Dear Parents,

It has been a great week at our school this week. Our picnic day at Cordeaux Dam was an outstanding success, with perfect weather and all students displaying exemplary behaviour. One of the aspects of this day that I appreciate is the way our students support each other throughout the day, ensuring that everyone is included and enjoying themselves. A couple of our newer staff members who hadn’t participated before commented on what a positive experience it was for both students and staff. I couldn’t agree more, as it showcases much of what we strive for at Wollongong Public School—great learning, getting along, confidence, resilience, organisation, persistence and of course enjoyment. Our thanks go to the P&C for supplying the food to provide sustenance for over 400 hungry students!

I attended a Keira Community of Schools (COS) meeting on Monday; this is the primary schools who feed into Keira High (Balgownie, Coniston, Fairy Meadow, Mount Ousley, Pleasant Heights and Wollongong Public Schools) and of course Keira High. Most of the discussion centred around the new Australian Curriculum and its implementation over the next few years. We are very keen to ensure that no students are disadvantaged as they move into high school because they have missed out on an aspect of the new curriculum, or have already completed topics that are being taught in year 7. We will of course be continuing with the activities that give stage 3 students the opportunity to meet students from the other COS schools, and also teachers from Keira High.

Stage 3 students were very pleased yesterday to see the assembling of the secure docking trolley for the tablets that they are using in classrooms. The trolley is made of heavy steel and has the capacity to hold 28 computers and their charging stations, and can be wheeled from room to room. It’s a great asset, and also means that the tablets are very secure.

Today all of the Stage 1 teachers are participating in the first of three training days in the Targeting Early Numeracy program, which aims to ensure that all students have a strong grounding in numeracy by the time they complete Year 2. We were very fortunate to be accepted into the program because it provides funding for the training of every Stage 1 teacher, an opportunity that has rarely come our way. I look forward to seeing the progress of our Stage 1 students with the additional skills it will provide to our teachers.

This will be my last Newsletter for the term, as next week I will be attending the Regional Principals’ Conference, and then taking Long Service Leave until
the beginning of Term 2. Mr Butt will be relieving Principal in my absence.
Don’t forget the P&C Trivia night is next Friday, the 8th March!
Have a great weekend.
Kind regards,

Harold Cosier
PRINCIPAL

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Term 1, Week 5

Monday, February 25th
Tuesday, February 26th    Whole School Picnic
Cordeaux Dam
CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday, February 27th   District Swimming Carnival

Thursday, February 28th      CANTEEN CLOSED

Friday, March 1st

Term 1, Week 6

Monday, March 4th
Tuesday, March 5th      CANTEEN CLOSED

Wednesday, March 6th

Thursday, March 7th       CANTEEN CLOSED

Friday, March 8th

FROM THE OFFICE
Any EFTOPS payments must be over $10.00, as the school is charged for every transaction, if you are filling out the EFTPOS slip all activities should be on the ONE EFTPOS slip and placed in an envelope with permission notes.

Interschool Chess Challenge 2013

Wollongong Public School will be participating in the Interschool Chess Challenge 2013 on Wednesday 3rd April at Edmund Rice College. (112 Mt Keira Rd, West Wollongong, 2500)

Players will need to be transported to the venue by 9.10am and collected by 2.30pm. The cost is $10 per child. **Please return permission note and money by Friday 22nd March 2013.**

Players will need to wear school uniform and bring their lunch and some pocket money if they want to buy something from the canteen.

Mary Elphick
Chess Organiser

Interschool Chess Challenge 2013
I give permission for my child ................................................ class ...................... to attend The International Chess Challenge at Edmund Rice College on Wednesday 3rd April. I am aware that I need to organise transport for my child. I **have enclosed $10 entry fee.**

Parent ........................................................

Mobile ..................................................
VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION 2013

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

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Total amount enclosed $__________________

Signed_________________________________ Date: _______________