



# Wollongbar Public School

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Term 1, Week 3

Volume 2



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## Calendar

### Week 3

15/02 Assembly – 5/6D  
11.30am

### Week 4

18/02 Dance Program K-6

19/02 Student Banking

20/02 Parent Information  
Night  
5.00-5.30 KO, KP &  
K/1R  
5.30-6.00 1H, 1/2M,  
2R  
6.00-6.30 2/3N, 3B,  
3/4J, 4C  
6.30-7.00 5/6C,  
5/6D & 5/6H

22/02 Assembly 5/6H  
11.30am

### Week 5

25/02 Dance Program K-6

26/02 Student Banking

01/03 Assembly –  
Captains Induction  
11.30am

### Week 6

04/03 Dance Program K-6

05/03 Student Banking

08/03 Assembly – House  
Captains Induction  
11.30am

## Professional Learning

Speed Dating  
Literacy

For more events on our  
Calendar, please go to:  
<http://www.wollongbar-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

## Principal's Report

### We need your help at our Working Bee.

This year we are taking a strong focus on improving the quality of our bookwork. To encourage a sense of pride and ownership, books will be covered with student artwork. Our classes have created some fantastic covers, ready to be put onto our books. This is where we need your help!



We would like to run a series of parent & carer working bees, to help us cover our books. Many hands make light work. Come for a short time or a long time, all help is greatly appreciated. A great opportunity to meet other parents in the school.

Please come to the staffroom at the time below.

**When:** 9.15 – 11.00 am  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February  
**Where:** In the staffroom (Morning Tea provided)  
**What:** Covering student books

**Save the date** – There will a Parent & Carer Information Night held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Please come along and meet your child's teacher, in your child's classroom, and hear about the exciting things happening in classrooms this year. There will be child minding available, for Wollongbar Kindergarten-Year 6 students only, in the Library while you attend the Information Meeting. P&C will be running a craft activity for students at this time.

5.00-5.30 KO, KP & K/1R  
5.30-6.00 1H, 1/2M, 2R  
6.00-6.30 2/3N, 3B, 3/4J & 4C  
6.30-7.00 5/6C, 5/6D & 5/6H +




**Student phones & devices at school** – all student devices must be checked in at the office on arrival and collected at the end of the day.

Ben

Relieving Principal

# 2019 Planner

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	11 February. Dance Program K-6	12 February.	13 February. Final Stage 2 Camp Payment Due	14 February.	15 February.
4	18 February. Dance Program K-6	19 February.	20 February. Parent Information Night	21 February.	22 February.
5	25 February. Dance Program K-6	26 February.	27 February.	28 February.	1 March.
6	4 March. Dance Program K-6	5 March.	6 March.	7 March.	8 March.
7	11 March. Dance Program K-6	12 March.	13 March.	14 March.	15 March.
8	18 March. Dance Program K-6	19 March. Final Date to Purchase P&C Fete Ride Pass Tickets	20 March. Final Stage 3 Camp Payment Due	21 March.	22 March. P&C Fete Tomorrow
9	25 March. Dance Program K-6	26 March.	27 March.	28 March.	29 March.
10	1 April. Dance Program K-6 Parent Teacher Interviews	2 April.	3 April. Stage 2 Excursion	4 April. Stage 2 Excursion	5 April. Stage 2 Excursion →
11	8 April. Dance Program K-6 Parent Teacher Interviews	9 April.	10 April.	11 April.	12 April. Last Day of Term 1 →

UPCOMING EVENTS			
Who	Event	Payment Due Date	Cost
Years 3 & 4 - 2019	Excursion – Coffs Coast Adventure Centre	<del>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</del> <del>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October</del> <del>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</del> <del>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February</del>	<del>\$180 / Student</del> <del>\$80 / Student</del> <del>\$70 / Student</del> <del>\$50 / Student</del>
Years 5 & 6 - 2019	Excursion – Canberra & Sydney	<del>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</del> <del>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</del> <del>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</del> Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<del>\$263 / Student</del> <del>\$150 / Student</del> <del>\$150 / Student</del> \$100 / Student \$100 / Student
Year 5	Laptop Purchase for Year 5	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Option 1. \$397 / Student up front and and \$1 on graduating Yr 6 Option 2. Deposit of \$237 with term payments of \$40 (for 4 terms) and \$1 on graduating Yr 6
Year 6	Laptop Purchase for Year 6	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Option 1. \$397 / Student up front and and \$1 on graduating Yr 6 Option 2. Deposit of \$237 with term payments of \$80 (for 2 terms) and \$1 on graduating Yr 6
Whole School	Dance Program	<del>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February</del>	<del>\$20 / Yrs 1-6 Students</del> <del>\$18 / Kindergarten Student</del>
<p>Unfortunately, students who have not <b>paid and brought in a permission note by the due date</b> for these events will not be able to participate. Please visit the <b>school website</b> to make a payment online.</p> <p>   <b>is available at our school from 8.30am-1.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Permission Notes MUST be accompanied by payment or they will be returned to your child.</b></p>			

## Would you like to volunteer at our School?

### Volunteers help our student's in the classroom, in the canteen and with sporting events

Please see the ladies in the office, they will be able to help you complete a *Working with Children Declaration*.

