



# Wollongbar Public School

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Term 2, Week 1

Volume 1



Education  
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## Calendar

### Week 1

03/05 Assembly 2/3N  
11:30am

### Week 2

05/05-10/05  
Stage 3 Excursion

10/05 Assembly 3B  
11:30am

### Week 3

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

16/05 School Disco

17/05 Grandparents Day

17/05 Assembly SRC  
11:30am

### Week 4

22/05 National  
Simultaneous Story  
Time  
11:00am

22/05 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

24/05 Assembly 1/2M  
11:30am

### Week 5

31/05 Assembly 1H  
11:30am

### Week 6

06/06 Crazy Hair Day  
Fundraiser

05/06 P&C Meeting  
7:00pm

07/05 Assembly K/1R  
11.30am

### Professional Learning

Sports Pro Development Day

For more events on our  
Calendar, please go to:

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

## Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone! Thank you so much to the 90 students (and their parents and carers) who represented our school for the Alstonville ANZAC Day march during the holidays. We were extremely proud of our students and the pride and respect that they demonstrated. There will be a special Blue Award presentation for those 90 students at our Assembly this Friday.



**We are supporting the 'Adopt A Farmer' initiative that is being held across the nation next Wednesday 8 May 2019 by holding a gold coin multi-day. Come dressed as a farmer!**

As you are no doubt aware, farming communities are doing it tough with crippling drought in NSW and Victoria and both drought and flooding rains in Queensland.

All proceeds of fundraising by NSW Department of Education schools will go to farmers. Registered charity, Rural Aid will collect the funds. The charity had huge success with the Buy a Bale campaign, which has distributed over \$10 million worth of fodder to farmers around Australia. Rural Aid will put \$100 on 8,000 Visa gift cards and mail them to the farmers already registered with them. The recipients can spend the cash in their local communities. It is not just farmers struggling but town cafes, barbers and other shops in desperate need of a cash injection to help support jobs and services.

One of the greatest aspects of the *Adopt a Farmer* campaign is that school students can write directly to the farmers they are supporting and receive letters in response. Should you want to take up the opportunity to write a positive message to a farmer, letters can be sent to [adoptafarmer@news.com.au](mailto:adoptafarmer@news.com.au)



Included with this newsletter is information about The North Coast Creative Arts Camp, to be held at Lake Ainsworth August 11 – 16, 2019. The camp is for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 who excel in the Creative Arts. Application forms are available through the Office.

During the School Holidays, the School Captains were invited to a morning tea with Kevin Hogan. It was to acknowledge students for taking on school leadership positions. The guest speaker was Sana Henderson, a former Australian Army Chinook Helicopter Commander and Pilot who served in Afghanistan. She spoke about her career. She also spoke about what it takes to become a leader. To set a goal, to work hard towards that goal and to achieve that goal. She was inspiring and as Leaders of the School, we were very honoured to be a part of it.

Jai

School Captain

**We will be participating in the Premier's Spelling Bee again this year.** Word lists are available online. Strict Copyright conditions mean that we are not able to publish the password needed to access the word lists. Parents and carers can obtain a password either from the classroom teacher or through the Office. Whilst the Premier's Spelling Bee is for our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students, parents of younger students are most welcome to access the lists for their child. More information about the Premier's Spelling Bee is included in this newsletter.

**Grandparents (and Aunties and Uncles) Day is coming.... Friday 17 May.**

Jennifer

Principal

## 2019 Planner

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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5	23 May.	24 May.
6	3 June	4 June	5 June 7pm P&C Mtg	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 Terms					
Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	22 July.	23 July. Students Commence Term 3	24 July.	25 July.	26 July.
2	29 July.	30 July.	31 July.	1 August.	2 August. Jeans for Genes Day Fundraiser
3	5 Aug.	6 Aug.	7 Aug. 7pm P&C Mtg	8 Aug.	9 Aug.

## Assembly Awards and Birthdays

Students who attended the ANZAC Day March will receive their Merit Awards at the assembly tomorrow.

### Girls Netball Team

Congratulations to the WPS Girls Netball Team!!!! They played a great game of netball in the last week of Term 1 at Alstonville Public School. The girls won 13 to 1 and displayed great sportsmanship. Well done girls! We will keep training to get ready for our next game against Ballina Public School this term. Thank you to our wonderful parents, who drove, scored and supported the team on the day.

