Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately this week I must start with a very strong reminder regarding the road rules around our school. The zone outside the administration office in Church Street is a drop-off / pick-up zone only between 8.00 and 9.30 in the mornings and 2.30 and 4.00 in the afternoons. This means you can park for 2 minutes only. You cannot go more than 5 metres from the car and you definitely cannot park for extended periods of time. This morning I noted the registration numbers of seven cars left unattended while parents delivered children to the playground. This meant that there were no drop off spaces available so other parents were forced to double park or stop illegally in the bus zone. Obviously this is a very dangerous situation and cannot continue. I have informed the council rangers and they will be patrolling our area in coming days. Offenders will be booked, regardless of their excuses.

The other areas of concern are the staff car parks. Again, these are restricted areas, both for safety and practical reasons. Already this week we have had a number of near misses as parents walk their children through the car parks. We have a large staff, and staff members come and go throughout the day. With so many vehicles it is very difficult to see small children in those areas. They are not drop-off zones for parents, and they are not parking areas for the general public.

Today we are having our first whole school assembly. For those of you who are new to the school, we have a whole school assembly every second Friday at 11.30 in our school hall. At these assemblies we present special awards for students, provide information on what has been happening across the school, and what events may be coming up. Parents are most welcome to attend these assemblies, and when your child is to receive one of our special awards, you will receive an invitation to attend. During the alternate weeks, K-2 and 3-6 hold separate Stage assemblies where class awards are presented.

In my haste last week when I was introducing the staff for 2015 to you, I inadvertently omitted a crucial team from the list. Our English as an Additional Language or Dialect team (EAL/D) (formerly known as
English as a Second Language or ESL) consists of teachers Mrs Mary Elphick and Mrs Melissa Fist and School Learning Support Officer Mrs Evoon Yacoub and also Mrs Wendy Laughton Cook our Library Assistant. My apologies regarding this omission of one of our most important teams. And also Mrs Wendy Laughton Cook our Library Assistant.

A huge thank you to all our parents who have ensured that students arrive each day looking very smart in full school uniform. It makes such a difference to the perception of our students, and also to their feeling a part of our great school. Of course I also offer my thanks to the hard working parents in the uniform shop, who have made sure that orders were filled as quickly as possible.

Speaking of parent support, on Monday night at 7.00pm we have our first P&C (Parents and Citizens) Meeting for the year in the school library. We would love to see you there.

Finally, have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Harold Cosier

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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 need to be completed also. Please note that payments can also be made online @ http://www.wollongong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home
DISTRICT TRIALS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORMS REMINDER
All expression of interest forms for the District Trials must be returned to the school office by Monday 9th February at 9.30am.

NO LATE NOTES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE
Ms Young

SWIMMING CARNIVAL REMINDER
All money and permission notes for the swimming carnival must be returned to the school office by Wednesday 11th February at 9.30am.

NO LATE MONEY OR PERMISSION NOTES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE
Sports Committee

EFTPOS Terminal
As of 2015 the school will no longer 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](http://www.wollongong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) and “make a payment” tab on the toolbar.

ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL
Illawarra Sports High School will be having the Year 5 & 6 Open Night on Monday February 16th, 6pm in the school hall. The Open Night will be a parent / student information session followed by a tour of the school. It is recommended that students interested in trialling for the selective Talented Sports and Development Program attend the Open Night to seek information concerning the upcoming trials on March 10th.

MT OUSLEY PHYSIE CLUB
Dance, exercise, fitness and fun for girls and ladies
Classes at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School
Mondays – starting 9th February - 9-10yrs 4-5pm, 11-12yrs 5-6pm, 13 yrs -1st yr seniors 6-7pm, 2nd yr and Open seniors 7-8pm
Tuesday – starting 10th February - pre-schoolers 3.30-4pm, 4-6yrs 4-5pm, 7-8yrs 5-6pm
Ladies classes at Corrimal Leagues Club Monday 7-8pm - starting 16th February and Friday 9:30-10:30am - starting 20th February
First three lessons free for new members
Check our website [www.mtousleyphysie.com](http://www.mtousleyphysie.com)
Or call Elizabeth 0411 288 291 or Kellie 0413 249 707
Canteen News:

Just letting you know the Canteen will be back to normal hours next week and open for full service at both Recess and Lunch, and for all Recess and Lunch Orders starting next Monday 9th Feb. Thank you those people who have already volunteered to help us serve the kids!

Please make sure you look at the new Menu attached (to last week’s newsletter) for current pricing and the different Specials we have available on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays.

Try a Vietnamese Rice Paper Roll on Monday! There are 2 types and 2 dipping sauces available for you to choose from as well. They are new to the menu and are made to order and make a great fresh and healthy lunch!

Thank you
Canteen Volunteers

Give Hockey A Try
Junior Gala Day, 21st Feb
Always wanted to try hockey??
Come along to Figderra Hockey Clubs fun day & give it a go. Meet some other kids & see if you would like to play with our club this season.

Ages 9-18
10.00 - 11.30 am
ICU Hockey Stadium
Waples Rd, Unanderra
Bring: mouthguard, shin pads
friends & a stick (if you have one)
Supplied: BBQ & Drinks, stick if you need one
www.facebook.com/FigderraHockey
Call Jane: 0422764229 or Sherree: 0421985421

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Registration online beginning February
Mondays and Wednesdays
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Kemblawarra

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