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Term 4, Week 2

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Calendar

Term 4

Week 2

- 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

- 04/11-08/11
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
- 22/11 Kinder Transition

Week 7

- 26/11 Volunteers Morning
Tea & Last Scripture
- 29/11 Big Day @ School

Professional Learning

NAPLAN Analysis
Setting Stronger Targets
Social Stories
Differentiated Assessment

For more events on our
Calendar, please go to:

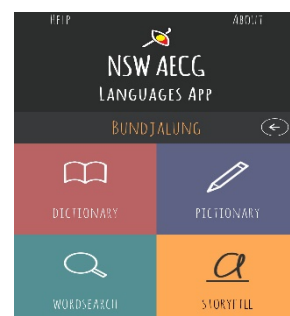
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Principal Report

There are over 10,000 students learning Aboriginal languages in NSW Public Schools and this week we joined them. All students (and staff) started learning the local Bundjalung language with Uncle Elliot. We celebrated the beginning of the program with a smoking ceremony performed by Uncle Gilbert Laurie that involved the whole school. Language lessons will be held each Tuesday and are funded by our local AECG.



Did you know that the Bundjalung are the largest Aboriginal nation in our country? There is a fantastic new free Aboriginal Languages App developed by the NSW AECG and you can download it now at <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/nsw-aecg-languages-app/id1471586439>.



We have a new procedure for the election of School Captains and House Captains at Wollongbar Public School. Thank you to Year 5 for working with Mrs Dixon and I last term to create the new procedures- a great example of our students having both voice and influence in how we do business. As the first students to trial the new procedure, Year 5 received both a paper and emailed copy this week. A copy of the new *Wollongbar School Leadership- School Captains and House Captains Procedure* is also included with this newsletter and on the school website.

Parents and Carers of Year 4 students: this week I introduced the new procedure to Year 4 students so that they have an understanding of what is expected of them and to give them time to plan and set goals. It's only 'this time next year' for them!

P&C Disco Halloween Disco tonight, 5.30- 7.30pm, for Wollongbar students. A reminder to parents and carers that they **MUST** collect their child from the Hall. We take the safety of our students very seriously and will not be allowing any child to go home or across to the Tavern on their own.

Back to School Safety Tips

1. Drop-off and pick-up by car

Make sure your children are in appropriate [child car seats](#) that are fitted and used correctly. Stick to the **40km/h speed limit** in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable. Look out for buses pulling out – watch for **wig-wag** lights. NEVER cross in front of or in-between buses.

Always park and turn legally around schools and **avoid dangerous manoeuvres** like U-turns and three-point turns. Always **give way to pedestrians**, especially when entering and leaving driveways.

Remember: it's safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.




2. Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you are using children's crossing areas where possible. **Always hold your child's hand up until the age of eight.** Young children need your help to spot danger like vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic. Drop off and pick up your child under the COLA or near the school gate- never call them from across the road! Talk to your children about **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** every time they cross the road:

- **Stop** one step back from the kerb
- **Look** continuously both ways
- **Listen** for the sounds of approaching traffic
- **Think** whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across.

Your child's safety depends on you. Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and use them when they are old enough to travel alone.

Jennifer
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS			
Who	Event	Payment Due Date	Cost
Whole School	School Contributions & Technology Levy	27 th 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 st 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	Wednesday 25th September Wednesday 30 th of October Wednesday 27 th of November Wednesday 12 th of February	\$180 / Student \$60 / Student \$60 / Student \$60 / Student
Years 5 & 6 - 2020	Great Aussie Bush Camp 2020	Wednesday 25th September Wednesday 30 th of October Wednesday 27 th of November Wednesday 12 th of February Wednesday 11 th of March	\$215 / Student \$100 / Student \$100 / Student \$100 / Student \$100 / Student
Years 2-6	Intensive Swimming Scheme	Wednesday 23 rd of October	\$49.50 / Student or \$9.50 / season ticket
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. <i>is available at our school from 8.30am-1.30pm</i> Permission Notes MUST be accompanied by payment or they will be returned to your child.			
  			

2019 Planner

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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. Remembrance Day Ceremony 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 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

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB ISSUE 7

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

Tuesday 29th 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.***

Dress as a Dog Day - Storydog Fundraiser

Each week we are lucky to have Jill and Teddy from Storydogs come in and read with some of our students. Wollongbar Public School SRC would love to donate money to continue with the great Storydogs program in our school and across the region. In order to do this, we will be holding a 'Dress as a Dog Day' or Mufti Day on Monday 28th October. Bring a gold coin donation to go toward this fantastic reading support resource in our school.

Nicole
Storydogs Organiser

Bamboo World Excursion 2/3N and 3B

On Thursday 17 October 2/3N and 3B went on an excursion to Bamboo World.

We had a wonderful time walking through the nursery and learned all about recycling water, being water wise and irrigation systems. Students got to plant their own succulents to take home. We cannot wait to explore more on this subject during STEAM throughout this term.

