

WASSUP WOONONA

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Year 6 Fundraising Day 2021



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TIM FISHER

Principal

ALL SCHOOLS MOVE TO LEVEL 3

As announced by the Minister of Education, from 8 November all NSW schools moved to Level 3 settings. These changes bring school operations more in line with what is allowed in the community.

Having said that, please keep in mind that schools will continue to operate in different ways to society. As almost all students at our school are unable to be vaccinated, regulations will remain tight. Examples of what has occurred locally, with several surrounding schools being closed due to COVID cases, is a timely reminder that we need to continue to maintain vigilance, despite the easing of regulations throughout other parts of society.

Below are the key changes, relevant to our school, that have taken place since Monday 8 November and will remain in place for the rest of Term 4:

- Assemblies and presentations are allowed outdoors, with cohorts separated and physical distancing in place. Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting).
- Graduations and formals are allowed within cohorts, either on school sites or at external venues – with COVID safe plans in place and physical distancing adhered to.

- Dancing and music classes will be allowed within cohorts. However, everyone must wear masks while playing instruments indoors. Other instruments that rely on breath or require a mask to be removed to be played, as well as singing and chanting, are not permitted in Term 4.
- Transitions and orientations are allowed in a COVID-safe way that minimises mingling between students.

Further updates on some of these end of year activities, will be provided at a later date.

[People with COVID-19 symptoms - Fact sheets \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/health-and-safety/people-with-covid-19-symptoms)

UNIFORM WEARING

Now that we have returned to school and settled into routine, staff are going to be working with students to ensure that uniform wearing improves in the coming weeks. We understand that throughout lockdown, several students would have grown out of uniform, etc, but now that the uniform shop has reopened we encourage parents, where required to purchase necessary uniform. Prior to the lockdown, we had a big push to improve the wearing of uniform and it was great to see so many students wearing their full uniform with pride.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

This Friday, our Year 6 students will lead an exciting fundraiser that has many students and staff looking forward to the day. A Kaleidoscope of Colour will no doubt be evident across the school on Friday and students, while still remaining in their cohorts, will enjoy a range of fun and engaging activities throughout the day. Well done Year 6!

YEAR 6 PARENT SESSION

Last Wednesday, Ms Phillips met with a number of Year 6 parents to discuss end of year activities. It was a wonderful discussion, with many families showing their appreciation for the exciting end of the year planned. I'd like to thank Ms Phillips and her team for the thorough planning. I'd also like to thank the many families who have offered their assistance, in whatever way required, to ensure the events planned are a success.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair has begun this week, with great excitement buzzing around the Library as students think about possible purchases they may like to make in Week 7. Mrs Carroll has done a huge amount of work to bring this event together in a COVID safe way and I thank her

for providing the opportunity for our students to experience what is always a highly anticipated event.

More information is provided further down.

P&C MEETING - WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Our next P&C Meeting is Wednesday 10 November. I look forward to seeing many parents, via Zoom, for what will be our last official meeting of the 2021 school year. Zoom details and an agenda was distributed on Monday 8 November via School Enews.

SELECTIVE SCHOOLS 2023 YEAR 7 ONLINE APPLICATIONS

Online applications for Year 7 Selective Schools – 2023 – have now opened. Parents whose children will be in Year 6 in 2022, who are interested in their child sitting the selective high school placement test, are required to complete this process by Friday 12 November 2021. Details were sent home via School Enews.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2022

Our Kindergarten enrolments for 2022 are coming in steadily, with 67 students currently enrolled to begin school next year. If you know of anyone, living within the Woonona Public School catchment area, still wishing to enrol their child please encourage them to contact our school, or submit an online enrolment (available on our school website) as plans are already taking place for next year!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our second Kindergarten Zoom Session occurred last Thursday, with 55 of our 2022 cohort turning out to learn about their new school. Mr Loosemore led the students through a tour of the school, via photos and then finished the session off with a lovely story about the first day of school. Our Kinder 2022 students were able to bring their favourite soft toy to the Zoom and it was great to see such enthusiasm and excitement for what is ahead.

