

Term 4 | Week 2 | 22 October 2019

Principal's Report

Welcome Back!!

I hope that everyone had a very enjoyable, relaxing and safe Spring Holiday break. It is hard to believe that we only have one term of school remaining in 2019. Where has this year gone? Term 4 will be action packed and will disappear all too quickly, especially for our Year 6 who will be leaving their primary school years behind as they prepare for the whole new world of high school. Busy, but exciting times lie ahead for everyone here at WPS!

Kindergarten Enrolments 2020

Our Kindergarten enrolments for 2020 are looking great, with 81 students currently enrolled to begin school in 2020. If you know of anyone, living within the Woonona Public School catchment area, still wishing to enrol their child please encourage them to visit our school, as plans are already taking place for next year!

Kindergarten Orientation

Our first Kindergarten Orientation was held today, with lots of excited faces joining our school for their first taste of "Big School". A big few weeks are ahead with three further sessions for our newest students planned to provide these students with a thorough understanding of what awaits them in the very near future. These sessions will occur between 9:45am and 10:45am on 29/10, 7/11 and 14/11.

School Enrolments 2020

In order to have accurate numbers for next year, it is important to notify the school office if you know your child will not be returning to Woonona Public School next year (other than Year 6). This information helps us to plan for 2020.

Alternatively, if you know of friends or family members who intend to enrol their children in Woonona Public School in 2020, please ask them to contact the school office to fill in the necessary documentation.

Deadly Encouragement Awards

Last Thursday, the Northern Illawarra Deadly Encouragement Awards took place at Waniora Public School. What a wonderful afternoon, where the area celebrated our Aboriginal students who are doing brilliant things within our schools. Congratulations to Tealeya and Eboni who both received awards for their outstanding attitude and application at school.

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World Teachers' Day

This Friday is World Teachers' Day. It is a day where we thank teachers for the role they play each and every day in creating wonderful learning opportunities for their students. I can honestly say that we are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff. For their commitment to their students and the fun and professional way in which they approach their role each and every day I would like to thank each and every staff member at WPS.

Selective Schools 2021 Year 7 Online Applications

Online applications for Year 7 Selective Schools – 2021 – have now opened. Parents whose children will be in Year 6 in 2020, who are interested in their child sitting the selective high school placement test, are required to complete this process by Monday 11 November 2019. Information & registration is at <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7</u>

Staffing Update

Mr Brett Patterson is currently on extended sick leave. During his absence Mr Taylor Weule will take on the role of RFF teacher Science. Mr Patterson is likely not to return this year, but we hope to see him again in 2020.

Disco

This Thursday marks our Year 6 Fundraising Disco. I am sure all the students are excited about the prospect of enjoying a fun celebration with their friends. I look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces throughout the afternoon. Thank you to the staff and students who have helped to make this event a reality.

RELAY FOR LIFE

During the school holidays, the Relay for Life event was held at Beaton Park in Wollongong. We had hoped that this would be an opportunity for our community to come together and support a really worthwhile event. Unfortunately it was not the case, with some poor weather and the coinciding school holidays possibly inhibiting attendance. We did have some staff and families turn up and participate, which was great. I would like to thank Rob Burgess, who promoted this event, for his time and commitment to make this happen.

Voluntary Contribution

We have some good news. Last week we made an order for 42 new iPads for our school. These iPads, along with supporting cases and technology were ordered using the money that was received from the Voluntary Contribution. We expect these iPads to turn up in the coming weeks and should be up and running by the beginning of the school year for our students. Thank you to our community for your support in making this purchase a reality.



Library

Our Library refurbishment is taking shape nicely, with carpet being laid yesterday and today. We are now playing the waiting game, with book shelves due in about 4 weeks. We are really happy with the way things are coming together and are looking forward to how much more work we can get done between now and the end of the year.

Enjoy your week! Mr Tim Fisher

September Citizens of the Month

Congratulations to our outstanding September Citizens of the month Vesper, Hudson, Ashton and Xavier.

Thank you for displaying kindness, respect for our school, peers and teachers and for being friendly and happy students.





Stage 2 Bike Safety Excursion

Stage 2 had a wonderful time visiting the Lake Illawarra PCYC last week to participate in their bike and road safety program. The students learnt all about road safety, about blind spots drivers have, where it is best to cross and how to cross roads safely, and we discussed the different road signs we see and what they mean.

