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Term 1, Week 10

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Calendar

Week 10

01/04-05/04

Parent/Teacher
Interviews

03/04-05/04

Stg 2 Excursion –
Adventure Centre
Coffs Harbour

05/04 Assembly – 2R

Week 11

08/04-12/04

Parent/Teacher
Interviews

08/04 Student Dance
Program K-6
Showcase for
Parents & Carers

09/04 Student Banking

10/04 Girls Netball
9:30-11:30am

12/04 ANZAC Assembly
11:30am

Week 1

30/04 Students
Commence

30/04 Sports Gala Day

03/05 Assembly
11:30am

Professional Learning
Work Health & Safety

ERN Introduction, Student
Enquiry and Student
Registration

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

Principal's Report

Stage 2 Camp

Stage 2 got off to a great start yesterday morning, as they set off for camp. Initial reports are that they are having a great time doing a whole lot of different activities. I suspect they will sleep well by the end of the day!

Stage 2 Crew

Not everyone goes to camp every time. The awesome crew that are here at school are joining in a range of fun activities that promote cooperation and team building. This morning we worked together to tie-dye t-shirts. Later in the day, we formed teams to build obstacle courses for our Sphero Robots.

Revised Homework Procedures

Our revised Homework Procedures have gone through a draft process with input from students, parents and carers and staff. Please see a copy of the revised procedures over. Teachers are now redesigning their homework formats, ready to commence in Term 2. In the meantime, we hope that everyone has taken the opportunity to establish some really effective routines for Home Reading. EVERY student in our school is expected to read each night and record their reading on their log.

Parent & Carer / Teacher interviews




Interviews continue throughout next week (and early in Term 2 for 2R). There is a lot of talk in the staffroom about how great it is to connect with parents and carers to discuss your childrens' learning progress. If you haven't arranged an interview yet, please contact the office to request an interview note. Please also remember that interviews with teachers can be arranged at any time through the year using our 'Approaching Your School' procedures.

Ben

Relieving Principal

2019 Planner

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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. Mobile Library in Wollongbar 2.15-4.00	11 April.	12 April. Last Day of Term 1 →
Upcoming Term					
Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29 April.	30 April. Students Commence Term 2 Sports Pro Gala Day	1 May. Cross Country	2 May.	3 May. Sunday 5 th May – Bus Departs for Stg 3 Excursion
2	6 May. Stg 3 Excursion – Canberra & Sydney	7 May.	8 May.	9 May.	10 May. → Sunday 12 th May – Mothers Day
3	13 May.	14 May. NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5	15 May. NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5	16 May. NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 School Disco	17 May. Grandparents Day
4	20 May.	21 May.	22 May. National Simultaneous Story Time	23 May.	24 May.
6	3 June	4 June	5 June	6 June SRC Crazy Hair Day	7 June
7	10 June. Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday	11 June.	12 June.	13 June.	14 June.
10	1 July.	2 July.	3 July.	4 July.	5 July. Brainstorm NAIDOC Assembly Last Day of Term 2

UPCOMING EVENTS			
Who	Event	Payment Due Date	Cost
Years 3 & 4 - 2019	Excursion – Coffs Coast Adventure Centre	Tuesday 25th September Wednesday 24th October Wednesday 28th November Wednesday 13th February	\$180 / Student \$80 / Student \$70 / Student \$50 / Student
Years 5 & 6 - 2019	Excursion – Canberra & Sydney	Wednesday 17th October Wednesday 14th November Wednesday 12th December Wednesday 20th February Wednesday 20th March	\$263 / Student \$150 / Student \$150 / Student \$100 / Student \$100 / Student
K-6 - 2019	WPS Sports Gala Day	Friday 12 th April	\$9.50 / Student
<p>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.</p> <p>    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. </p>			

Music Matters

The Musicorp Program for 2019 is alive and happening at Wollongbar Public. The children have been busy learning new pieces and techniques for this year on their chosen instruments. We will be holding our mid year concert during term 2 at a date to be confirmed. Students are already working hard on their performances.

For any families interested in joining the Musicorp Program, we have a few spaces available to start in term 2. If you would like an Expression of Interest form, please pick one up from the office or you can email me at mark@polygongroup.com.au for more information.

I would like to encourage students to think about playing their instruments for their class, for families and any other opportunity they can have. Performance, aside from giving students confidence, helps in reinforcing a positive effect to their musical learning.

Thank you for the continued support from the families and students who are already enrolled and it would be great to also see some more smiling faces in the program. Music helps students with overall leaning, especially numeracy and literacy. It develops gross motor and fine motor skills plus helps build coordination while having lots of fun along the way.

Mark

Musicorp Instrumental Teacher

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion and Pacer Rebate

Students in Stage 3 from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate, paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion, has already been factored into the cost of the Stage 3 excursion.

Margie

Year 6 Teacher

Year 6 Fundraiser - Ice blocks!

