WASSUP WOONONA

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2021 DRAWS TO AN END

As this will be the final newsletter for 2021, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout the year. What a year it has been, but with only a matter of days before the school year now ends, it certainly is with great pride that we can look back on our year, knowing that we have come through a very complex time and looking forward with excitement and anticipation.

I want to remind parents that students' last day for the school year is Thursday 16 December. Students will resume school on Tuesday 1 February 2022. We look forward to seeing our Year 1 to Year 6 students on this first day. Our Kindergarten students will begin Big School on Friday 4 February after their Best Start Assessments have been conducted.

As we have a number of events early next week, a final recap of these exciting events, will be distributed on our last school day.

FAREWELL MRS CONNY WUESTNER

This year, we will be wishing a very special staff member all the best as she transitions into retirement. Mrs Conny Wuestner will be leaving us at the end of the year, after a long and highly valuable contribution to public education. Below is a small reflection on Mrs Wuestner's life and career.

After attending the Wollongong Institute of Education "a few years ago," Mrs Wuestner took a gap year, which ended up being four years of travel and work in various locations, including Germany, Scotland and England. She returned to Australia, with a couple of wonderful souvenirs, her new husband and son.



In 1985, settled and ready to get into her career, Mrs Wuestner began at Bradbury Public School in Campbelltown where she learnt the fine art of classroom management, quickly learning what to do and what not to do to get the best out of students. She loved her time at Bradbury, where she was surrounded by a young, progressive staff that enjoyed each other's company.

After four years at Bradbury, 1989 – 1992 saw two beautiful girls join her growing family and, as was the case back then, Mrs Wuestner was made to leave her permanent position. This led to new opportunities and in 1993, Mrs Wuestner worked in a variety of roles, including as an ESL teacher as well as a TAFE teacher for adults with disabilities – preparing them for the work force.

But her passion lay in primary school and so she returned to the classroom at Albion Park Primary School, where she worked for the next 18 years, in various temporary roles, in what was then known as the "Infants Department."

In 2011, an opportunity as a temporary teacher arose at Woonona PS and she took it with both hands, quickly making herself a highly valued member of the WPS staff and community. Two years later, she was rewarded with a permanent role, setting the scene for the remainder of her career.

In reflecting fondly, Mrs Wuestner has told me that her highlights at WPS are around becoming permanent again, after over 25 years as a temporary teacher, working with many marvellous teachers, support staff, office staff and executive and making amazing friends along the way. But of course the biggest highlights are the kids and enjoying every single class she ever had the honour to teach.

Mrs Wuestner, the day you retire, Woonona Public School will have a big hole, left by a teacher that went above and beyond every minute of every day. You were often the first to arrive and the last to depart. For you, it was clear, there was no end to your dedication to your students and families.

Having said that, the time has come for a new and exciting step in your life and I know I speak on behalf of the school and community in wishing you the very best for all the future has to hold.



STAFF DEPARTING WPS

At the end of this year, we will also be waving a fond farewell to four staff who have been at our school for various periods of time.

Mrs Tanya Bertapelle is our school counsellor and, as is her role, has been moved from our school, due to yearly allocation. We thank her for her hard work and dedication to our students and staff over her time at WPS.

Mrs Sharyn Summersford is one of our great SLSOs but will be joining Mount Brown Public School staff in 2022. Mrs Summersford has worked with a number of students, across the whole school, in her time with us. We thank her for her efforts in supporting these students and wish her well on the next step in her career.

Mrs Katrina Bugg has been at our school for a number of years, fulfilling various roles in a very capable way. Mrs Bugg has been offered work at Windang Public School in 2022 and we wish her all the best as she takes on a role as a classroom teacher. We thank her for her professionalism and dedication to the students of WPS, over a long period of time.

Mrs Catherine Hanes has been a valued member of our staff and has worked on our enrichment program, with students across the school. We thank her for her professionalism and dedication to supporting students and staff in High Potential and Gifted Education. Mrs Hanes has taken a step back from her teaching role, to work on some other interests and we wish her all the best as she enters this exciting time.

MONDAY 13 DECEMBER

Next Monday, will be a huge day for students, staff and families across our school. Monday morning begins with our Year 6 Graduation Assembly, held at Woonona Bulli RSL. Following this, a modified assembly we have called our K-6 Class Recognition Awards, will occur from 12:00pm. Later that night, Year 6 will come together in our school hall, to celebrate the end of their primary school journey. What an exciting day it will be All communication for these

events has been distributed, with Zoom links to the Graduation Assembly and K-6 Class Recognition Awards available below.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A ZOOM WEBINAR. WHEN: DEC 13, 2021 09:45 AM



The Graduation Ceremony can be viewed by clicking the above image. Passcode is 380458.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A ZOOM WEBINAR. WHEN: DEC 13, 2021 12:00 PM



The Presentation Day 2021 can be viewed by clicking the above image. Passcode is 651966.

FINAL P&C FOR 2021

Today, is our final P&C Meeting of the year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our P&C, in what has been a very challenging year. There is no "meeting" as such, but rather an end of year dinner at Woonona Bulli RSL, beginning at 6:30pm. It is not too late to join the dinner, so if you would like to book a seat, please contact <u>enquiries@wppc.com.au</u>.