Kristen & Meghann

Excursion Coordinators

Smoking Ceremony and Bundjalung Language Program

On Tuesday, we began our school day with a Smoking Ceremony run by Uncle Elliot, our Bundjalung Language Teacher and special guest, Uncle Gilbert Laurie. The students were welcomed into the circle and invite to walk through the smoke to signify new beginnings. Students, staff, visitors and family members walked through the smoke together in a beautiful ceremony of cultural significance. We are so grateful to have Uncle Elliot and Uncle Gilbert come into our school for this morning and throughout the term.

Our Bundjalung Language Program started this Tuesday and was exciting for all students. This week we learnt about greetings. We will be practicing these at morning assemblies.

Leigh

Assistant Principal



PRESENTATION DAY, FRIDAY 13th December 2019 Awards and Criteria



A. For Each Class (room) NB: Kindergarten children each receive a Graduation Certificate.

a. Outstanding Achiever

High achievement in learning, outstanding attitude and behaviour, well developed work habits. Special considerations such as involvement in school sporting teams and other school programs could be taken into consideration where there is difficulty in making a decision between two students.

b. Being a Co-operative Class Member

Look to students who show initiative and a willingness to help others (including teacher), without dominating others, rather than those who simply are never in trouble. Also, you could use the student's application of co-operative learning skills and attitudes as part of your criteria.

c. General Improvement

Most noticeable overall improvement in the areas mentioned in (1).

d. Special Class Awards x2

To be decided by the class teacher to accommodate two children whom the teacher believes are worthy of some special recognition.

B. Major Awards

School Citizenship (Beddoes Shield)

Early Stage One (Kindergarten), **Stage One** (Yrs 1-2), **Stage Two** (Yrs 3-4), **Stage Three** (Yrs 5-6)

To be selected by individual vote by each staff member (teaching and support) following staff discussion and agreement on students included on a short list for voting.

It is expected that the recipient will exhibit:

- A willingness to help others
- Co-operation with teachers and other staff
- Care of school property
- Respect for others
- Respect of school rules
- Initiative
- Qualities as a worthy role model

Staff Members are invited to nominate students and speak to their nomination for these awards at a staff meeting in Term 4. The meeting will develop an agreed shortlist. Voting will take place over the next three days (to give all staff a chance a vote).

Outstanding Achiever of Wollongbar School.

This will generally be decided by using the criteria for 'Outstanding Achiever' (see above). It is anticipated that the recipient will come from Year 6. This award is decided by the Year 6 teachers, in consultation with their supervisor and Principal.

C. Sports Awards

Outstanding Sportsmanship (to be decided using the method for citizenship awards).

Decided on "sportsmanship" rather than sporting ability, although it is often a child of superior sporting ability who will best demonstrate sportsmanship through not acting "superior" and through helping and encouraging less able sports people.

Leadership in Sport Medal (Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal)

Decided on ability to demonstrate initiative and reliability in the organisation of equipment, setting up and running of activity stations, whilst encouraging younger students and mentoring other Leadership in Sport students.

Wollongbar Sporting Blue

For students selected in Regional Teams.

D. Community Service Award

For a student who has shown outstanding Community Service.

E. Creative Arts Award

Decided on ability and participation both in class and in extra curricular opportunities. Generally awarded to a Stage 3 student.

F. Quiet Achiever Award from Quota Club

For a student who has demonstrated significant achievement outside the traditional academic areas.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year we seek parental support by way of donations towards our Presentation Day Awards.

We appreciate any donations from families or individuals (\$30 per award).

If you are able to make a donation towards our Presentation Day Awards we would appreciate receiving them by Friday 30 November. The school will allocate the donations to particular awards unless there is a special request from the donor. All donors will be acknowledged on the Program at the Presentation Day Awards Ceremony on Friday 13 December.

We very much appreciate the support that is always given to recognising the character, hard work and talents of our students on this auspicious occasion.

Yours sincerely,
Jennifer Thomas
Principal

Presentation Day Awards - Donation

Please find our donation to Wollongbar Public School's Annual Presentation Day, 2019 made via:

- ☐ Cash/Cheque \$ _____
- ☐ EFTPOS \$ _____
- ☐ Online \$ _____ Receipt Number _____

Name/s to be shown on donor list: _____

Date: _____

Wollongbar P&C

DISCO! Thursday 24th 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
- Chips \$1.20
- Water \$1.50
- Popper \$1.50



Parents Meet & Greet - Thursday 24th 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, <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



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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

Deposit: A/c Name Quota Alstonville A/c: 062 657 2801 1064 (\$20.00)

Use your name/ group name as a reference.



**WELCOME TO
 SUMMER PARTY**

NOVEMBER 2 & 3

GIANT WATERSLIDE, SUNDAE SPECIALS,
 SANDPIT PLAY, FREE SLICED WATERMELON
 9AM-4PM

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