Principal’s Message
Dear Parents,

It has been a little quieter at Wollongong Public School over the last three days with over 70 Year 5 students away at their camp. While it is a little damp today, the first two days had perfect weather, and I heard from Mr Campbell last night that everything was going very smoothly. I will be travelling up to Cataract Scout Camp later this morning to share in the last activities with the students and I look forward to seeing them there.

While Year 5 were away, Miss L Paterson provided all Year 6 students with training in our Peacekeepers program. Under this program, students volunteer to help out in our school playground, answering questions from new students, and helping sort out the minor problems that occur from time to time when children play. Of course any major issues still go to the teachers on duty, but we have found that our seniors welcome this responsibility, and provide a very valuable service to the rest of the school.

We had our first P&C meeting last Monday night, and it was nice to see some new faces there. The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on March 11. If you wish to nominate or vote at that meeting, you need to pay a membership fee of $1 now to the treasurer Trish Crosse. This can be left in the blue P&C letterbox just outside our school office. Don’t forget that the P&C have their Trivia Night on the 8th March at the Master Builders’ Club. It’s a great opportunity to have an entertaining evening and support our school.

Next week we will be having a mufti day to raise funds for our Easter Hat Parade, which is held each year on the day before Good Friday. Our parade has become a much loved annual event, where every student makes a decorated hat to wear for the parade to show parents and other students. It is not a competition, simply a celebration of children’s creativity. We usually have a visit from the Easter Bunny who provides each child with a small chocolate egg. More information about the mufti day will be available in a separate note.
On Tuesday 26 February, the whole school travels by buses to Cordeaux Dam for our annual school picnic. There, students play in the park area before we all walk together to the dam wall, to admire the dam and its surrounds, before returning for a barbecue lunch (provided by our P&C). It’s a great day out, and one of my favourites, as I get to spend the entire day with students, rather than a computer!

Thank you to parents who have heeded my warnings regarding the staff carpark, although I have still needed to remind a couple of families about that safety rule. Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Harold Cosier
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PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR
Term 1, Week 3
Monday, February 11th  Life Education
Meet the teachers Stage 3
Tuesday, February 12th  Meet the teachers Stage 2
Wednesday, February 13th  Year 5 Camp
Meet the teachers Stage 1
Thursday, February 14th  Year 5 Camp
Friday, February 15th  Year 5 Camp

Term 1, Week 4
Monday, February 18th  CANTEEN CLOSED
Tuesday, February 19th  CANTEEN CLOSED
Wednesday, February 20th  SRE classes start today
CANTEEN CLOSED
Thursday, February 21st  CANTEEN CLOSED
Friday, February 22nd

Term 1, Week 5
Monday, February 25th  School Picnic Cordeaux Dam
CANTEEN CLOSED
Tuesday, February 26th  CANTEEN CLOSED
Wednesday, February 27th  CANTEEN CLOSED
Thursday, February 28th  CANTEEN CLOSED
Friday, February 29th

HEAD LICE
There have been several reported cases of head lice across the school please check your child’s hair and treat if needed; you also need to wash all hats, clothing and bed linen to kill all the eggs.

FROM THE OFFICE
All payment envelopes are to be posted in the letter box slot (placed on the front counter) in the front office. NOT TO BE TAKEN TO CLASS TEACHER

PLEASE NOTE NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN, PLEASE HAVE THE CORRECT MONEY!

All permission notes must be accompanied with payment and included in envelopes (which need to be sealed, so no coins can fall out). If paying for multiple children and/or multiple activities, they can be placed in the one envelope clearly marked with all names of children & permission notes inside. To make it easier for parents who wish to pay by cheque (made out to Wollongong Public School) – all activities and children can be paid for on the one cheque. We also have EFTPOS if you wish to use it.

Please note that P & C / Canteen activities still need to be placed in separate envelopes and cheques made out to P & C for fundraising activities etc.

With this newsletter your child should have received several notes, please look after these it is costly and time consuming for the office ladies to have to keep running off extra copies.

P&C News.
Canteen is OPENING MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
W4 2013.

NEW for 2013 Fresh Bread and Rolls & Vegetarian Lasagne.

Trivia Night Friday 8th March.

P&C AGM (annual general meeting) MARCH 11TH at 7PM IN SCHOOL LIBRARY. EVERYONE WELCOME.
WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB
JNR CHESS TOURNAMENT
2013 SUMMER SUNDAY
(Under 18 Year Olds)
7 ROUND SWISS
WHEN: Sunday 24-Feb-2013 (10:00am to 4:00pm)
WHERE: FAIRY MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE
KEIRA ROOM
Guest Park - Cnr Cambridge Ave and Princess Hwy Fairy Meadow
(Opposite Woolworth)
Trophy Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd + Age Groups
Games will be rated by NSWJCL
Results will influence qualification to NSWJCL Country Championship
Entry Fee: $10
Lunch: Players should bring their own lunch and refreshments.
Arbiter and Information: JOHN MAZZIERI
Phone: (02) 4283 3080
e-mail: mazzieri@exemail.com.au
WOLLONGONG JNR CHESS CLUB
meets Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm (not school hols)
Fairy Meadow Community Centre

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?

ALERT: EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February.

REFER to CHILDRENS ASTHMA EDUCATORS: 1300 792 755
Make your child “Ready for School” by:
1. Regular review by GP before school starts
2. Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms
3. Review and update of asthma action plan

GIRL GUIDES
Girl Guides have lots of FUN!! Camping, cooking, doing craft, playing games, earning badges and learning skills for life.
Girls 7-10 yrs meet Saturdays 9.00 – 10.30am
Girls 10-14 yrs meet Wednesdays 6.30 - 8.00pm
Girls 15-18 yrs meet Mondays 7.00 – 9.00 pm
At the GWYNNEVILLE GUIDE HALL
Call Ros on 0423673318 or to find out more visit our Website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

NO PARKING

Parents are reminded that the car parks on school grounds are for STAFF ONLY. The car parks are also out of bounds and parents are reminded that they are not to walk children through them.
Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Voluntary school contributions provide an important source of extra funds for our school. All funds raised in this manner are channelled directly into extra resources for the children. These include such items as art and craft equipment, books, computer software and sports equipment.

The contribution rate for this year is:

$40.00 per child or $55.00 per family

You may choose to contribute above this amount but if most of our families contribute the amount specified it will mean an injection of between seven and a half and eight thousand dollars into resources for students. The contribution can be paid in full or in instalments over the year.

Let me stress that this is a voluntary scheme supported by the P & C and that no child will be disadvantaged in any way should you not be in a position to pay them.

Regards

Harold Cosier
Principal

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION 2013

Child’s Name: ___________________________________________ Class:____________

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Total amount enclosed $__________________

Signed__________________________________ Date: ________________