P&C FUNDRAISING BBQ

The weekend saw elections held locally, and with election BBQs permitted, our dedicated P&C event planners and a number of parent volunteers, took to the BBQ. I would like to thank all those involved in the preparation, organisation and participation. It was great to be able to once again have the opportunity to fundraise.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Last week, we were excited to invite our 2022 Kindergarten students onto our school grounds for their face-to-face Kindergarten Orientation. It was wonderful to see lots of smiling faces, ready and excited for what is ahead. Teachers took the students through lots of activities and spent quality time getting to know each and every one. Teachers can't wait for the new year to arrive and to start to work with our next generation of Woonona Public School students.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTING

Due to the disruption caused by COVID, adjustments to curriculum have been made throughout Terms 3 and 4. As a result of this extended period of learning from home, student reporting in Semester 2, 2021 will be modified. This is in line with guidelines set by the NSW Department of Education.

In Semester 2, 2021 the formal written report for each student will:

- identify student progress and achievement on the learning covered during the reporting period, including the learning from home period
- provide teacher comments to describe student learning and identify the next steps in learning
- not contain A-E grades
- provide information about attendance and commitment to learning.

Reports will be sent home with students on Monday 13 December, 2021.

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.

Merry Christmas!! I hope Santa is good to you!!

NOVEMBER 2021 CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our outstanding November Citizens of the month, Phoebe, Kaysha, Ava and Tatum.

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









KW ARE LEARNING ABOUT CELEBRATIONS AND WE HAD OUR OWN CHINESE DRAGON PARADE

Please enjoy the video we made. It was so much fun.

Chinese Dragon Dance - KW



CANTEEN AND UNIFORM SHOP

Christmas Lunch Pack - Wed 15 Dec

Fresh Start Canteen have a delicious Christmas lunch pack available to purchase. Please click the link below to view the menu. View menu.



Onsite uniform shop closed until further notice. Online orders can be placed on the <u>QuickCliq website</u>



CLASS STATIONERY LISTS -P&C FUNDRAISER

Each school year, parents/carers are asked to provide some essential stationery items for their children. Below is a link to our School website where you can view and purchase packs that have been specifically designed by the teachers to suit each year group. Alternatively, you can reach this page from the homepage of the school website.

Orders must be received online by Friday 14 January 2022 for timely delivery to your child's class. View further information and stationery packs.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Loans

The Library will be closed for the rest of the term for stock-take. Overdue notices were sent out in Week 7 and an additional reminder will be sent out this week. Please take the time to help your child locate and return their books this week.



If you received an overdue loan notice and the book is lost please let us know so it can be wiped from our system. Notices will also list the book price which parents can pay to the office for purchase of a replacement copy. If you receive an overdue notice and the book has already been paid for previously or has already been returned please send the slip back in with this noted down. Our Library computer system will automatically create notices for any overdue books from this year. Thank you to those students who have already returned books or notified me about lost books.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Mrs Carroll Librarian



SCHOOL CANTEEN

<u>View Fresh Starts Canteen</u> <u>Menu</u>



UNIFORM SHOP

- Download the <u>uniform</u> <u>price list and order form</u> <u>(PDF 204.7KB)</u>
- Online orders can be placed on the <u>QuickCliq</u> <u>website</u>

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

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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



SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2021 READY, SET, GO 10 PCYC BOOK NOW!

9am- 3pm | 7-12yrs | Bring snacks, lunch & water | \$50 full day *Belly Dancing \$50 | Drama \$250

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 20 - 24 Dec 2021	Multi Sports	Circus Morning	Multi Sports		
		Christmas Crafts	Archery/ Arrow Tag		
WEEK 2 03- 07 Jan 2022		Gymnastics	Multi Sports	*Belly Dancing	Creative Multi Sports
		Multi Sports	Archery/ Arrow Tag	Gymnastics Multi Sports	
WEEK 3 10- 14 Jan 2022	Parkour	Gymnastics	Parkour	Gymnastics	Creative Multi Sports
	Multi Sports	Multi Sports	Archery/ Arrow Tag	Creative Multi Sports	
WEEK 4 17- 21 Jan 2022	^Drama- day1	^Drama- day 2	^Drama- day 3 APR Vac Care	^Drama- day 4	^Drama- day 5
	Parkour Creative Multi Sports	Gymnastics Creative Multi Sports	Multi Sports Archery/ Arrow Tag	Gymnastics Creative Multi Sports	Creative Multi Sports
WEEK 5 24 -28 Jan 2022	*Belly Dancing			Gymnastics	
	Parkour	Gymnastics	AUSTRALIA DAY		Creative Multi Sports
	Creative Multi Sports	Creative Multi Sports	CLUB CLOSED		
WEEK 6 31 Jan 2022	Creative Multi Sports		*Belly Dancing Genies 6-12yrs 10am-12pm \$50.00	*Belly Dancing Teens 13-17yrs 1pm- 3pm \$50.00	^Drama 12-17yrs 10am- 3:30pm \$250.00 for full week

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN ACTIVITIES

& 22 December 10am - 3pm

Wednesda

Christmas Stalls, Produce Plants, Food and more

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ART WORKSHOPS FOR SCHOOL-AGED KIDS & TEENAGERS

Perfect for the young creative minds who want to make art, have fun and make friends.