As outlined above, we had good news to share with parents and students at this Zoom. Kindergarten Orientation can now go ahead in a face-to-face way, due to moving to Level 3. This is amazing news for students, their parents and staff. We look forward to sharing our plan for our face-to-face session, later this week.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2022

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 2022.

Alternatively, if you know of friends or family members who intend to enrol their children in Woonona Public School in 2022, please ask them to contact the school office to fill in the necessary documentation.

Mr Tim Fisher
Principal

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING - GUESS THE TEACHER COMPETITION

As part of the Year 6 Fundraising Day, we have put together a fun competition for the family to have a go at completing together.

It is the Guess the Teacher from their Baby Photo!

We invite you to click on the link below and complete the google form together as a family. All entries need to be submitted by Friday morning to be eligible for the Woonona Pizza Kitchen Voucher.

Good luck!

[Guess the Teacher competition form](#)

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair 2021

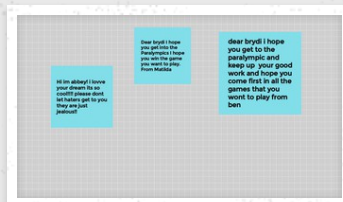
Week 6 - 8 November 2021 to Week 7 - 17 November 2021

The **Scholastic Book Fair** has arrived. Due to COVID-19 restrictions it will run the same way as last year with no parents onsite. We are holding the Book Fair over a 2-week time period and all viewing and purchases will occur in your child's usual library lessons.

Please click on the below image to view all information about our Book Fair 2021

**IT'S SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR
TIME!**

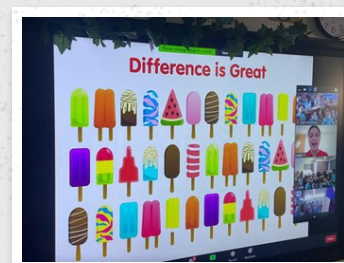




From the Students

3-4R

On the 27 October 3-4R, 3-4A, 3-4B, 3-4M, 3-4S, 3-4J and 3-4L took part in a virtual excursion with the 'Just Like You Program'. This program taught us a lot about differences and how some people may have sensory, physical or hidden disabilities.



The presenter was fantastic. Her name was Natalie and she had Cerebral Palsy. We listened to a few stories from people like Taylor, Polly and Vin who had disabilities. We learnt that people with disabilities are **just like us** and we should treat them with respect and empathy, offer help if they need it, learn from them and be inspired!

"Some disabilities are not seen. We need to be kind and respectful to everyone"
- Ace and Bob.

3-4A

"We found it very interesting when we had to cross our arms and move our fingers to see what it would be like to have cerebral palsy and not have correct messages sent from our brain. It really made us wonder what challenges a person with different disabilities would face in their everyday life. It's important to treat people with a disability the way that you want to be treated.

We learnt that there are so many different disabilities that affect people, too many to name them all! The virtual cruise scenario was a really fun and informative way of teaching us about different disabilities. We thought it was great that the people in the story didn't care that the other people had disabilities, they just made friends with them anyway.

We learnt that the different disabilities fall into different categories - hidden, physical, sensory. We shouldn't stare at people with disabilities or make fun of them. We learnt to have empathy

for people with disabilities and to be inclusive.”

3-4J

“Everyone is different and this is okay! Imagine if everyone was the same! How boring would that be?! Remember to treat everyone the way you would like to be treated”

- Chiara, Hudson and Tatum.

3-4L

“Some disabilities make people look different but we should try not to stare. It is much better to ask about their disability.”

- Rose, Felicity, Evie and Miles.

