



# Wollongbar Public School

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Term 4, Week 1

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## Calendar

### Term 4

#### Week 1

18/10 Assembly 2/3N  
11:30am

#### Week 2

22/10 Smoking Ceremony

22/10-23/10

Interrelate

24/10 P&C Disco

5:30-7:30pm

25/10 World Teacher's Day

Assembly 3B

11:30am

#### Week 3

28/10 Story Dogs Mufti Day

01/11 Kinder Transition

Assembly 1/2M

11:30am

#### Week 4

04/11 Intensive Swimming  
Yrs 2-6 Begins

06/11 P&C Mtg  
7:00pm

07/11 Kinder & Year 2  
Dental Visit

08/11 Kinder Transition

#### Week 5

11/11 Remembrance Day  
Ceremony

11/11-15/11

Intensive Swimming  
Yrs 2-6 Continues

15/11 Kinder Transition

Assembly K/1R

11:30am

#### Week 6

26/11 Volunteers Morning  
Tea

29/11 Big Day @ School

### Professional Learning

Progressions, Speaking and  
Listening

For more events on our  
Calendar, please go to:

<http://www.wollongbar-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

## Principals Report

Welcome back everyone, with an especially big welcome to all our new families.

Term 4 is always a very busy term so the following are some important dates to help you with your planning:

### October

Tuesday 22

Smoking Ceremony & start of Bundjalung Language Program

Thursday 24

P&C Disco (Wollongbar students only)

### November

Friday 1

Kinder Transition

Wednesday 6

P&C Meeting

Monday 11

Concert tickets go on sale (Office)

Friday 15

Kinder Transition

Wednesday 20

SRC Mufti Day

Friday 22

Kinder Transition

Tuesday 26

Volunteer Morning Tea & last Scripture

Friday 29

Big Day @School (Kindergarten 2020)

**\*\*Years 2-6 Intensive Swimming Monday 4-Friday 15 November**

**\*\* Notes home 14 November for Picnic Day, Swimming Carnival (Friday 31 January) and Dance Fever, our Term One 2020 dance program beginning Monday 3 February (Week 2 2020).**

### December

Wednesday 4 Dec

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 10

Matinee Concert

Evening Concert

Wednesday 11

Evening Concert

Friday 13

Presentation Day

Student Reports home

Monday 16

Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 17

Picnic Day

Wednesday 18

Last day of term

Year 6 Tunnel

## P&C Halloween Disco

Our last P&C Disco for the year is next week, Thursday 24 October 5:30-7:30pm. The disco is for Wollongbar PS students only. Parents and carers of children attending the disco **MUST** collect the children from the Hall.

Please note: students are responsible for following our code of behaviour whenever they are on the school site or attending school functions, and this includes our discos. No student should have a mobile phone with them, and there is to be no videoing or taking photos. Any student mobile phones must be signed in and out at the staff desk outside the Hall, as per our usual procedure. To ensure the enjoyment and safety of

everyone, any students who do not follow the school's code of behaviour will be asked to leave and may receive a caution.

### Online Safety

Over the last term in particular we have provided you with information and strategies around the management of child online safety. The eSafety Commissioner site at <https://www.esafety.gov.au> is constantly updating information to help you to help your child learn to deal with the big issues in online safety, such as cyberbullying, online pornography, sending nudes and sexting, time online, gaming and unwanted contact.

We have had further reports of online bullying, particularly with Stage 3 girls, via TikTok and other social media platforms. Whilst it is important that you keep us informed so that we can support ongoing cyber learning and welfare support, the school does not use social media sites. We are not responsible for how the children allowed to use these sites out of school hours and during holidays use them. It is a parental responsibility.

