xs	\$ 26.00			
<i>Special Order (Adult sizing)</i>	S / M / L (Adult sizing)	\$ 27.00			
Skorts	6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 xs	\$ 21.00			
Cargo Shorts	4 / 6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 xs	\$ 21.00			
WWPS Fleecy Jacket	4 / 6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 xs	\$ 25.00			
WWPS Fleecy Jumper	4 / 6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 xs	\$ 25.00			
Cargo Pants	4 / 6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 xs	\$ 24.00			
<b>SPORTS UNIFORM</b>					
<b>YELLOW "DAVIS" (A-F) - WWPS Sports Short Sleeve Polo Shirt</b>	6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 xs	\$ 26.00			
<i>Special Order (Adult sizing)</i>	S / M / L (Adult sizing)	\$ 27.00			
<b>RED "SCOTT" (G-M) - WWPS Sports Short Sleeve Polo Shirt</b>	6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 xs	\$ 26.00			
<i>Special Order (Adult sizing)</i>	S / M / L (Adult sizing)	\$ 27.00			
<b>GREEN "WEBB" (N-Z) - WWPS Sports Short Sleeve Polo Shirt</b>	6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 xs	\$ 26.00			
<i>Special Order (Adult sizing)</i>	S / M / L (Adult sizing)	\$ 27.00			
WWPS Sports Shorts	4 / 6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 xs	\$ 19.00			
<i>Special Order</i>	S / M / L (Adult sizing)	\$ 21.00			
WWPS Sports Jacket	6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 xs	\$ 42.00			
<i>Special Order</i>	S / M / L (Adult sizing)	\$ 45.00			
<b>ACCESSORIES</b>					
WWPS Bucket Hats	XS / S / M / L	\$ 13.00			
Swim/Sports Eco Bag	One Size	\$ 13.00			
WWPS Mighty Tuff Backpack	24 L (Lifetime Warranty)	\$ 50.00			
<b>SPECIAL ORDER</b>					
<b>Subject to Availability (Minimum Order Required 6-12 weeks delivery)</b>					
Summer Tunic	4 / 6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 xs	\$ 45.00			
Winter Tunic	4 / 6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 xs	\$ 45.00			

Prices are subject to change without notice

**TOTAL**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address for Invoice: \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

**PLEASE DO NOT PAY VIA THE SCHOOL ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM**

✓ EFTPOS Please visit the Uniform Shop on opening day to pay via EFTPOS.

✓ CASH Cash payments can be made at the Uniform Shop on opening day. Cash payments made via the office will be processed on the next Uniform Shop opening day.

*Please note: correct money is preferred and appreciated as change is limited.*

✓ DIRECT DEPOSIT Direct Deposit payments can be made using the following banking details:

Account Name: WWPS P&C Uniform Shop

BSB: 032-527

Account Number: 198689

Reference: Invoice Number

✓ Online Order forms are to be emailed to [wwpsuniforms@outlook.com](mailto:wwpsuniforms@outlook.com) - upon receiving your order an invoice will be sent to your nominated email address. Once payment is received (by credit card online, direct deposit, EFTPOS or cash) your order will be delivered to your child's classroom by a volunteer.

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# Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

## What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

## The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

## What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

## Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.



## My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

## What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court
- School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

## What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

## Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

## The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning website*

## Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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T 9244 512

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# Way Way Public School

A PRE-4CHOO TO YEAR 8 SCHOOL

Park and Blackwell Roads, PO Box 505 Way Way NSW 2256  
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Email: [waywaypublicschool@nsw.edu.au](mailto:waywaypublicschool@nsw.edu.au)

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



Dear Parents/Carers

## Permission for Kitchen and Garden Operation - 2019

Students in Years 3 to 6 will participate in cooking lessons as part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. During cooking sessions they will be using knives, electric mixing devices, cooking on hot plates and in ovens and using hot water when washing up. All of these activities do come with certain risks and students, however well trained in skill use and how careful they are, still may sustain a small injury. We want you to be aware of this and are seeking your permission for your child to be involved in this program. Please note that all students will learn knife skills and will have to obtain a knife licence.

All students from these years will also participate in the gardening activities as part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. During these gardening sessions students will be using rakes, hoes, shovels, forks, secateurs and wheelbarrows. They will handle eggs, compost, mulch, manure, soil, vegetable matter and weeds. Please note all students will learn how to use gardening tools and will have to obtain a tool licence.

We believe it is a term to be part of this wonderful experience is very reasonable and ask that you do support us with this so your child can be part of the SAKG program.

This permission is given for the duration of my child's attendance at Way Way Public School.

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_ permission to be involved in the:

☐ Kitchen part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and understand that my child will be using knives, hot plates, ovens and hot water during cooking sessions. I understand that my child will need to be trained to use a knife correctly and will need a knife licence in order to chop and prepare food.

