Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Wollongong Public School for 2015. I trust that everyone has had an enjoyable break with family members and I look forward to working with you all this year.

We have a number of new faces on staff this year. We have two new Assistant Principals, Mrs Yvette Fabian-Carter who will be supervising Kindergarten, and Mr Khaled Elhage who will be supervising Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4). We also have a new teacher on 4/5, Ms Karen Helliwell, and a new teacher on 5/6, Mr Adam Picken. We welcome them all to our school team.

We also welcome the many new students and families who have already commenced at our school, with our Kindergarten students starting on Monday.

As it is the start of a new year, there are a number of reminders regarding activities around our school. The first is for parents visiting the school. Please ensure that when you visit the school, you first come to the front office. Our staff there can provide the appropriate information and direct you accordingly. If you need to see your child, please do not go straight to their classroom, as in the interests of safety, we cannot have people wandering unaccompanied around the school buildings. If you need to speak with your child’s class teacher, please do not try to engage them at 9 o’clock as they go into class, but see them after school, or make an appointment through the school office.

Travel to and from school. As we are located in Wollongong’s CBD (Central Business District), the streets around our school are always very busy. This means that students and parents must always be very safety conscious as they travel to and from school. Most students arrive by car, which means that the drop off/pick-up area is very busy. Please be patient as you wait your turn, particularly in the afternoons. Please do not park in the staff car parks as these are restricted areas, where students are not permitted for obvious safety reasons. Walkers too need to be vigilant and only use the appropriate marked crossings. We do not encourage children to ride bicycles, since the roads are so busy, but if your child does choose to bring a bike to school, it is their responsibility to secure it with an appropriate lock in the courtyard next to the school office.
Classes and Teachers for 2015

**Early Stage One (Kindergarten) Supervisor - Mrs Fabian Carter**

- KF-C Mrs Fabian-Carter
- KC Mrs Parker
- KN Mrs Nelson
- K/1A Mrs Campbell. Mrs Campbell has both Kindergarten and Year 1 students

**Stage One (Years 1 and 2) Supervisor – Miss Melanie Paterson**

- K/1A Mrs Anne Campbell
- 1/2G Miss Gray
- 1/2L Miss Lauren Paterson
- 1/2P Miss Melanie Paterson
- 2B Mrs Berry

**Stage Two (Years 3 and 4) Supervisor Mr Elhage**

- 3/4D Mrs Doyle
- 3/4E Mr Elhage
- 3/4M Ms Middleton
- 3C Miss Amy Campbell
- 4/5H Miss Helliwell

**Stage Three (Years 5 and 6) Supervisor Mr Campbell**

- 4/5H Miss Helliwell
- 5/6A Mr Picken
- 5/6B Ms Boreland
- 5/6P Mrs Clapham
- 5C Mr Campbell
- 6J Ms Pintley

**Non Class based Teachers**

- Library Mrs Leslie
- Release from Face to Face (RFF) Miss Bevan
- Reading Recovery/Learning Support Miss Wilson
- Learning Support Miss Young

**Support Staff**

- Administration Manager Mrs Finn
- Administration Officer Mrs Smith
- Administration Officer Ms Jordan
- Learning Support Officer Ms Shaw
- Learning Support Officer Ms Baker
- General Assistant Mr Summerfield
- General Assistant Mr Seymour

Coming up we have our first P&C (Parents and Citizens) Meeting for the year on Monday 9 February in the school library.

For students, we have our swimming carnival (for students aged 8 and over who can swim 50 m) on Monday February 16th.

Our Welcome to School Picnic Day will be held at Cataract Dam on March 10th.

Have a safe and happy weekend

Kind regards,

Harold Cosier

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PRINCIPAL
**CALENDAR**

**Term 1, Week 1 2015**

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**Term 1, Week 2 2015**

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**2015 Year 5 and 6 Camp**

**Deposit 2 Reminder**

Just a reminder that the second deposit is due to the office by **Friday 13th February, 2015.**

Medical and Consent notes will be sent home in Week 2.

Please note that payments can also be made online @ [http://www.wollongong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home](http://www.wollongong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home)

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Premiers Reading Challenge Awards**

258 students completed the Premiers Reading Challenge, of the 258 students the following have achieved a **Gold Award for completing the challenge for four years**:

Nawaf Alshehri, Selina Cheng, Elijah Cox, Jasmine El Hanafy, Kira Fletcher, Jase Grant, Mark Khoury, Arika Naumovski, Kazuma Phillips, Rocco Roncato, Craig Wang,

Mrs Leslie - Teacher Librarian

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome back to school! We are working on the new menu but wanted to let you know that the Canteen is **open next week** on Monday 2 February, Wednesday 4 February and Friday 6 February for frozen treats and snack foods at **Lunch only**.

Please note that we will NOT be open at Recess and will NOT be serving hot foods or starting lunch orders until the following week while we are restocking everything.

So if it’s hot next week come in and get something cold! Juicies frozen fruit tubes are back in super sour Lemonade, pineapplley Tropical and crazy purple Wildberry flavours and are still $1 each. Quelch fruit iceblocks are still 50c. A limited amount of frozen JellyJoysticks are also available at 20c due to supplier issues. Small packets of popcorn, pretzels, chips, jellies and custards will be available too - these are all $1 or less.

Our 2015 menu will be sent to you shortly.

Thank you;

Canteen Volunteers
Yoga for Kids

**Wednesday Afternoons:**
- 4-7 year olds – 3:45-4:30pm
- 8-13 year olds – 4:30-5:30pm
At Kutumba Yoga
Ralph Black Drive, North Wollongong

**Friday Afternoons:**
- 4-7 year olds – 3:45-4:30pm
- 8-13 year olds – 4:30-5:30pm
At Fairy Meadow

For more information or to book please call Simone on:

**0428 90 98 95**

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**Yoga teaches kids:**
- Social skills
- Anxiety management
- Focus
- Self esteem
- Healthy choices
- Motor skills
- Values
- Lifelong skills for happiness