**If you feel your child is at risk or is showing that they are not yet ready for the responsibilities that come with the use of social media sites, then you might like to consider taking away their access to those sites, seeking advice from the eSafety Commissioner or making a report to the police.**

**During Weeks 8-10 of Term Four** I will be meeting with individual classroom teachers to collect the learning and behaviour data that we will use to form classes for 2020. If you believe you have important information about the needs of your child that I need to consider, you are invited to write to me via the school email account or in a letter. Forming classes is a complex process and I am in no way promising that what you write will happen, but I always do my best to take it into consideration. Letters need to be received by me prior to Week 8 (29 November).

Jennifer  
Principal

## 2019 Planner

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	14 Oct. Students Commence	15 Oct.	16 Oct.	17 Oct. STEAM Excursion 2/3N & 3B	18 Oct. Assembly 2/3N
2	21 Oct.	22 Oct. Smoking Ceremony Interrelate	23 Oct. Interrelate	24 Oct. P&C Disco	25 Oct. World Teacher's Day Assembly 3B
3	28 Oct. Story Dogs Mufti Day	29 Oct.	30 Oct.	31 Oct.	1 Nov. Kinder Transition Assembly 1/2M
4	4 Nov. Intensive Swimming Yrs 2-6 Begins	5 Nov.	6 Nov. 7pm P&C Mtg	7 Nov. Kinder & Year 2 Dental Visit	8 Nov. Kinder Transition Remembrance Day Ceremony Assembly 1H
5	11 Nov. Intensive Swimming Yrs 2-6 Continues	12 Nov.	13 Nov.	14 Nov.	15 Nov. Kinder Transition Assembly K/1R
6	18 Nov.	19 Nov.	20 Nov. SRC Mufti Day	21 Nov.	22 Nov. Kinder Transition Assembly KP & KO
7	25 Nov.	26 Nov. Volunteers Morning Tea	27 Nov.	28 Nov.	29 Nov. Big Day @ School
8	2 Dec.	3 Dec. Yr 6 to 7 Orientation Day	4 Dec.	5 Dec.	6 Dec. Year 6 Assembly
9	9 Dec.	10 Dec. Matinee Concert 6.00pm Evening Concert	11 Dec. 6.00pm Evening Concert	12 Dec.	13 Dec. Presentation Day Reports Home Xmas on the Plateau
10	16 Dec. 5:00pm Yr 6 Farewell	17 Dec. Picnic Day	18 Dec. Last Day of Term 4 3:00pm Year 6 Farewell Tunnel	19 Dec.	20 Dec.
2020 Term 1					
1	27 Jan. Australia Day Holiday	28 Jan. Staff Development Day	29 Jan. Term 1 Commences	30 Jan.	31 Jan. Swimming Carnival No Assembly
2	3 Feb. Dance Fever Program	4 Feb.	5 Feb.	6 Feb.	7 Feb. Assembly
3	10 Feb. Dance Fever Program	11 Feb.	12 Feb.	13 Feb.	14 Feb. Assembly
4	17 Feb.	18 Feb.	19 Feb.	20 Feb.	21 Feb. Assembly

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Who	Event	Payment Due Date	Cost
Whole School	School Contributions & Technology Levy	27 <sup>th</sup> of September 2019	\$87 / Student \$117 / 2 Students \$147 / 3 Students \$147 Plus \$20 Per Student / 4 or More Students
Year 5 2020	Laptop Purchase Program	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> of November 2019	Option 1. Complete payment of \$439.40 Option 2. Deposit of \$239.40 up front with consecutive payments.
Years 3 & 4 - 2020	Coffs Coast Adventure Centre 2020	<del>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</del> Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> of October Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> of November Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> of February	<del>\$180 / Student</del> \$60 / Student \$60 / Student \$60 / Student
Years 5 & 6 - 2020	Great Aussie Bush Camp 2020	<del>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</del> Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> of October Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> of November Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> of February Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> of March	<del>\$215 / Student</del> \$100 / Student \$100 / Student \$100 / Student \$100 / Student
Years 2-6	Intensive Swimming Scheme	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> of October	\$49.50 / Student or \$9.50 / season ticket
Years 5 & 6	Christine Anu	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> of October	\$4 / Student

Unfortunately, students who have not paid and brought in a permission note by the due date for these events will not be able to participate. Please visit the



school website to make a payment online. *is available at our school from 8.30am-1.30pm*  
Permission Notes MUST be accompanied by payment or they will be returned to your child.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB ISSUE 7

Book club has been issued and is due back at school on:

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2019**

*Unfortunately, we will not be taking any late orders.*

***Please remember to write your child's name clearly on ALL order forms.***

### Dolphin Dreaming Excursion 1/2M & 2R

1/2M and 2R had an incredible day Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of October exploring Byron Bay. Aunty Delta shared her knowledge and culture of the Arakwal people through story and dance.