☐ Garden part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and understand that my child will be using gardening tools, mulch, manure and a wheelbarrow. I understand my child will be trained to correctly use all garden equipment and will need a tool and wheelbarrow licence to work successfully in the garden.

Parent/carer/giver: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I enclose \$20 / \$5 Term 1 (please circle) 100

☐ I have paid online. My receipt number is: \_\_\_\_\_

Way Way Public School's intention is to provide a warm, caring, secure place where students and their efforts are valued by a committed staff and an actively supportive community.

*Respect is our motto. Respect is our job.*



Dear Parents/Carers

## Information About Food and Product Allergies

Students in Years 3 to 6 will participate in cooking and gardening lessons as part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. During cooking sessions they will be working with many recipe ingredients and fresh fruits and vegetables, and washing their hands and washing up using detergents. Students will be eating what they prepare and cook and will be encouraged to try new foods.

During gardening activities students will handle eggs, weeds, manure, compost, mulch, soil and will plant, pick and wash fruits and vegetables.

The school is aware of students with major allergies and has a health plan for these identified students.

The school asks that you fill in the form below to support the school with your child's safety during cooking and gardening sessions.

This permission is given for the duration of my child's attendance at Way Way Public School.

My child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

☐ has no known allergy to products, food or garden materials. I am happy for them to be fully involved in all Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Activities.

☐ has the following concerns /allergies that will limit some of the activities for them participating in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Information/list of concerns/products are as follows:

Parent/carer/giver: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# My Kitchen Contract

This contract is for the duration of the child's attendance at Woy Woy Public School.

I \_\_\_\_\_  
do fully agree to the rules and regulations set out in this contract as a  
participant in the Woy Woy Public School Stephanie Alexander Kitchen  
Garden Program.

I will follow all the kitchen rules ☐

I will follow all the school rules ☐

I will wear the correct protective footwear in the kitchen ☐

I will always use nice talk and manners in the kitchen ☐

I understand failure to keep to my contract will mean time out from the  
Kitchen until I can show I will keep to my contract.

Signed: Student \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# My Garden Contract

This contract is for the duration of the child's attendance at Woy Woy Public School.

I \_\_\_\_\_  
do fully agree to the rules and regulations set out in this contract as a  
participant in the Woy Woy Public School Stephanie Alexander Kitchen  
Garden Program.

I will follow all the garden rules ☐

I will follow all the school rules ☐

I will wear the correct protective footwear in the garden ☐

I will always use nice talk and manners when I am gardening ☐

I understand failure to keep to my contract will mean time out from the  
Garden until I can show I will keep to my contract.

Signed: Student \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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11am - Activities & Registration



Activities Include:

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# Get on and Rock! At your school!



## The Music Bus brings music education and fun to your school.

### About the MUSIC BUS

The Music Bus visits over 250 schools a week, bringing music into the lives of over 4,000 students across Australia.

The Music Bus is the classroom (the bus!), teacher, instruments and curriculum all in one complete package – and it's at your school.

Made up of weekly half hour lessons, The Music Bus is fun, engaging and will inspire your child each and every week.

### our programs

The Music Bus offers modern and rock-style courses, using well-known songs to engage students at all ability levels. High quality instruments are provided and our experienced teachers use extensive backing tracks, developing confidence, rhythm and teamwork.



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Kindy/Prep – Year 6



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Year 1 – 6



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Year 2 – 6



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Year 1 – 6

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### why we're different

- 1. We come to your school.** We offer all students, regardless of background or prior experience, specialist instrument lessons right on school grounds. That means less travel time for busy families.
- 2. We're affordable.** Our lessons are around half the price of private tuition. We also supply all the instruments during class, taking the burden off having to buy one right away.
- 3. Learning is fun.** The customised curriculum is set in a fun environment, focusing on music reading, playing, arranging and performing to help build skills and self-esteem - with lots of fun competitions and awards throughout the term.
- 4. Glowing reviews:** The award winning Music Bus program has received positive feedback from the Dept of Ed and NSW Creative Arts Department – not to mention from countless parents and Principals in your community.

### what others are saying

"The Music Bus is fun, exciting and engages students in a wide variety of musical experiences at all ability levels and areas of interest including instrumental and vocal." Marie, Principal, NSW.

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"My daughter loves The Music Bus. It's an activity she can do in school hours – otherwise she probably would not be able to attend. It's such a great asset to have at school." Jade, Parent, QLD

"My son comes home enthusiastic about learning and practising his instruments." Naomi, Parent, NSW

"It's so great being at school. They are learning something new each week and the rapport the teacher has with the kids is wonderful." Sarah, Parent, NSW

\*All testimonials have been graciously sourced from parents and school principals regarding the Music Bus. However, some names may be changed for privacy reasons.



If you like what you hear and would like to book lessons for your child contact us today.

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