All students then put on their bike helmets, tested them for correct fitting and headed out onto their road circuit. It was so much fun riding around the circuit, following the road rules and trying to keep all the points we had on our licence. When riding our bikes, we found stopping at a stop sign and understanding what to do at a give way sign were really tricky to learn. Our teachers think it is a very good idea that children up to the age of 16 can legally ride on the footpath. We will all be sticking to the footpath and bike tracks for now.



Thank you to Ms Bailey for organising the excursion for our stage. It really was lots of fun.



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Stage 2 Walking Tour of Woonona and Bulli

On Wednesday 25 September, Stage 2 set off on their History walk of Woonona. In History lessons, students had been learning about their local area and how it had changed over time. The aim of the excursion was to expose students to the rich culture that can be found in the Woonona/Bulli area and give them an insight into what life would have been like in the early settlement years.

Students first stopped in Pendlebury Park on the corner of The Princes Highway and Gray Street. Students learnt that this was the site of the first store in Woonona and that the main shopping area was at this end of Woonona. They continued their walk and observed buildings such as the Baptist church and the School of Arts and discussed whether they had changed or remained the same over the years.

Students were excited to learn that their favourite pizza kitchen was once a bustling Cooperative where the people of Woonona could sell their goods at a price they thought was fair.

By the time they reached Strachan Park, students had already been making connections with the different places and buildings they had observed. They were



fascinated to find out that the park in which they play, attend Girl Guides or visit the baby clinic was once an open air theatre where people came to meet and enjoy movies and shows. Students had a great time sketching the roof tops of the shops, some of which had been there for over 100 years!

Walking further into Bulli, we stopped at the Bulli Community Centre. Students were amazed to learn that this building was once the Bulli Council Chambers and that Bulli was a large area running from Helensburgh in the north to Corrimal in the south.

Student's next stop was at Slacky Flat for recess, after observing many historical buildings on the way, students were able to identify connections they had with this area. Students enjoyed the story of how Slacky Flat is also known as Mailbag Hollow after a cart carrying mail tipped over and sent letters flying into the creek.



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The adventure continued as students made their way to Bulli Railway Station. Here they could observe how the station has changed, see the station master's house and investigate the old steam engine. Students had fun sketching the train station and discovering the different shapes of the engine.

The last stop was Bulli Park. At the top of the hill there once was a pavilion, built in 1891 out of timber that sat between four Canary Island palm trees overlooking the ocean, later this site became Bulli's first war memorial. The memorial consisted of a flagpole and a collection of 1914-1918 guns. Students then enjoyed a well earned lunch break. At Collins Creek students observed the memorial to Captain Cook as this was one of his landing places in his search for fresh water.

As students walked back to Woonona, they imagined what life would have been like for the Dharawal people before settlement and how they might have felt as the settlers began clearing the land and seeing sailing ships arrive to load the cedar logs.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Ney for organising such an interesting and informative excursion. A great day was had by all!





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SRC Fundraising Day

The SRC would like to thank the Woonona School Community for supporting our fundraising day. We all enjoyed looking out and seeing a range of colourful outfits in our playground and we loved serving you all at our cake stall. A huge thanks also goes out to the families of the SRC and Year 4 who contributed cakes and treats for us to sell. Together as a school we were able to raise \$700 for the RSPCA and just over \$700 for KidzWish. Our donation to KidzWish is being added to the money raised by the other schools in our COS: Woonona East, Russell Vale and Woonona HS and when we have a final total, we will let you all know.

As part of our fundraising day, each class negotiated with their teacher for their own 'wish' activity for part of the day, which we all thought was a lot of fun. It is fair to say it was a great day and a wonderful way to end Term 3.



