Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

This is our last newsletter for 2014. It has been a very busy year with an extraordinary number of events and celebrations throughout the year.

I would like to thank so many people for the support they have given and the part they have played in ensuring that our school operates so successfully; my staff, both teaching and non-teaching who work in classrooms and playgrounds ensuring that every student is engaged and learning; my administration staff who handle the hundreds of phone calls, emails and queries that arrive each week; our parent helpers including the P&C who have financially supported us so well this year, the canteen and uniform shop helpers, our classroom helpers and the many parents who have helped out on special days when we have asked for a range of things which has always been provided. I’d also like to acknowledge our school leaders, Captains Sam and Victoria, Vice-Captains Amy and Keegan, and prefects Teeba, Gabriel, Gabrielle and Logan for their contributions throughout the year, our Peacekeepers and the hundreds of other students who have participated so willingly in programs throughout the year.

Yesterday we celebrated our annual Excellence Assembly, where we acknowledged the academic sporting and social excellence of so many of our students. It was an outstanding success, culminating in our formal farewell to Year 6 who will move on to their various high schools next year. We also announced this year’s Citizenship Award, which was presented to Keegan, a very appropriate winner.

We also announced the 2015 Captains, Annika and Gabriel, Vice-Captains Aysha and Thomas, and prefects Ocean, Harry, April and Imandi; congratulations to all of these very special people.

Today many of our Stage 1 and 2 students are attending a pantomime of The Little Mermaid at the IPAC Theatre, which I am sure they will enjoy immensely.

Also today our Yearly Student Reports will be sent home with students. Please take the time to read these and discuss them with your child as they are indicators of the learning that each student has undertaken this year.

Next Monday Kindergarten students will be having a beach party while in the evening, we will be holding the Year 6 Farewell, where our senior students will have their formal dinner and then their own disco as the final formal activity of their Primary schooling.
On Tuesday, many students will be going ten pin bowling and Wednesday marks the last day of school for students for 2014.

Have a safe and happy holiday break, and I look forward to seeing you all return in 2015.

Kind regards,

Harold Cosier

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CALENDAR

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2015 Year 5 and 6 Camp Deposit Reminder

Just a reminder that the first note and deposit is due to the office by Wednesday 17th December, 2014.

Please note that payments can also be made online @

RAFFLE TICKETS

All raffle must be returned to the school office by 9am, Monday 15th December. We have many lovely prizes, the raffle will be drawn on Monday 15th December.
K-5 SCHOOL DISCO 2014

To celebrate 2014, Wollongong Public School will be holding their annual school disco for Kindergarten to Year 5 students in our hall.

When: Tuesday 16th Dec
Where: Hall at WPS

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Cost will be $2. Children are to bring their money to school and each day 3/4Y children will come around to classes to collect the money. (Money is not to go to the office) This year children will not receive a paper ticket, instead they will be put on a guest list and their names will be marked off as they enter the disco.

Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase on the night. The P&C will also be selling sausage sandwiches for $2. They can be bought before or after each disco until sold out.

Parents need to organise appropriate transportation to and from the disco at the above mentioned times. Please make sure that your child/ren are not dropped off early or collected late.

Thank you
Ms Young and Mrs Nelson - Organising teachers

FROM THE OFFICE -
This is one of the final paper newsletters, as of the first term 2015 the newsletter will only be able to be accessed via email or the school website www.wollongong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/. If you would like the newsletter emailed and don’t as yet receive it, please send any email to wollongong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the subject title “newsletter”.

EFTPOS Terminal
As of 2015 the school will no long have an EFTPOS terminal in the front office. Parents wishing to pay by credit card / debit card will have to do so online through our school website. It is costly having both the EFTPOS terminal and online payment fees to pay and we have a majority of parents paying online.

Please remember all payments for school excursions etc (not P&C) can be paid online through the schools website www.wollongong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and “make a payment” tab on the toolbar.

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 2015??

[Please complete and return to the school office]
If you expect your child will not be attending our school in 2015 (except Year 6), please complete the form below and return as soon as possible.

CHILD’S NAME:____________________________________________________
CLASS:    ______________________
REASON:____________________________________________________________________
CANTENE NEWS

Last Day of Term - Hot Chicken Roll Day

ORDERS MUST BE RETURNED BY Monday 15th December.

Just a reminder that we are finishing the year with Hot Chicken Roll Day on Wednesday 17th December - the last day of school. We will be providing yummy shredded barbeque chicken in hotdog rolls for lunch. These need to be PRE-ORDERED and order forms have been sent home earlier this week. Please attach them to a paper bag, add the money to it and send back to the Canteen on Monday 15th if you haven't already, so we can order enough food through Coles to cater for everyone.

Please note: There will be no sushi or other lunch orders available on the last day. Drinks and frozen treats will still be for sale over the counter at lunch.

Also as we are sure you would understand, we are winding down for the year and some flavours of items and products may not be available. For lunch orders, we will substitute or refund in these cases. Thanks for your support and Happy Holidays,

Canteen Volunteers

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January 2015 School Holiday Camp & 7-A-Side Tournament

Monday 12th - Tuesday 13th - Wednesday 14th of January 2015

Looking for something to do over the January School Holidays!!

We have incorporated one of our biggest Holiday Camps ever with a large range of fun soccer activities including fun games, skills & drills, team events, loads of games & a 7-A-Side Tournament all included in our 3 Day Camp these January School Holidays.

Spread the word & players can sign up as individuals or you may wish to enter your own team from summer competitions. This will be loads of fun & a great way to spend some holiday fun with the IFA team and we look forward to a feast of football activities for everyone that participates.

Camp Details:
Mon 12th - Tues 13th - Wed 14th of January 2015
Venue: Guest Park Fairy Meadow
Times; 9am - 11.30am each Day
Boys & Girls aged 7-15 welcome
Cost: Only $50 p/p for the entire 3 days

Bookings are essential:
Please go to our website & download a rego form, complete along with payment & email back to info@illawarrafootballacademy.com.au
Website: www.illawarrafootballacademy.com.au
Regards IFA