Principal’s Message

A big thank you to all the parents who turned out on a damp Sunday last weekend to help with our clean-up of the school grounds. We achieved a huge amount and now our green student groups can get on with planning and starting our new frogpond environment, native gardens and vegetable gardens.

The Keirabald Art exhibition opens this Friday evening at 6pm at the Wollongong Art gallery. Wollongong Public School has been enthusiastically involved in this initiative for a number of years and all our senior students have enjoyed participating. The Keirabald concept involves Keira High School and all the feeder primary schools including us. Traditionally we have taken out some major awards each year and I look forward to attending the opening and enjoying the thrill and fascination of the creativeness exhibited by students from across the district. Please come along if you are able, or maybe visit the gallery while the exhibition is on over the next few weeks.

Three classes have had wheelie reward days this week. Wheelie class days are earned by the classes that accumulate 20 rainbow wristbands for great student behaviour in the playground. This is not an easy achievement so well done to 1J, 2B and 1/2W. It looked as though you were having a lot of two wheeled fun this week as I was walking around the school. Great to see all those helmets protecting precious heads.

Kindergarten have now settled into school life and as I visit classes each week I’m very pleased with the obvious enthusiasm and enjoyment I see on their faces. The same can be said for Kinder in the playground at lunch and recess with students in friendship groups and engaged in all sorts of games and activities. In light of them being so settled I would encourage parents to start to let go a little more, particularly in the mornings after 8:30am when teacher supervision starts. Please
walk them to the COLA and wait until you can see the teacher on duty, but then it’s more settling for them to join their friends and not have to worry about mum or dad being there. At bell time in the morning it is also distracting for classes to have parents nearby and making last minute farewells. I ask you to put your trust in the school and its teachers to look after your children from 8:30 in the morning until 3:00 in the afternoon.

I wish everyone a safe, enjoyable Queen’s Birthday long weekend!

Best Wishes,

Graham Butt

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CALENDAR

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Merit Awards - Term 2, Week 5

Certificate of Merit
KA Deyaa, Victor
KC Vekovi
KN Mahan, LuLun
1J Anabella, Cullen
1-2G Dagmawet, Jake
1-2P Tibet, Jayden
1-2W Max, Raghad
2B Noah, Dimitri
3-4D Ella
3-4M Riyad
3-4Y Bojana
4-5M Bianca
5-6B Umar
5-6H Andre
5C Liam
6M Keegan

Student of the Week
KA Eiad
KC Ella
KN Lily
1J Layden
1-2G Aidan
1-2P Sara
1-2W Tiliki
2B Lina
3-4D Lalani
3-4M Chelsea
3-4Y Natasha
4-5M Mani
5-6B Mikal
5-6H Venus
5-6P Jasmine
5C Annika
6M Daniel

You Can Do It
KA David, Chloe
KC Tora, Ahmed
KN Ahn, Ilira
1J Jasper, Farimah
1-2G Rhed, Dagmawet
1-2P Keeleigh
1-2W Oscar
2B Jaya, Fangfang
3-4D Rocco, Selina
3-4M Tarek, Volkna
3-4Y Oliver, Tyler
4-5M Meg, Panther
5-6B Archie
5-6H Sara, Sweta
5-6P Lulu, Jayden
5C Jaida-Bo, Anais
6M Andrew, Ben
On Tuesday 3rd June, four members of the Wollongong Public School debating team participated in the second round of the Premier's Debating Challenge against Keiraville Public School. The debate was held at Keiraville Public School and the members of the Year 6 team in attendance were Sierra (1st Speaker), Amy (2nd Speaker), Eva (3rd Speaker), and Keegan (Team Advisor).

The topic for the debate was ‘that advertisements should be banned from children’s television shows’ and Wollongong presented their arguments as the negative team. After hearing some great points from both teams, the final decision was made by the adjudicator and Wollongong was declared the winners of the debate.

Congratulations to all members of the Wollongong Wizards. Round 3 of the competition will see the Wollongong Wizards take on the Keiraville Public Fast Thinkers at Wollongong Public School next week.

Mrs Parker
Did you know that you can make payments to Wollongong Public School online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?
- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

When?
This payment method will go live on WEDNESDAY 11th June 2014.

How?
Log onto School site at www.wollongong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

Make Online Payments
It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.