3-4B

“There are more disabilities in the world than we think. There are ways you can help your disabilities to control them. Sometimes you can't see if people have disabilities so we don't judge or hurt people. We need to treat everyone the same way - equal! We learnt that people with Cerebral Palsy may have different disabilities.”

- Arabelle, Jimmy, Isla R, Samson.

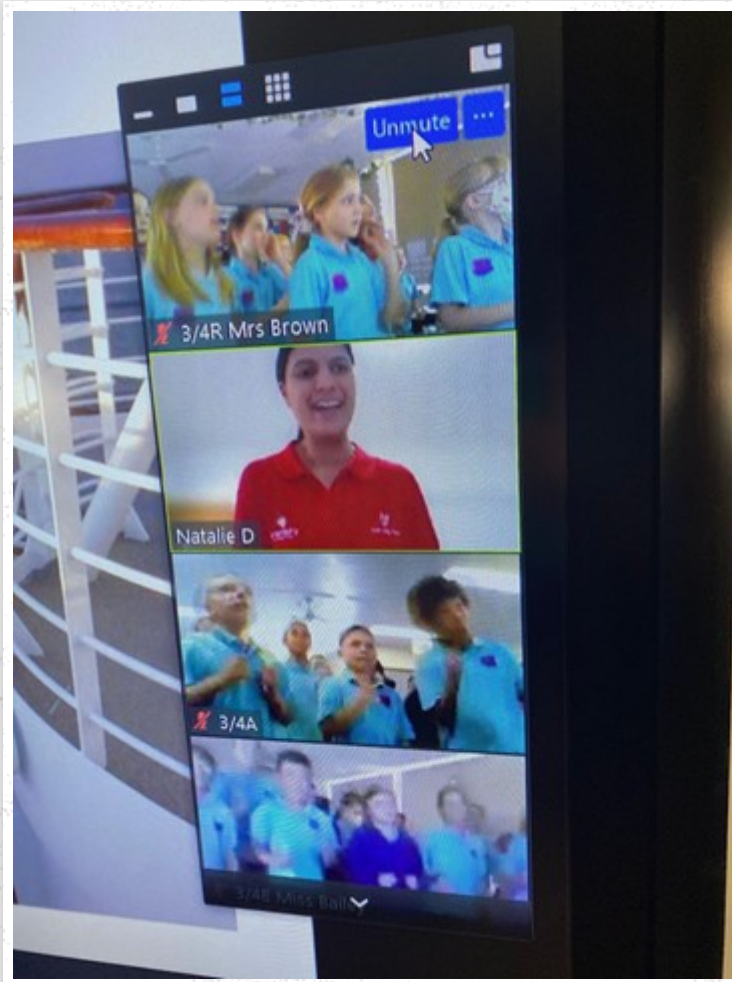
3-4M

“ We learnt a lot about Cerebral Palsy and that it is in all three areas of disability. We learnt that having a disability doesn't mean you can't do anything.”

- Yannick, Emily, Chloe, Mikayla.

3-4S

“3/4S learnt that there are three groups of disabilities: sensory, hidden and physical. We also learnt that Cerebral Palsy does not fall into one of these groups. It is a combination of all of them. Disabilities make you unique and being different is GREAT!”



CANTEEN AND UNIFORM SHOP

Fresh Start Canteens is now open Monday thru to Friday.

However, we do have the following rules:

- Online ordering through QuickCliq is encouraged where possible and is an excellent way to order your children's lunch and snacks.
- There will be NO breakfast, lunch or recess counter service until further notice.
- Your children's lunch will be delivered to their classrooms.
- With the warmer weather coming on, we are more than happy to take online orders for ice blocks, drinks and snacks.
- If you prefer to order over the counter, please place the correct money and order in a sealed envelope / snap lock bag / lunch bag and drop off at the school office.

Please support the canteen that supports your school!

Fresh Start Canteens is operating with a COVID safe plan and will be strictly adhering to the rules set out by the Health Unit and the Department of Education.

Thank you and see you all soon.

