Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

This week has seen the arrival of all our rewards from the Woolworths sticker program and the Coles docket points program our school community participated in during second semester last year. Miss McGartland put an enormous amount of time and effort into organising these reward programs and they were very well supported by parents and students. We now have over $5000 worth of equipment and resources which each stage was able to order to best meet their needs. We have received books, giant world maps, multiple sets of board games, puzzles, scissor sets, construction kits, toys for free play areas, magnetic shape sets, giant insect display models and train sets, just to name a few items. There will be a lot of smiling faces when these resources begin to be used in the classrooms from next week.

Our school choir had an important performance opportunity on Monday at the Town Hall. They performed for an audience of elderly Wollongong residents who were being entertained at the Town Hall for Seniors Day. We were the only Primary school performing and our students’ beautiful voices were very well received. Mrs Clapham and Miss McGartland were full of praise for our students when they returned to school. So, well done to our wonderful girls and boys in the choir.

Today is Harmony Day and the whole school has really gotten into the spirit of the day. The playground and classrooms have been a sea of orange and the students in traditional cultural costumes look absolutely stunning. What an amazing sight! The day has had such a positive feel that I am confident when I say we really are a lucky school and we do live in the lucky country. I ask everyone in our school community to pause and reflect on the cultural wealth we have here, and how we can build trust through respect for each other. Your children are leading the way.
Next week is shaping up to be one of our busiest in the term. On Monday morning after recess our whole school photo will be taken. On Tuesday morning all the Primary students are off to Bulli Park for the school Cross Country (don’t forget permission notes and money must be handed to the office staff no later than 3pm Monday). On Wednesday school class photos and individual photos are being taken. This is the day to bring in the order envelope to hand to the photographer just before class photos are taken. Finally on Thursday we have our annual Easter Hat Parade after lunch. Parents, grandparents and friends are very welcome to come along and be part of the fun. Friday and the following Monday (1st April) are both holidays for Easter.

Kind regards,

Graham Butt

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**Uniform Shop Hours**

Tuesday 2.30-3.00pm  
Friday 8.30 – 9.00am

Thank you to our two new volunteers. Please we are looking for a couple more; contact Trish on 0428355656. The more helpers, the lighter the work load.

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**School Photo Day - Wednesday 27th March**

Have your child’s school memories captured forever.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points.

- Parents can pay for all of their children’s orders in one envelope. However each child requires their own envelope on photo day to ensure their order is placed and processed (even if the payment is in a sibling’s envelope).
- Payments can be made by cash, cheque, or money orders only. The correct amount needs to be put into the envelope, as the photographers do not carry change.
- Spare order envelopes can be picked up from the school office.
- Family photo envelopes are available at the school office. These photographs are for school aged students attending Wollongong Public School only (ie no babies or parents can be accommodated in these photographs).

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us  
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**EASTER HAT PARADE**

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 28th March at 2pm under the COLA.

All students are permitted to participate, and will be making their hats with buddy classes in the coming weeks. The students will parade class by class to show off their creations. Please note that there are no prizes as this isn’t a competition.

Please encourage your child/children to use recycled bits and pieces rather than rushing out and spending a fortune on accessories.

Some ideas for things to send in are:

- old cereal boxes – the cardboard is excellent;
- scraps of material, wool, ribbon, string;
- cotton wool/cotton balls;
- old wrapping paper;
- anything that you can think of that will look good on an Easter hat.

Please come along and join in the fun. The Easter bunny will make a visit with Easter eggs for every child.

We look forward to seeing you.
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 item 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