Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

Congratulations this week to our school chess team, who on Wednesday competed in a Chess Championships at Edmund Rice College. Our students came home with the school trophy for the highest overall score. What a wonderful achievement! Alexander received a trophy for winning an amazing 7 out of 7 games. Jimmy, Vincent and Luin also received trophies for their outstanding scores. Well done boys. I look forward to hearing about your future chess battles later in the year.

Last week we had an almost perfect day for our annual school cross country held at Bulli Park. The course is quite challenging and is an excellent taste of what is to come for the competitors qualifying for the district cross country held early next term at Kembla Joggers. Winners on the day included Nathan, Jessica, Tomas, Libby, Oliver, Gras and Stephanie. The most pleasing aspect of the day however, was the enthusiasm shown by all students in doing their best to complete the course. It was great to see so many parents at the carnival supporting their children and helping out.

The Easter Hat Parade on Thursday afternoon last week was a sea of colour and creativity. Buddy classes have worked together over the past three weeks to prepare their hats for the parade. The Easter Bunny made a surprise appearance and all students received Easter eggs during the parade. Once again, all students participated and I especially commend senior classes for getting into the spirit of the afternoon.

On Tuesday morning this week we hosted the St George Illawarra Dragons ‘Tackling Bullying’ program. All students from Kinder to Year 6 were present in the hall for this engaging event, where players talked about their likes and dislikes. This led to discussions about how we treat each other and how this impacts on everyone’s lives. It was an excellent opportunity to reinforce our school commitment to anti-bullying principles. Students in Years 3 and 4 then went outside to take part in a range of skill-based activities with the Dragon’s players.

Of course, preparations and rehearsals are in full swing for our semester one school concert to be held on Thursday evening, next week. The P&C BBQ will be on from 4:30pm in front of the canteen and the show starts on time in the hall at 5:30pm. I look forward to a wonderful evening of entertainment. Thank you to all the teachers and students who are putting in long hours to make this a great success.

Just a reminder that NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and Year 5 students will take place in Week 3 next term. Please put this in your diaries now as your child must attend on Monday 14th May, Tuesday 15th May and
Wednesday 16th May to complete these national assessments.

I look forward to seeing you at the school concert next week.

Kind regards,

Graham Butt
Relieving Principal

CALENDAR

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PLEASE NOTE

The school office does not give change, please have the correct money, if you put in more than necessary for an activity the change will go to the voluntary contribution.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013

Dear Parents,

Wollongong Public School is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program in 2013. Last year, thanks to your support, we were able to collect 95,000 points and order lots of educational and fun resources for our school by participating in Woolworths Earn & Learn!

This year’s Woolies Earn & Learn campaign starts on Monday 8th of April. You can collect Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths.

There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Further instructions and a Woolies Earn & Learn Sticker Card will be sent home with your child next week.

Thank you for your support and don’t forget to ask for your stickers next time you are at Woolies!

Miss Mac
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

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VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION 2013

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Total amount enclosed $__________________

Signed_________________________________________           Date: _______________