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Thursday 11th April 2019

Term 1, Week 11

Volume 10



Education
Public Schools

Calendar

Week 11

12/04 ANZAC Assembly
11:30am

Holidays

25/04 Alstonville ANZAC
Day March

Week 1

30/04 Students
Commence

30/04 Sports Gala Day

01/05 Cross Country

03/05 Assembly
11:30am

Week 2

06/05-10/05
Stage 3 Excursion

08/05 P&C Meeting
7:00pm

10/05 Assembly
11:30am

Week 3

14/05-16/05
NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5

16/05 School Disco

17/05 Grandparents Day

17/05 Assembly
11:30am

Week 4

22/05 National
Simultaneous Story
Time
11:30am

24/05 Assembly
11:30am

For more events on our
Calendar, please go to:

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

Principal's Report

ANZAC Day March in Alstonville

Each year our school participates in the Alstonville ANZAC Day March, and our School Captains lay a wreath during the ceremony. Please meet Leigh and Nicole at 9am at the Paddy Bugden Memorial, Alstonville on **Thursday** 25th April. The Wollongbar Public School meeting place is in front of Alstonville Bakery in Bugden Ave. Students must be in full school uniform. Don't forget a hat, to wear sunblock and a drink bottle. The march goes ahead even if it is raining.

Our school ANZAC Assembly is tomorrow, Friday 12 April at 11.30am. Family and friends are most welcome to join us for this special assembly. Our guest speaker will be Midshipman Connor Hoban, brother of Mr Hoban, visiting us from the Royal Australian Navy.

Don't forget the WPS Sports Gala Day is on the first day of Term 2.

Our Sports Gala Day is on the first day of Term 2 for all students, Kindergarten to Year 6. The day will be delivered by *Sportspro Education* using coaching professionals.

When: Tuesday 30 April (first day of Term 2)

Time: 9.15am to 3.15pm

Venue: School Grounds and Hill Park Oval, Wollongbar

Cost: \$9.50 per student

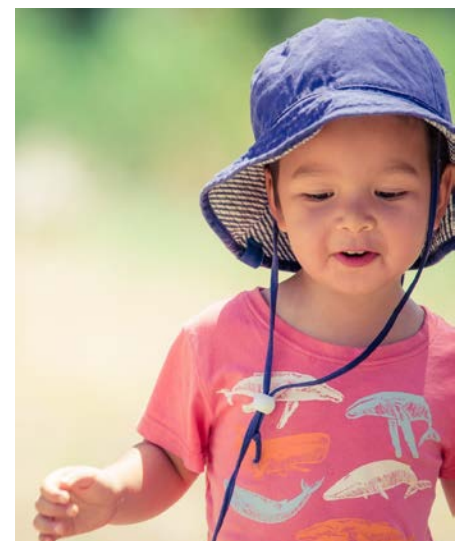
What to Bring: Morning tea, lunch, drink bottle, hat and sunscreen

Payment is due NO LATER THAN TOMORROW Friday 12 April. Students who have not paid will work on an alternate program with a classroom teacher for the day.

Share Our Space is happening again!

Our school is a vital part of our community, and we want you to use it. The gates to our school will be open between **Saturday 13 April and Friday 26 April 2019** between 8am and 6pm. A security guard will be in place to monitor safety and security, and gates will be locked at closing time each evening. **Please note that parents and carers are responsible for the supervision of their children at all times. No supervision is provided.**

As always, if you need to report a security issue at the school, you can call security 24 hours on 1300 880 021. For more information on this program, please visit schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au or contact the NSW Department of Education on 1300 482 651. This program is an initiative of the NSW Government.



Important Information for Year Six Parents: Sharing of Information to Facilitate Year 7 Placement in High Schools 2019

Each year we work with our local **Public** high schools to support the transition of our Year 6 students into high school.

This includes:

- Meeting with Principals, Head Teachers and Year Advisors.
- Sharing academic information.
- Identifying social and emotional needs.
- Organising transition programs, including extra transition for identified students.

For those of you choosing a **Public High School** for your child, your High School has access to detailed information about your child's learning needs, through NSW Department of Education *Smart Data*, to help them make the best decisions they can to support your child. We are also able to analyse the NAPLAN result trends of Wollongbar students (no names identified) in Years 7 and 9 to inform our school's planning processes around curriculum delivery.

For those parents exercising their right to choose and are sending their child to a **private or independent** High School in 2020, we have provided comprehensive mid-year and end of year reports covering academic achievement and work habits each year that your child has attended Wollongbar PS. We do not complete personal referral documents, including assessments, for the private and independent system but **we are happy to talk to staff from these schools**, where you have provided your approval. The long-term portfolio of evidence that we have provided you, as well as your child's Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN reports, provide your school of choice with ample evidence to make wise decisions around class placement. There is no need for you to feel that your choice disadvantages your child in any way.

Don't forget to keep doing Home Reading during the holidays. 75 Nights of Reading falls during the holidays.