- **Volunteers need to complete a *Working with Children Declaration*** – volunteer details must be updated every 12 months unless they hold a current Working with Children check provided by the Roads and Maritime Services, which is free for volunteers and valid for 5 years.
- **Volunteers must also provide 100 Points of Identification** – *the following items will provide 100 points of identification* :
  - Driver's Licence/Passport/Birth Certificate
  - Medicare Card
  - Bank Card
  - Credit Card **OR** Concession Card
  - Utility Notices

**If you would like to volunteer to provide transport to students that are required to attend school activities away from school, you will need to provide the following before transporting students:**

- Complete a *Working with Children Declaration* and provide 100 points of identification
- Current Driver's Licence
- Car Registration details

This is a requirement of the DoE for all volunteers working in schools. For more information, please see the ladies in the front office.

**Please Note:** *Before you are able to volunteer at Wollongbar Public School you are required to fill out a *Working with Children Declaration* and provide 100 points of Identification to our school.*

*Volunteers must sign in and out and collect a badge at the front office each time they are on school grounds to volunteer in the classroom or canteen.*



### **School Communication**

**The School App:** Have you downloaded our new school app, Skoolbag on your phone? It is available for free via the App store or Play Store. The Skoolbag App is used to send instant notifications to parent's phones about upcoming events or cancellations, and also contains other school information. Search for the Skoolbag app. Sign up using your email address and then go into the app to add Wollongbar Public School as one of your registered schools.

## Home Reading

The Home Reading Program is highly valued at Wollongbar Public School and based on research. The program encourages reading each day at home to enhance reading skills, strategies and fluency. Children need to read significant volumes of text at home and at school in order to develop appropriate vocabulary and language. Our students will tell you, 'The more you read, the more you learn'.



Parent support is vital to this program. Please talk to your child's teacher about how you can help support the program as a Home Reading Volunteer in the classroom. It takes approximately 10 minutes to help change books. This will start later in the term. Experienced parent volunteers will help you through the first couple of weeks to understand the return and borrowing process in each room.

### Guidelines for the program:

- Years 1-6 begin from the first day back at school, being Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019. This allows students to reach 300 nights of Home Reading by the end of November or soon after.
- Kindergarten start in Week 5 and can reach 250 nights of Home Reading by the end of November or soon after.
- Home Reading is not how many books, but how many **nights** of reading that we record. (This does not mean you are limited to reading at night, for some children reading at the breakfast table might work better).
- Home Reading Logs (Yrs 3-6) or Home Reading Diaries (Yrs K-2) are sent home for recording daily reading at home. When one is complete, this is recorded by the Class Teacher and a new one will be sent home.
- Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 are encouraged to borrow leveled books from the class Home Reading selections and can also read books they have at home. Years 3 to 6 can access the Home Reading leveled texts but generally move towards reading books of their choosing for interest and independence.
- In order to borrow from school resources, students must have a zip up plastic folder (approx. A4 size is best) to help protect the books. Our Home Reading and Library books are an expensive school resource and we'd love to preserve our books for as long as possible. We understand that accidents occur. If this happens please bring the damaged book to the front office or leave a note at the front office to let us know.
- **The goal is encouraging daily reading practice and enjoyment– not movement through book levels.**
- Students receive a certificate and Blue Award for 100 nights of Home Reading.
- For 200 nights of Home Reading, a Blue Award, certificate and book are given.
- For 300 nights of Home Reading and 250 nights for Kindergarten, students are awarded with a Blue Award, certificate and a pen. These are given out at the end of year Presentation Day assembly. For students in Kindergarten, this recognises that they start the Home Reading Program later than other students and honours their commitment to reading in their first year of school.
- Students are given Blue Awards for 25, 50, 75, 125, 150, 175, 225, 250, 275 nights of Home Reading from their class teacher.

As students' reading ability develops, so does the complexity of their reading materials. Texts vary in volume and difficulty. For students who have moved onto chapter books, it may be appropriate to record the pages read each night, eg p 45-60, over a period of time.

Texts read do not have to be books. Reading practice can equally be achieved using newspapers, magazines and websites.

Happy reading.

Wollongbar Public School Literacy Team

**'Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.'**

**Emilie Buchwald**



**Have you changed any of your personal details lately?**

Please complete the form below and return to the Office with all your updated information.