Year 6 students will be selling Ice blocks in Week 11 on Tuesday 9th of April and Thursday 11th of April. Ice Blocks are \$1, with all funds raised going towards the Year 6 Farewell.

Megan
Year 6 Teacher

ANZAC Day March

Wollongbar Public School have a long standing tradition of marching at the local Alstonville ANZAC Day March. Our students have a strong reputation for representing the school respectfully, in full school uniform for the March.

This year we will again meet at Paddy Bugden VC Memorial in Bugden Avenue at 9am, ready to form up at 9.15am. When you arrive, please see a Wollongbar PS staff member to have your name marked off. Details are found in the letter below.



Leigh
ANZAC Day March Coordinator

THE RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA (NSW Branch) ALSTONVILLE SUB-BRANCH

7th March 2019

ANZAC DAY 2019

Dear Principal,

The President and Members of the Alstonville RSL sub-Branch cordially invite you, your staff and students to attend the ANZAC Day March and Civic Service at Alstonville on Thursday 25th April 2019.

The March will again start from the Paddy Bugden VC Memorial in Bugden Avenue at 9.40 am (Form-up at 9.15am) and then proceed to Elizabeth Ann Brown Park for the Civic Service which will begin at 10am.

Please advise if your school will be laying a wreath at the Memorial by 18 April 2019.

I will also take this opportunity to ask whether you would like to have a member of the Alstonville RSL Sub-Branch attend an ANZAC commemoration at your school. If so, please contact the Secretary, who will be happy to make the arrangements.

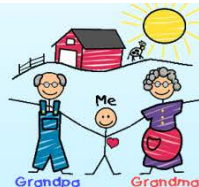
Yours sincerely,

Mark Quilligan

Mark Quilligan
President



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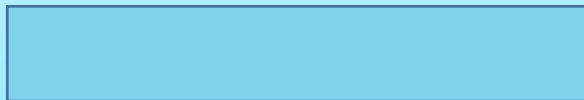


Friday the 17th May

Grandparents and Family Day and Pop Up Book Fair.



MORE DETAILS TO COME IN NEWSLETTER



Wollongbar P&C

Things to look forward to...

The P&C volunteers are NOT sitting back on our sun lounges for long after the fete!! Here are some of the activities we have planned for term 2:



Mother's Day stall

Children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift from our Mother's Day stall after lunch on Friday 10th May. Send them to school with some pocket money on Friday so the lucky ladies in the family don't miss out.

But, what about the Stage 3 kids who are still at camp?

Don't worry, we'll make sure those kids have a chance to buy something too!

DISCO! Thursday 16th May

Our first disco of the year will be on Thursday 16th May, 5:30-7:30 pm.

For those new to Wollongbar, we hold two discos a year. Our amazing teachers volunteer, while the children have a blast.

Entry is \$2 per child. Wollongbar students only.



Parents Meet & Greet - Thursday 16th May

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 Schools' 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.

We love our volunteers

The P&C would like to thank all our volunteers for their generous donation of time and skills.

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!



Information Pack

Let's stick together with Earn & Learn

1 May to 25 June 2019

In this information pack, you'll find everything you need to help your school earn a fantastic range of equipment.
That's why I pick Woolies

Everything you need to get sticking

In this kit you'll find:

- **School banner and A2 poster x 1** – Put these up to let everyone know that you're collecting.
- **A1 poster x 2** – Put these up in classrooms for kids to stick their stickers on.
- **Sticker sheet x 1** – Stick your stickers on here to help you keep count.
- **School collection box x 1** – Put this somewhere where everyone can see it and put their stickers in. Feel free to decorate it to give it a unique touch.

Extra ways to earn

Bonus stickers
You can earn bonus stickers when you book and attend a Fresh Food Kids Discovery Tour. Visit woolworths.com.au/discoverytours for more information. T&Cs apply.

Your local Woolworths store can also help
Each Woolworths store will have a limited number of collection boxes, so please get in early and visit your local Woolworths as soon as you can to claim a box.

The collection boxes in store fill up fast, so you'll need to ensure you regularly empty yours so your community can keep giving you more stickers! When Earn & Learn ends, you'll need to stick any loose stickers on to sticker sheets.

Download our digital assets
We've also got a suite of assets you can freely use in your communications to parents to help promote your collection drive. Just visit teaching.com.au

Need more sticker sheets or information?
If you run out of sticker sheets or would like to read our Frequently Asked Questions and Terms & Conditions, visit teaching.com.au

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's P&C meeting. It is always great to hear updates from the school, brainstorm ideas, and plan for the future. Feel free to join us, the first Wednesday of every month.

P&C Calendar

What's happening?	When?	Where?
Fundraising Meeting	2 May, 6 pm	The Tavern
P&C General Meeting	2 May, 7 pm	Staff Room



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

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- Library Collection
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Timetable for Wollongbar

Wednesday 13 th March
2.15pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 27 th March
2.15pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 10 th April
2.15pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 24 th April
2.15pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 8 th May
2.15pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 22 nd May
2.15pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 5 th June
2.15pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 19 th June
2.15pm – 4.00pm



FREE FOOTBALL TICKETS

Hyundai A-League 2018/19
Western Sydney Wanderers v Sydney FC
Saturday 13 April 2019 7.50pm
ANZ Stadium

Thanks to the Western Sydney Wanderers, the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge and ANZ Stadium, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to witness these two Sydney giants go head to head!