10 Read-Aloud Commandments from Mem Fox

1. Spend at least **ten wildly happy minutes** every single day reading aloud. From birth!
2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read. Or the same story a thousand times!
3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners
5. Read the stories that your child loves, over and over, and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations and volume and speed, on each page, each time.
6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games
7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours, remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.
9. Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.
10. **Please read aloud every day because you just adore being with your child**, not because it's the right thing to do.


Knowledge of words is knowledge of the world. Keep reading aloud to your children every day. Research suggests 15 minutes per day of a sustained read-aloud time. Reading aloud to your children (of all ages) is a great way to model fluency and is vital to developing vocabulary and comprehension. (Refer back to Mem's 4th and 10th commandments!)

Have a wonderful Autumn break everyone. Students return to school on Tuesday 30 April.

Principal

2019 Planner

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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
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</p> <p>Permission Notes MUST be accompanied by payment or they will be returned to your child.</p>			

School Merit Awards and Birthday Certificates

Due to this week's assembly being our ANZAC assembly, no awards will be handed out. All Merit Awards and Birthday Certificates will be held over until next term.

Jessica
School Administration Officer

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

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7th March 2019

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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

School Cross Country

When: Wednesday 1st May 2019

Where: The track will begin and finish in the school grounds with students also running around Hill Park Oval to make up the distance

Who: 5, 6, 7 years old this year will run one complete lap – 1 km.

8, 9, 10 years old this year will run 2 laps – 2 kms.

11, 12, 13 years this year will run 3 laps – 3 kms.

Students will run in age divisions, determined by the age they turn this year.

The program will run as follows: (Times are approximate)

1. 7 yrs girls / 7 yrs boys 1 lap 9.45 am

2. 6 yrs girls / 6 yrs boys 1 lap 9.55 am

3. 5 yrs girls / 5 yrs boys 1 lap 10.05 am

4. 8/9 yrs girls / 8/9 yrs boys 2 laps 10.15 am

5. 10 yrs girls / 10 yrs boys 2 laps 10.35 am

6. 11 yrs girls / 11 yrs boys 3 laps 10.55 am

7. 12/13 yrs girls / 12/13 yrs boys 3 laps 11.15 am

Students in the 8-13 yrs events will be selected for the District Carnival to be held at Corndale on Friday 31st May 2019.

School Cross Country Regulations

- Students are allowed to wear a shirt supporting their House colours for our school cross country on Wednesday 1st May 2019.
- Students must run in shoes.
- Students are allowed to carry a puffer, if needed, during the race. (Please discuss the use of puffers with your child so they know if and when they are to use it).

Parents are most welcome to come and cheer students on in their events.

Megan

Cross Country Coordinator

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: _____

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit [the public demonstration site at http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site](http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site).

Please see below for our scheduled session times for NAPLAN Online.

NAPLAN Timetable Term 2 Week 3

	Tuesday 14 th May	Wednesday 15 th May	Thursday 16 th May	Friday 17 th May
Session 1: 9:15-11:00	Year 3 Writing (written)	Year 3 Reading (online) + Writing Catch Up	Year 3 Language (online) + Catch Up	NAPLAN Catch Up
Eating Time: 11:00-11:15				
Lunch Play 11:15-11:30				
Session 2: 11:30-12:30	Year 5 Writing (online)	Year 5 Reading (online) + Catch Up	Year 5 language (online) + Catch Up	Assembly – Grandparents Day
Midday Play 12:30-12:45				

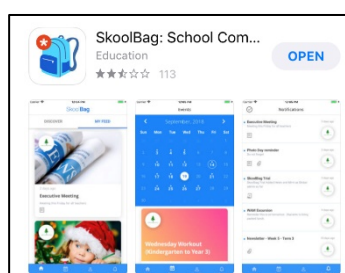
NAPLAN Timetable Term 2 Week 4

	Wednesday 22 nd May	Thursday 23 rd May	Friday 24 th May
Session 1: 9:15-11:00	Year 3 Numeracy (online) + Catch Up	NAPLAN Catch Up	NAPLAN Catch Up
Eating Time: 11:00-11:15			
Lunch Play 11:15-11:30			
Session 2: 11:30-12:30	Year 5 Numeracy (online) + Catch Up	NAPLAN Catch Up	Assembly
Midday Play 12:30-12:45			

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact me via the front office.

Kind Regards,

Brendan
NAPLAN Coordinator



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.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday the 17th May



Grandparents and Family Day and Pop Up Book Fair.



MORE DETAILS TO COME IN NEWSLETTER



Wollongbar P&C

Happy Easter from the P&C

As an end-of-term treat, the P&C will be giving the kids a Hot Cross Bun on Friday afternoon. We also want to wish all our families a happy, safe and restful School Holidays.

We have lots of egg-citing things planned for term 2 so we'd love you to consider joining us at the May P&C meeting to hear about future plans and how you can help make our school community even better than it already is!



Things to look forward to in Term 2...

Here are some of the activities the P&C has planned for the first few weeks of 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!

You can reach the P&C team via wollongbarPC@hotmail.com,

<https://www.facebook.com/wollongbarPC> or Anna (President) on 0410.594.676



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



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



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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.