**CHANGE OF DETAILS**

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian2 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact 1 Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact 2 Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Details/Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wollongbar P&C**  
**A Fair To Remember**  
**Wollongbar P&C FETE**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019**

**9am – 2pm**



**A Fair to Remember will be here before you know it!**

Pre-paid ride passes available for \$30 (\$35 on the day) from the School Office using the below form or online <https://tinyurl.com/wollPC/fete>.



# Craft activity for the kids at information night!!

What do you do with your school-aged kids while you are at the Parent Information Night on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February?

The P&C will be set up in the library for crafting, and we invite all Wollongbar school kids to join us!

With the fete coming up we thought our students could make some beautiful crafts to sell at the fete, we promise that you will like it!



There is no charge unless you decide to buy your child's amazing craft item at the fete. Just send your child to the hall before you head to your information session, and we will organise the rest.

For any children not attending the Parent Information Night, we are hoping to host more craft creations during upcoming lunch times so watch this space!



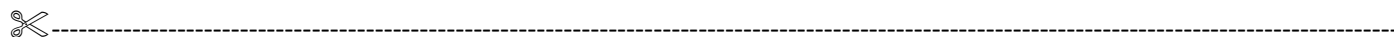
## **Don't leave your tickets to the last minute! Get your cheap tickets NOW!!**

Purchase your ride pass for **\$30** and save \$5. (Passes are **\$35** on the day).  
An All-Day ride pass will provide unlimited entry to:

- **The Rock Wall**
- **Cars Jumping Castle**
- **Extreme Retro Obstacle Course**
- **Teacups Ride**
- **Surf's Up Waterslide (Bring a towel and a change of clothes as you will get wet!)**
- **Mechanical Bull**
- **Laser skirmish**



To purchase your ride passes, please complete the attached form below and return to the office in a clearly marked envelope with the correct change. Many thanks and see you at the Fair, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets will be on sale until 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019. [Please allow 3-5 days for receipt of ride ticket purchase.](#)



### **A Fair to Remember Ride Pass**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name and number \_\_\_\_\_ email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of ride passes (\$30 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Waiver: In consideration of your acceptance of this entry, I hereby for myself, my executors and administrators waive any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against Wollongbar P&C, its respective representatives and successors and all sponsors, and will hold them harmless from any injury suffered in this event. Also, none of the above is responsible for the loss of neither personal items nor any other form of aggravation in connection with this event. I have been warned that all ride pass holders must be in good health to participate in the event. Selecting the adjacent checkbox indicates that you have read and agree to the full waiver located here: <https://sites.google.com/view/wollongbarpcfundraising/fete/waiver>



## Tombola Jars & Beautiful Baskets

Your children will be asking you to get tombola jars and baskets ready for our stalls at the fete. Classes who bring in the most jars or baskets will win a movie and popcorn courtesy of the P&C.

### So, how do you make a Tombola Jar?

Take a clean empty jar and fill it with lollies/craft items/toys/treats that children would like. Send the jars to school with your kids.

We'll be sending supplies home soon to make the beautiful baskets.

At the fete, we sell numbered tickets and participants win the tombola jar / beautiful basket with the matching number.



## Want a stall at the Fete?

Businesses can book a fete stall for \$30. Spots are limited.

Contact Anna 0410 594 676 to reserve your stall.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

### Can you help at the Fete?

Please contact Anna if you are able to help out on the day of the fete.

## Second-hand books and toy stall

We are looking for good condition second-hand books and toys for a stall at the fete. If you have any unwanted items books or toys in working order, please drop them off at the office.



## Canteen update

Over the past few weeks, there has been a lot of talk about the canteen.

Since the closure, we have been working behind the scenes in getting policies and procedures in place, looking at options for online orders and much more. At the end of last year, the P&C voted to trial hiring a Coordinator, and we have been working on putting everything in place for this. Please remember that this is not an easy task.

We are hoping that in the next few months we can advertise the position, employ a Coordinator and reopen the canteen. It all sounds so simple but believe me it is not. Even with a paid Coordinator, we will still need volunteers for this to work.

I hope this helps to clear up any confusion and I look forward to updating you when the position is advertised.

The canteen was and is important to me, and I want more than anything for it to open again.

Anna  
P&C President

## Keep in touch

Although this newsletter is the official communication channel for the P&C committee, you might also want to like our Facebook page as we strive to post regular updates about things happening at and around the school:  
<https://www.facebook.com/wollongbarPC>

Find us on 

## P&C Calendar

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6 March and will include the AGM. There will be executive positions vacant for those who might be interested in volunteering, check back soon for more info or get in touch with one of the current P&C members.

<i>What's happening?</i>	<i>When?</i>	<i>Where?</i>
<b>Fundraising Meeting</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 @ 6pm	Tavern
<b>P&amp;C General Meeting</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 @ 7pm	Staff Room
<b>A Fair To Remember</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	WPS



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



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