

WASSUP Woonona

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Principal's Report



Tim Fisher

Principal

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 2022. 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!

Welcome back Mrs Amanda Bleeker!

Mrs Bleeker will be returning to our school next Wednesday, after a signi. cant time of extended leave. We welcome her back and are excited that she will rejoin our staff and school. Mrs Bleeker will be working across a number of classes, two days a week (Wednesdays and Thursdays), for the rest of the year, and is excited to reconnect with teachers and students. Welcome back Mrs Bleeker!

COVID-19 settings for term 4

Please continue to notify our school if your child tests positive to COVID-19 as we will continue to notify the school community of any known positive cases to prioritise student and staff safety and wellbeing.

On 30 September, National Cabinet announced that from Friday 14 October 2022 people who test positive to COVID-19 do not need to self-isolate. In line with this announcement, the following advice is based on recommendations from NSW Health and will support our school in adapting the change while minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmission:

- Our schools will continue to operate with our 'baseline' COVID-smart measures in place throughout Term 4.
- Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when symptom free.
- We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health.
- Schools should continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.
- Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask.

- Our school will continue to make rapid antigen tests (RATs) available for students and staff who need to test for COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing continues to be strongly encouraged when indoors and when physical distancing is not possible for all school-based staff, students and visitors to school sites.
- Masks are particularly encouraged for people attending school or work who believe they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- We will continue to encourage students and staff to wash their hands regularly with soap and warm water and/or use hand sanitiser.
- Boosted day cleaning of school will continue, focusing on target areas such as high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas.

If you have any questions regarding these latest updates, please do not hesitate to contact our school. As always, thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to navigate our way through COVID-19.

Leave in Week 1

Week 1 of this term I had planned leave. I want to thank all staff, especially Ms Strinic and Mrs Brown, for stepping up in my absence. It is always very comforting knowing that when on leave we have such competent staff to continue the great work happening at school.

World Teachers' Day

Next Friday 28 October 2022 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, I would like to thank each and every staff member at WPS.


AP C&I Appointments

At the end of last term, our school conducted two panels to appoint new positions that have been allocated to every school in the NSW Department of Education. These positions are known as Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction. The role of these staff members will be off class and working with teachers to enhance the quality of the teaching, coordinating professional learning for teachers, monitoring student outcomes, and supporting families to be key partners in student learning. I would like to congratulate Mrs Rebecca McLerie (full time) and Mr Declan McMullen (one day a week), who have been appointed to these roles. They will begin in their new positions in 2023.

Additional SDD on Monday of Week 11

A number of big announcements around education occurred during the school holidays. One of the main announcements was that the end of the school year for students, has now changed. School will now finish for students on Friday 16 December 2022 (Previously Monday 19 December 2022). This is a decision from the NSW Department of Education and is due to incoming curriculum reform. Teaching staff will now be engaged in additional Professional Learning on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December 2022.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2023



Our Kindergarten enrolments for 2023 are looking great, with 68 students currently enrolled to begin school in 2023. If you know of anyone, living within the Woonona Public School catchment area and 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 official 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 four 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 9:30am and 10:30am on Tuesday 25 October, Tuesday 1, Tuesday 8 and Tuesday 15 November.

School Enrolments 2023

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 2023.


Alternatively, if you know of friends or family members who intend to enrol their children in Woonona Public School in 2023, please ask them to contact the school office, who will assist them with their enquiry.

Deadly Encouragement Awards

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

Selective Schools 2024 Year 7 Online Applications

Online applications for Year 7 Selective Schools – 2024 – have now opened. Parents whose children will be in Year 6 in 2023, who are interested in their child sitting the selective high school placement test, are required to complete this process by Wednesday 16 November 2022 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>





SMITH'S HILL HIGH SCHOOL EXPO 2022

Monday, 31st October 2022
3:30pm – 5:30pm



Smith's Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for High Potential and Gifted students.

Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2024. Year 6 students who have sat the entrance test for 2023 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and curriculum.

Applications for Year 7, 2024 close on November 16th 2022

Smith's Hill High School – 35-37 Gipps Street Wollongong NSW 2500 Ph: 42294266

Stage 2 Excursion

Today, our Stage 2 students ventured off to Sydney for an excursion to The Rocks. I have personally attended this excursion several times and have always found it very enjoyable and highly educational. I thank our teachers who have been involved in the planning and look forward to hearing from our students, who will no doubt come back to school with a rich understanding of the history of The Rocks.

Life Education

A big thank you to Mrs Lockyer who has organised our Life Education visit in 2022. It is great to have the van return to our school for an important educational experience and memorable opportunity. Life Education will take place for classes throughout Week 3 and Week 4.

Mr Tim Fisher
Principal

Citizen of the Month Awards

These amazing students were awarded the 'Citizenship of the Month Award' for September, in recognition of their exemplary standards of conduct and service to others.

Congratulations to Flynn 5-6P, Logan 1C, Imogen KS and Samson 3-4A.



School Travel- Term 4 2022

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply now](#). A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Please see attachment below for all information relating to travel in Term 4 2022 and 2023.

School Travel Information.pdf

[Download](#)

224.1 KB

Library News

It was lovely to see all the happy smiling faces back in the Library after our holiday break. Library lessons this term will focus on an Author Study unit where students will be learning about a

variety of children's authors who write their favourite books.