Nicole

WPS Netball Coach

### Year 4 2019 – Opportunity Class Applications

Dear Parent/Carer,

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and talented students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 31 July 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2020, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **Tuesday 30 April 2019** at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

The application website opens on **Tuesday 30 April 2019** and closes on **Friday 17 May 2019**. You must apply by the due date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after **30 April 2019**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely,

Ben

Assistant Principal



## Premier's Spelling Bee

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/premiers-spelling-bee>

### About the Bee

The Premier's Spelling Bee was introduced in 2004 as a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling. The program includes activities to encourage all students to improve their vocabulary and spelling and to promote literacy skills in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus.

Wollongbar Public School will again participate in the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee. This will be open to Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. Junior and Senior word lists are available. In order to access the word lists, you will need to ask at the office or Class Teacher for the password (this cannot be published in a public forum due to strict copyright laws).

More information about class, stage and regional finals to come.

Happy Spelling!

Leigh

Spelling Bee Coordinator



# SAVE THE DATE

Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> May

## Grandparents and Family Day and Pop Up Book Fair.

Sausage Sizzle available on the day or bring a Picnic Lunch.

### MORE DETAILS TO COME IN NEWSLETTER

Grandparents Day and Book Fair Coordinators





### 'Support the Farmers' Dress-up Day

As you are no doubt aware, farming communities are doing it tough with crippling drought in NSW and Victoria and both drought and flooding rains in Queensland. We have all been touched by the tough conditions farmers, their families, their animals and communities are experiencing.

Many of our learning communities have been enthusiastic supporters of drought relief drives to date. Students continue to lend a hand to help in creative ways. At WPS, we will be having a 'Support the Farmers' dress up day. Students and teachers can come to school dressed as a farmer and donate a gold coin. All monies raised will go straight to the farming community.

Kind Regards,

Nicole

Classroom Teacher

### Cross Country 2019

Thanks to everyone who came and cheered on our students in yesterday's Annual Cross Country. Congratulations to students who have made it to the next level which will be held in Corndale on Friday 31st May. These students will receive information and permission notes soon.

Many thanks,

Megan

Cross Country Coordinator

## NAPLAN Online 2019

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN during Weeks 3 and 4 of this term. Students participated in a practice test at the end of last term. Students were calm and relaxed, treating the test as if it was a normal day. We recommend that they use the same approach during the formal test sessions.

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

### NAPLAN Timetable Term 2 Week 4

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

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

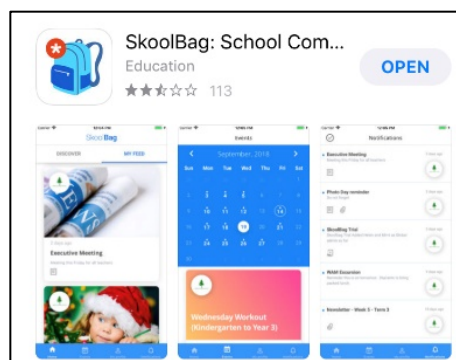
Kind Regards,

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.



# Wollongbar P&C

## Welcome back from the P&C

We hope you had a happy, safe and restful School Holidays.

## Things to look forward to this Term...

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. Gifts range from \$1 - \$5.



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

Don't worry, the Year 5 & 6's will have the chance to purchase their Mother's Day presents THIS Friday 3rd May.

### DISCO! Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Our first disco of the year will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 5:30-7:30 pm. The decoration theme will be 'Emergency Services' so the kids are welcome to dress up like that, or however they would like!

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

We will also have the canteen open during the disco. A list of menu items will be in the newsletter next week.

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

### Parents Meet & Greet - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 (location TBA) 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](mailto:wollongbarPC@hotmail.com),

<https://www.facebook.com/wollongbarPC>



<b><i>What's happening?</i></b>	<b><i>When?</i></b>	<b><i>Where?</i></b>
<b>Fundraising Meeting</b>	5 June, 6 pm	The Tavern
<b>P&amp;C General Meeting</b>	5 June, 7 pm	Staff Room









## 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.

# Information Pack

# Let's stick together with Earn & Learn

1 May to 25 June 2019

## 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](http://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](http://teaching.com.au)

In this information pack, you'll find everything you need to help your school earn a fantastic range of equipment.

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Providing communities with access to:

- Library Collection
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- Copying



### Timetable for Wollongbar

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
2.15pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
2.15pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
2.15pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
2.15pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
2.15pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
2.15pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
2.15pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
2.15pm – 4.00pm