The SRC







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Woonona Public School

Events Calendar 2019

Date	Title	Description
24/10/2019	School Disco Year 6 Fundraiser	K-2 Disco: 5 - 6:15
		3-6 Disco: 6:30 - 8
25/10/2019	Kinder Showcase and Grandparent morning tea	9:20am - 11:00am
28/10/2019	Year 5 Sample Day at Woonona HS	
29/10/2019	Kinder 2020 Transition 2: Learn & Play & Parent Info	9:45-10:45am
30/10/2019	Illawarra Hawks Visit - 5/6A & 5/6W	2:00pm
31/10/2019	Stage 3 Showcase	
	Illawarra Hawks Visit - 5/6L & 5/6M	
1/11/2019	PSSA Round 1	
4/11/2019	Swim Scheme First Day	1:45-2:30pm
4/11/2019	Year 6 Fundraising Meeting	6:30pm
5/11/2019	Illawarra Hawks Visit - 5/6H	12:00pm
7/11/2019	IN2UNI YR 6 @ UOW	Year 6
7/11/2019	Kinder 2020 Transition 3: Drop & Go	9:45-10:45am
8/11/2019	PSSA Round 2	
11/11/2019	Yr 7 2021 Selective High Schools Online Applications close	
	P&C Meeting	6:30pm
14/11/2019	Kinder 2020 Transition 4: Celebration of Transition	9:45-10:45am
15/11/2019	Swim Scheme Last Day	1:45-2:30pm
15/11/2019	PSSA Round 3	
22/11/2019	PSSA Round 4	
26/11/2019	Year 6 into 7 Parents Information Evening	6:30pm - 8:00pm
29/11/2019	PSSA Round 5	
3/12/2019	Yr7 2020 Orientation Day for current Yr6 students	
3/12/2019	Stage One Showcase	
10/12/2019	Jamberoo Y6	Jamberoo Y6
11/12/2019	P&C Meeting	6:30pm
16/12/2019	Year 6 farewell	
16/12/2019	Reports Go Home	
18/12/2019	Last Day of Term 4 For Students	

Calendar subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Please visit the website to view all events, permission notes and information.

https://woonona-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/

Uniform Shop Opening Hours Term 4 Tuesday 2:30pm - 3:15pm (odd weeks) Friday 8:30am - 9:30am

Canteen

Woonona Public School CANTEEN MENU **TERM 2 2019** YOUR CANTEEN IS RUN ENTIRELY BY VOLUNTEERS **Themed Days** Baked Potato Monday \$4.00 - Ham & Cheese OR Mexican (meat-free) • Pizza Tuesday \$4.00 - Canteen-made - Ham & Pineapple OR Ham & Cheese Super Sushi Wednesday - Various flavours available - See QuickCliq for options and prices • Pizza Thursday \$4.00 - Canteen-made - Cheese OR BBQ Chicken Burger Friday \$4.50 - Beef OR Chicken - Served with lettuce, tomato & cheese - Tomato or BBQ sauce optional

Order online...

www.quickcliq.com.au

It makes ordering lunches quick and easy! NOTE: Cut off for orders is <u>9:00am</u> on the day.

CANTEEN FOOD

Available over the counter and for ORDER

Fresh seasonal fruit - whole	\$0.70 each
Fresh fruit salad cup	\$2.00
Fresh fruit salad cup with	** **
yoghurt & granola	\$2.00
Fresh fruit salad cup with	
dairy-free yoghurt & granola	\$2.00
Frozen watermelon wedge	\$0.20
Toasties	\$0.50
- Bread with tomato paste & melter	l cheese
Popcorn - Freshly air-popped	\$0.50
Cheerios in bag	\$0.50
Bread Sticks (grissini)	\$0.20

FRESHLY MADE TREATS

When available, over the counter ONLY

Freshly baked fruit muffins	\$1.00
Bliss Balls - 2 bliss balls for	\$0.50
Other various canteen-made	treats dailv

FROZEN TREATS

Available at lunch only, over the counter ONLY

Frozen watermelon wedge	\$0.20	
Frozen fruit cups	\$0.20	
- Frozen orange juice		
Large Fruit Cups	\$0.50	
- apple & blackcurrent or apple		
Frozen Juicies	\$1.00	
- Lemonade, Tropical, Wildberry or Orange		
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup	\$1.00	

DRINKS

Available over the counter and for ORDER

Water 600ml	\$1.50
Flavoured Milk	\$2.00
- Chocolate or Strawberry	
Poppers (Juice Box)	\$1.50
Apple, Orange, Apple & Blackcurrant or Tropical)	

Available over the counter ONLY Warm or Cold Milo \$1.00

LUNCH

Available everyday for lunch - ORDER ONLY

HOT FOOD

Chicken Chippies – 3 pack	\$1.50	
Chicken Chippies – 5 pack	\$2.50	
Chicken Wrap	\$3.50	
Flame- grilled chicken breast tender		
Optional lettuce and mayonnaise		
Sausage Roll	\$3.00	
Sauce - tomato or BBQ	\$0.20	
Beef Lasagne (GF)	\$3.00	
Vegetable Lasagne (GF)	\$3.00	
Macaroni & Cheese (GF)	\$3.00	
Twista Pasta Bolognaise	\$3.00	