We have a large selection of recently purchased Graphic Novels which will be available to borrow this term along with extra and updated copies of popular titles. If students still have Library books at home from last term, can they be returned to the Library this week. If the book is lost, please notify me in the Library.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the Library from Monday 31 October - Friday 11 November (Weeks 4 & 5). This is a great fundraising opportunity for the Library as Scholastic will give us 30% of all sales made to purchase books for our Library. 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 lesson. Week 4 Library lessons have been allocated for viewing the books available for purchase and writing wish lists and Week 5 Library lessons will be for book purchases.



Instructions on Book Fair procedures and payments will be posted on the Parent Portal in Week 3 and will include a digital copy of the books and price lists for parents to use to help with purchasing.

Happy reading
Mrs Carroll
Librarian

Interrelate Sessions for Stage 3

Students in Years 5 and 6 completed their 3 sessions of Interrelate on Friday and what a positive experience these sessions have been! Expert educators, Penelope and Sallee explored a range of adolescent issues with individual classes and we as teachers have had so many wonderful comments from students about their learning. Here are just a few

It was a great program because it taught us about relationships, how to treat others and how to deal with relationship break ups. - Ryan C

The best part of Interrelate was learning about the changes that happen to girls and boys as they grow into teenagers. Changes are normal and they are part of how we grow. It was really good to hear this. - Hannah L

We learnt all sorts of things that are important, like where babies come from and how they grow. - Orlando M

Interrelate was really great. They told us that mood swings are normal at our age, but it is not okay to take it out on anyone else. Sallee gave us some ways of dealing with mood swings such as, going into your room, having alone time, doing something for yourself, deep breaths and talking about them to people you trust. - Holly C

We learnt about how to deal with friendship issues and what to do if you're feeling stressed. It is really important to speak to your parents and trusted adults if you have big worries. You can't take it out on yourself - Rylee S

The educators taught us all about puberty. Puberty is not something to be worried about. If you are worried about anything at all, it is so important to talk with your parents. We learnt how to take care of relationships and show respect to others. If you feel stressed, she gave us some ways of managing this. - Chloe L

It was such a fantastic program because it taught us everything we need to know about puberty. Hormones have a big impact on our physical selves as well as on our emotions. Sallee was really nice and open to any questions and she reminded everyone to talk about these sensitive topics respectfully. Sallee delivered the topics in a comfortable way so they didnt seem weird. My class learnt so much and enjoyed learning about changes. - Lily J

We learnt about self-esteem and how to deal with people. We need to respect ourselves first and love ourselves. If you don't have a good relationship with yourself, you need to develop strategies to love yourself because there is only one you. Family and friends are so important in the teenage years. Making good choices is also really important in our teenage years and throughout our lifetime. - Zoe M

Thank you to our parents and carers for supporting this extremely worthwhile program. Students have been encouraged to continue conversations at home with their 'trusted adults'.

Mrs Rachel Brown

Applying for Extended Leave

Any family wishing to take five or more school days of extended leave (for travel purposes) should contact our school and complete the relevant paperwork. A certificate will be completed by the school and provided to the family, prior to their trip. This certificate can be used, whilst on your trip, should you ever be requested by authorities. Please note that this is an expectation from the NSW Department of Education. It is important to also note that requests should be made, where possible, well in advance of the leave occurring, to ensure that all paperwork can be completed.

[View Application for Extended Leave - Travel.](#)

2022 NSW term and vacation dates

Find past, present and future NSW public school term and vacation dates, a printable calendar and term planner plus test and exam dates.

Canteen and uniform shop

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 [QuickClik website](#)

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.



Community News

A poster for a 'Blue Light Disco' event. At the top left is the 'Blue Light' logo with a lightning bolt and 'NEW SOUTH WALES' underneath. The background features a group of people in a club setting with blue and white light effects. The text 'Coming Events' is written in a large, pink, cursive font. Below that is the 'PCYC BULLI' logo. The event title 'BLUE LIGHT DISCO' is in large, bold, red letters. Event details are listed in a white box with a thin border: Date 4th November 2022, Time 6pm to 8:30pm, Location WOONONA-BULLI RSL, 455-459 Princes Hwy, Woonona, Age group Years 3 to 6, Cost \$10/club, \$15/at door. Contact information includes a phone number (02 4284 3878) and an email (bulli@pcycnsw.org.au). At the bottom are logos for Facebook, the website (pcycnsw.org.au), and PCYC (Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW).

Blue Light
NEW SOUTH WALES

Coming Events

PCYC
BULLI

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

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Location **WOONONA-BULLI RSL**
455-459 Princes Hwy, Woonona

Age group **Years 3 to 6** Cost **\$10/club**
\$15/at door

For more information about this event or other club activities, please contact our office.
Phone: **02 4284 3878** Email: **bulli@pcycnsw.org.au**

Find us on Facebook pcycnsw.org.au **PCYC** POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS NSW

Woonona Kids' Club

Friday afternoons 3:15-5pm in school term for Year 2 to Year 6

Woonona Presbyterian Community Church

Bible stories, games and activities

For more information:

Hazel on 0414 463 976

hazelnisbet@yahoo.com.au

\$3 per child \$5 per family

or \$20 for the term



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