"I learned that honey suckle can be used for making bush cordial and you can use it to brush your hair".

"I liked touching the boomerang and the shield".

"I learned that there is an Aboriginal Spirit who lives in the cave at Julian Rock who controls the storms."

"My favourite thing was Delta's stories and dance."

"My favourite thing was making a sandcastle

A great day of learning and exploring was had by all.

Anna, Tanya, Brianna  
Excursion Coordinators

### Home Reading

We are nearing the end of the year and nearing the achievement of 300 Nights of Home Reading for Years 1 - 6 and 250 Nights of Home Reading for Kindergarten. A reminder to all families that we do not accept bulk Home Reading Logs before the due date of 250 and 300 Nights of Home Reading instead observing the periodic handing in of logs throughout the year.

Borrowing of Home Reading books will stop in Week 5 in readiness for our Home Reading Stocktake. The Home Reading Stocktake will take place Week 6 - Week 9. If you can help during these times, please leave your name, number, days and times available at the Office.

Leigh  
Home Reading Coordinator

### Bundjalung Language Program and Smoking Ceremony

Uncle Elliot will start our Bundjalung Language Program next Tuesday. We will be starting with a Smoking Ceremony on Tuesday 22 October at 9.30am. This is an important event of cultural significance and is open for all school families to attend. There will be a Yarn and Cuppa in the staff room after the Smoking Ceremony for visiting guests.

Uncle Elliot will teach classes each Tuesday and will work with some of our students to build knowledge and cultural connections.

Leigh  
Assistant Principal



# Wollongbar P&C

## Welcome back from the P&C

We hope you had a happy, safe and restful School Holidays. We have lots of exciting things planned for Term 4 so we'd love you to consider joining us at the November P&C meeting to hear about future plans and how you can help make our school community even better than it already is!

### DISCO! Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Our last disco of the year is Halloween themed...it's sure to be a SCREAM!! Drop off your Wollongbar school kids at 5:30pm, then come join other parents in the Library for a Meet & Greet (or just come back at 7:30pm).

Disco entry is \$2. Wollongbar students only.

We will also have the canteen open during the disco.

Disco Menu:

- Sushi \$4
- Hot dog \$3
- Lollies \$1 per bag
- Baked goods 50c - \$2
- Jelly 60c
- Water \$1.50
- Popper \$1.50



*Can you volunteer to help at the disco?*

*Please contact Anna on 0410 594 676*

### Parents Meet & Greet - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Do you find it is too busy to catch up with other parents during the chaos of pick-up and drop-off? Are you new to the school community and would you like to meet other parents/carers? Do you not get a chance to see other parents because your kids take the bus?

Take advantage of the 2 hour (school-aged) kid free time during the Disco and join us in the Library for a meet & greet. Come grab a cuppa while the kids are at the disco. Drop in for coffee/tea, biscuits and good conversation.

### Christmas Stall

Later in the term students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift or 2 from our P&C Christmas Stall. Keep your eyes peeled for the date and more information in future newsletters. The P&C would like to thank all our volunteers for their generous donation of time and skills.

### We love our volunteers

Do you know someone who helps and deserves recognition? Please put their name in the "Thank You" box in the office. Moreover, remember to put your own name in the box each time you volunteer!



We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mel and Mick from Alstonville Plaza Butcher and Deli who have donated a \$20 voucher for us to give to one lucky volunteer each month.