SANDWICHES - all made on wholemeal bread

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Bread - Includes 2 slices	\$1.00
Roll	\$1.50
Wrap	\$1.50
Toasted (sandwich press)	\$0.50
With butter	\$0.00
Without butter	\$0.00
Fillings	
Vegemite	\$0.50
Honey	\$0.50
Cheese	\$1.00
Ham	\$1.00
Tuna	\$1.00
Chicken Flame Grilled Tender	\$1.50
Egg - boiled	\$1.00
Salad- choose 4 salad items	\$1.60
Lettuce	\$0.40
Cucumber	\$0.40
Carrot	\$0.40
Tomato	\$0.40
Beetroot	\$0.40
Mayonnaise	\$0.10



If you have any suggestions, ideas or you are able to volunteer please contact canteen admin at **canteen@wppc.com.au** Please check the current roster regularly for any planned closures. This is sent weekly with the term planner or newsletter and is also on the Facebook parents page.



Please be aware that there are students in our school with allergies to nuts. We ask that you give consideration to voluntarily agreeing not to send nut products, in particular peanuts and peanut butter, to school.

Woonona High School - Learning Support Unit

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Woonona Bowling Club

7:30PM | OCTOBER 26, 2019

Tickets on sale 5:30pm, draw starts at 7:30pm. Proudly sponsored and supported by Bulli Social Fishing Club OVER \$12,000 IN PRIZES!

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Community News

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Is a woman you care about due for a screening mammogram?

20 minutes could save your life!

- South Eastern Sydney locations Bondi Junction

BreastScreen

Illawarra Shoalhaven locations – Wollongong



Book a free appointment with BreastScreen NSW today

<u>Book Online</u>

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Do you have a place in your heart and home to make a difference to a child's life?

At the moment, there aren't enough foster carers to care for children in need across New South Wales. Put simply, we need more carers for all types of care.

- There is a type of care to suit your family: Emergency care: A temporary hoven for kids when first need a safe place to stay.
- Resplice cane: Resplice cores look after children on an occasional basis to give their regular
- corers a break
- Short-bern care Short-tern cares look ofter children while their families work to bring them home.
- Adoptive parents and guardians: When Kds can't return home, adoption or guardianship provides them with the safety and stability they need to thrive.

A special community awaits you.

The My Fortwar Family NSW program provides ongoing support, advice and training for all foster carers, guardians and adoptive parents. Visit our website to learn more.

My Forever Family NSW | www.myforeverfamily.org.au

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MOTHERS & 50NS PROGRAM

When: Thursday 24th October- 28

November 2019 4pm-6pm Where: Illawarra Women's Health Centre

2-10 Belfast Street, Warilla

Call: to register your interest with Denika Thomas on 4255 6800

A program supporting mothers to raise happy, respectful, non violent boys aged 6-8 years old.

What happens?

The program is run by a female and male facilitator over six weekly sessions, two hours in length. The day will include mothers and their sons working together however have times where you will be doing separate activities.

Afternoon tea is provided, and limited child minding is available for siblings.

The sessions explore the role of the mother and where parenting skills and ideas come from: emotion regulation; the importance of male role models in a son's life and what masculinity means today. As a group we focus on the developing of a strong, enduring and positive connections between mothers and sons and healthy relationships beyond the family sphere.

Why a Mothers and Sons program?

We know there are increasing rates of son to mother violence, and we have been asked by many mothers for guidance and support on how to raise their sons, so they become respectful men.

As there are no programs like this in Australia, we developed our own (called Mothers and Sons Program!). It is specifically designed for boys 6-8 years old, as research tells us this is the critical time to teach boys not to be violent.

It doesn't mean the boys are violent now, or they have challenging behaviours - we just want to give both mother and son skills and strategies to make sure it never happens.

"After attending the program my son has been oble to tell me when he is

about to "flip his lid", so we con then help him colm down

Mother of a 6yo son.



THINKING ABOUT **BECOMING A FOSTER CARER?**

If you're thinking of becoming a foster carer, Caring With Carers is running an Information Night to provide you with insight about the role of foster carers.

Date: Thursday 24th October 2019 Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM Location: Woonona Bulli RSL 455-459 Princes Hwy, Woonona NSW 2517 **Supper is provided**

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY:

Email: admin@caringwithcarers.com.au

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