Fresh Start Canteens

Onsite uniform shop closed until further notice.

Online orders can be placed on the [QuickCliq website](#)



SCHOOL CANTEEN

[View Fresh Starts Canteen Menu](#)



UNIFORM SHOP

- Download the [uniform price list and order form \(PDF 204.7KB\)](#).
- Online orders can be placed on the [QuickClick website](#)

STUART PARK SURVEY FOR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

We're planning for the future of Stuart Park and want your ideas!

Stuart Park is an important place to our community. Many of us enjoy going there to play, picnic, go to special events, get fit or take in the beautiful views. We want to make Stuart Park an even better place for everyone to enjoy! It's important to us that children and young people are part of helping make this plan - Stuart Park is your park too!

Please see the link below for a special survey we have set up just for schools.

[Stuart Park Survey.](#)

Wollongong City Council

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE FROM COMMONWEALTH BANK

For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save.

Though the program continues to have strong support from schools, parents and teachers, recent decisions by some state and territory governments because of a review by the corporate regulator mean we are unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program for all government and non-government schools across the country.

Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps. This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from schools like yours, including all the parents and volunteers, and for this we are deeply grateful. Thank you.

Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. To share your story and access our financial education resources, please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Even though the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to your school, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.

SCHOOL ENEWS

Woonona Public School uses School eNews to keep parents, carers, students and the school community updated on the latest events, activities and programs.

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



Schools Pedestrian Information Sheet (1).pdf

Download

100.1 KB

**CO-OPERATION - RESPECT - EFFORT -
RESPONSIBILITY**



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.

MAKE A PAYMENT

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION FORM

This form can be used to notify the school of any absence days your child has from school and replaces the need to phone or provide a paper note. The form can be used to notify future and past absences.

COMMUNITY NEWS



INTERNATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT'S
WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC

*kindly sponsored by local businesses
and proudly hosted for you by*

WOONONA LIONS CLUB

ALL TICKETS ARE FREE!



SCAN QR CODE
FOR LINK TO
SHOW TRAILER

STREAMED FROM OUR STAGE TO
YOUR HOME, GROUP OR SCHOOL

UNLIMITED VIEWING AVAILABLE
ON ALL PLATFORMS
29TH NOVEMBER - 28TH DECEMBER

EMAIL MICHELLE FOR ACCESS TO THE SHOW
WOONONALIONSCLUB@BIGPOND.COM

SUMMER 2021/22 @ WOONONA BEACH JOIN NIPPERS NOW!

5 Dec 21 - 27 Mar 22

woononaslsc.com.au



Ages 5-14 years

**Learn surf awareness
and skills**

**Sessions, every 2nd Sunday
(Break over Summer Holidays)**

**Kids become competent
and confident swimming in
the surf and pool**

Age groups of 20 kids

Make new friends

Competitive outlet

Registration now open

New Enrolments or Renewals **please do online** @ sls.com.au/join

If you need help email woononaregistrar@gmail.com or call Peter 0401 392 126

Nippers Dates (2021 - 5 & 19 Dec) – (2022 - 30 Jan, 13 & 27 Feb, 13 & 27 Mar)

(All sessions 930 am muster for 1000 start @ Woonona Surf Club)

Pool Proficiency Swims – Will be advised via our website and facebook pages

Fine details: One parent must register as a general member per Nipper family.

New Nippers must provide a copy of birth certificates to the email above

Full COVID-19 Safety Plans are in place for parents and the kids

BULLI SLSC NIPPERS

2021/22 SEASON COMMENCES
SUN 5 DECEMBER 2021

NIPPER PROFICIENCY SWIMS

SAT 14 NOVEMBER | SUN 21 NOVEMBER 2021

12.00pm - 2.00pm

REFER TO PROFICIENCY BOOKING FORM
Northern Stars Swim School (Bunnings Bellambi)



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER VISIT
bullisurfclub.com.au/registration