As your school is participating in this year's NSW Premier's School Sport Challenge, up to **four (4) FREE tickets** are available for *each* student and staff member to redeem for the match.

Tickets are limited so be sure to secure them quickly for what will be a great evening of rugby league. To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should follow the below easy steps:

1. Simply go to the website: <http://www.anzstadium.com.au/premiers-sporting-challenge/>
2. Register details.
3. Print out the voucher and bring it with them on the day to enter ANZ Stadium via the gate listed on their vouchers to sit in general admission seating.

For additional information, please visit the ANZ Stadium website by [clicking here](#).

Please note:

- Students must have parental permission to participate in this offer.
- Each student is entitled to up to four (4) free tickets (limited to one registration per student).
- Match ticket voucher must be printed and presented at Stadium entry gates for entry to this match.
- There is a limit of 8,000 vouchers/tickets (redemption available to 2,000 individuals).
- Entry may be refused if match ticket vouchers are damaged or defaced in any way or redeemed in an unauthorised manner.
- If a match ticket voucher is resold or redeemed in an unauthorised manner it may be cancelled and the bearer of the ticket refused entry.
- Accessible seating is available within the allocated general admission seating area.



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Wollongbar Public School Homework Procedure

What is Homework?

Homework refers to activities that school students are asked to complete at home or outside the school day to support their learning at school.

Rationale

Homework provides parents and carers with insight into what is being learnt at school.

It provides opportunity to practice, drill and rehearse skills and concepts that have already been taught in the school setting.

Research

Evidence suggests that homework has a positive effect on learning, with greater gains experienced during high school than in primary (Hattie, 2009, p. 17). It is important to note that there are multiple factors, including the nature of homework itself, that may influence these gains. Homework tasks that can be completed with minimal supervision are more effective than those that require frequent feedback and close monitoring. Evidence has shown homework is more effective when tasks are not complex and involve a sense of novelty. Short, frequent tasks which are monitored by teachers are preferable (Hattie, 2009, p. 235). Homework can be effective when it gives another opportunity to practice something that has already been taught (Fisher, Frey, & Hattie, 2016, p. 165). What is right for each individual school in terms of homework practices needs to be determined through a deep understanding of the school's socio-cultural identity (Rudman, 2014, p. 25).

Guiding Principles in the design of homework

Equity

Apart from home reading generally in K-2, homework should be able to be completed independently. Ability to complete homework should not be impacted by the resources available to the student in the home setting. These resources may include available adult time and knowledge, or items that would need to be purchased to enable task completion. Homework should be designed to balance with the extra-curricular commitments made by families, eg sport, music, performance etc.

Purpose

Homework tasks and related success criteria should be designed to clearly align with the learning intentions of tasks. Processes and skills involved in achieving tasks need to have been explicitly taught before homework is assigned.

Guidelines for the setting of homework – for Teachers

- Completion of homework is not mandatory, however completion should be made compelling by building homework processes into the school week.
- Teachers need to collaborate with their peers to ensure that classroom systems are aligned with each other and that tasks are equitable between classes eg, collected weekly/fortnightly, attention to volume of tasks.
- Tasks should be directly related to concepts and skills that have already been taught in class or at school.
- Tasks need to relate directly to the target concept or skill.
- Teachers should consider including an element of choice, eg “must-do” and “can-do” activities
- Weekly routines that connect homework with the classroom are of high value, eg reflecting on a task.

- Students need to be able to navigate and complete tasks independently, including understanding what is expected. Teachers need to brief students on homework before it is sent home .
- Differentiation of homework is likely to be necessary in most classrooms.
- Presentation of homework should be appealing to students.
- Homework should not require the purchase of additional resources for completion.
- Homework must be marked in a timely fashion and monitored.
- A system for the collation of tasks needs to be devised, eg stuck into a scrapbook, added to a folder etc.
- Where families identify a desire to complete additional homework, teachers may provide examples of online activities which link to the curriculum. Teachers may choose to list some handy links as resources on homework.

Supporting homework at home – for Parents and Carers

- Establishing routines around any activity can actively support completion. These routines may include when a task is done and where the work is completed, eg sitting at the kitchen bench while the evening meal is prepared.
- Pair homework activities with a pleasurable routine, eg sitting down to complete homework with a plate of afternoon tea. Notably, students felt bribery was not an appropriate enticement to complete homework.
- If homework is causing concern or conflict, parents are encouraged to refer to the WPS ***Approaching Your School*** procedure and make contact with the class teacher regarding their concerns.

Acknowledgement

This procedure has been formulated with the invaluable input of staff, parents and carers and students.

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