You can reach the P&C team via [wollongbarPC@hotmail.com](mailto:wollongbarPC@hotmail.com), <https://www.facebook.com/wollongbarPC> or Anna (President) on 0410.594.676



What's happening?	When?	Where?
Fundraising Meeting	6 November, 6pm	The Tavern
P&C General Meeting	6 November, 7pm	Staff Room





Daughters and Dads Active and Empowered program is an award-winning evidence-based initiative, proven to enhance the physical and social-emotional well-being of girls, developed by the University of Newcastle, Australia. If you're a dad with primary school-aged\* daughter(s) this is for you. Your daughter will walk away feeling empowered with improved fundamental movement skills and you'll get one-on-one time doing dad-tested activities.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The program involves a mix of both theory-based education sessions and fun practical activities.

### EDUCATION SESSIONS

Dads learn the unique and powerful influence they have on their daughter and parenting strategies to encourage gender equity.

Daughters walk away feeling empowered against the culture of gender prejudice existing in many aspects of their lives, particularly regarding physical activity.

The daughters' education sessions focus on developing key social and emotional skills including:

- Self-control
- Persistence
- Critical thinking
- Resilience
- Self-reliance

### PRACTICAL SESSIONS

The practical sessions focus on rough and tumble play, fitness and sport skills.

The program focusses on foundations skills necessary for a range of sporting activities including:

- Kicking
- Catching
- Bouncing
- Striking and throwing

## DAUGHTERS AND DADS WEEKENDER PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Two-night weekend stay at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre (includes outdoor recreation activities, all food and accommodation)
- Experience the Daughters and Dads Active and Empowered program as well as traditional camping and adventure activities
- Practical sessions focus on rough and tumble play, sport, and fundamental movement skills
- Theory sessions focus on building confidence, self-esteem, and resilience in girls
- Daughters and Dads receive a program t-shirt and drink bottle

WHEN	PROGRAM TYPE	WHERE	COST
29 November - 1 December	<b>Weekender</b>	<b>Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre</b> Pacific Parade Lennox Head NSW 2478	Adult: <b>\$208</b> Child: <b>\$153</b>

\*Participants should be at primary school or a minimum of five years old

For more information or book your place

 **13 13 02**

 **sport.nsw.gov.au/daughtersdads**



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Alstonville Swimming Clubs 2019 / 2020 season commences on Tuesday the 15th of October,  
6pm at the Alstonville Aquatic Centre.

Everyone is welcome, come and try your first night for free!

Alstonville Swimming Club prides itself on being a fun, family friendly club and offers a  
motivating and exciting environment.

Our members have the opportunity to swim at our weekly club nights as well as local carnivals  
or regional and state competitions. We cater for a range of ages and abilities.

Club nights include racing, a fun and encouraging atmosphere and family friendly BBQs.

For more information contact our Club president, Michael Thompson

Phone: [0428 659 237](tel:0428659237) or Email: [alstonvilleswimmingclub@gmail.com](mailto:alstonvilleswimmingclub@gmail.com)




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## 2019 Creative Christmas Tree Event Expressions of Interest

Quota Alstonville—Wollongbar is holding a Creative Christmas Tree Event.

We are holding this event on Friday 13th & Sat 14th December at the

Alstonville Community centre. This is a community event.

Businesses, Individuals and Community Groups are asked to decorate a tree and set  
them up on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. An entry fee of \$20.00 is required.

The event will be open to the public from 10 am –7pm Friday (visit before the Com-  
bined Churches Carols) and on Saturday 10am -3 pm with a gold coin donation.

(Schools & Nursing Homes free)

I am interested in participating and would like to receive more information on the Creative  
Christmas Tree Event .

I would like to be sponsor ☐ ...../ enter a tree ☐

NAME .....

GROUP NAME.....

EMAIL .....

PHONE .....

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT : Susan French 66285302 or Diane  
Parker 0416214012

Email : [quotaalstonville@gmail.com](mailto:quotaalstonville@gmail.com)

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