Principal’s Message

The last week of term is here and what a busy term it has been. There have been so many highlights but the ones that really spring to mind are our school orientation day at Cordeaux Dam, the colourful Harmony day in March, the Easter Hat parade two weeks ago and the visiting children’s author Matthew Riley who entertained the whole school with his stories of life and writing. There have been many other events in the life of our school such as excursions, sport carnivals, mufti days, silver assemblies, chess tournaments, choir rehearsals, ukulele practices, district sport trials, debating/public speaking opportunities and of course our magnificent school concert. As well, many teachers have been heavily involved in professional learning courses in an effort to constantly improve the quality of education we are able to deliver in our classrooms.

I had news this week that one of our senior students, Hannah Suka, was chosen in the PSSA Illawarra and South East Regional Netball team. Congratulations Hannah. We wish you every success in the coming competitions you will be involved in.

Wollongong City Council contacted me today about major renovation work to our Church St boundary footpath. You may have noticed the coloured lines on the footpath. This work will include complete removal of the asphalt and tree roots etc. and the laying of large pavers down the entire length of our boundary. Some trees will be removed because of root damage to the footpath but council plans to replace these with non-invasive native trees to provide improved shade down the length of the street. The work will not be started until early January next year so as not to disrupt our very busy drop-off and pick-up area.

Our school hall will be fitted with a new, state of the art sound system during the coming school holidays and teachers are looking forward to a much improved facility once this is completed. Our present sound system has repeatedly let us down and I know how frustrating it has been for teachers, students and parents. Last year the P&C raised a large sum of money to provide a
wonderful lighting system for performances and this year we are very grateful for the P&C’s support for this further improvement to our school hall.

Stage 3 students have been busy creating portraits for the Keirabald Art competition run in conjunction with students from local schools and Keira High. If you get the chance, pop upstairs to the top of A Block and you will be amazed at the quality of the artwork on display. The portraits are absolutely stunning. Next term there will be an exhibition of finalists’ portraits at the Wollongong Youth Centre in Burrelli St.

With the holidays coming up and children having increased time on their hands, I’d just like to emphasise the dangers of unsupervised student use of social media websites and the internet. I’ve heard stories this week of students communicating with people unknown and being asked for photos, phone numbers and addresses. To me this is a real concern and I ask all parents to monitor and supervise their child’s use of the internet.

The first two days of Term 2 (Mon & Tues) will be pupil free school development days. An extra day has been granted by the state government to assist schools in learning about the new National Curriculums. The new National English Curriculum will be implemented in all schools next year.

I wish all students a safe and happy holiday.

Kind regards,
Graham Butt
Relieving Principal

Please note
This week we have had children bring in school photo envelopes, as the photos were taken a few weeks ago and the photographers picked up any forgotten envelopes a week later, any enquiries or questions have to be made straight to MSP Photography on 4261 3009.

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.

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

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Ages: 4 – 14, Beginners to intermediates.

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All children to receive a free Hot Shots T Shirt.

Bookings and enquiries, Wollongong City Tennis Club Pro Shop, Phone 4229 9227.
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: _______________