



# Wollongbar Public School

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Term 2, Week 2

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## Calendar

### 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

21/05 Round 2 Netball  
Girls Knockout

22/05 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

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

### Week 5

31/05 Assembly 1H  
11:30am

### Week 6

05/06 P&C Meeting  
7:00pm

06/06 Crazy Hair Day  
Fundraiser

07/05 Assembly K/1R  
11.30am

### Week 7

14/06 Assembly KP  
11:30am

Professional Learning  
Report Writing

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

## Principal's Report

What a fun-filled week we have had at Wollongbar Public School this week!

### Stage 3 Camp

We have had positive reports from the staff and students away at Stage 3 Camp in Sydney and Canberra. They are having a great time and enjoyed their sleepover in tents at Taronga Zoo. The bus is expected to return tomorrow morning at 6.30am. We can't wait to hear their stories when they return to School on Monday.



### Stage 3 Incursion

Those who did not attend camp have had a great time during their Incursion at School. Lego, Robots, Red Cross Pillowcases and tomorrow's Pizza Day are the highlights from the Stage 3 students who have stayed at School.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN begins next week for Years 3 and 5. Our message around NAPLAN is to treat it as just another day at school and that it is just a part of our diverse learning experiences. This is a great way to help children feel at ease with the process when the media puts a lot of emphasis on NAPLAN stress. The timetable for NAPLAN is in this week's newsletter.

### Home Reading

Students are fast approaching or will reach 100 Nights of Home Reading today! What an exciting achievement for our students. Certificates for 100 Nights of Home Reading will start next week at our Grandparents and Family Day Assembly.

### 'Adopt a Farmer' Day

This was a great day yesterday in our farming wear. 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. 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)

## Upcoming Events


Lots of exciting events and learning experiences are coming up this Term. Please check the newsletter each week to ensure you have the most up-to-date information. Some events we are looking forward to in the coming weeks are School Disco and Parents Meet and Greet Thursday 16 May, Grandparents and Family Day and Pop—Up Book Fair Friday 17 May and K-2 students will participate in National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 22 May.

Leigh

Assistant Principal

## 2019 Planner

Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b>	<b>6 May.</b> Stg 3 Excursion – Canberra & Sydney	<b>7 May.</b>	<b>8 May.</b>  Farmer Mufti Day	<b>9 May.</b>	<b>10 May.</b> Mothers Day Stall Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May – Mothers Day
<b>3</b>	<b>13 May.</b>	<b>14 May.</b> NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5	<b>15 May.</b> NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 Book Club Issue 3 Due	<b>16 May.</b> NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5  School Disco	<b>17 May.</b> Grandparents Day
<b>4</b>	<b>20 May.</b>	<b>21 May.</b> Round 2 of Netball Knockout	<b>22 May.</b> National Simultaneous Story Time NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5	<b>23 May.</b>	<b>24 May.</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>3 June.</b>	<b>4 June.</b>	<b>5 June.</b> 7pm P&C Mtg	<b>6 June.</b> SRC Crazy Hair Day	<b>7 June.</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>10 June.</b> Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday	<b>11 June.</b>	<b>12 June.</b>	<b>13 June.</b>	<b>14 June.</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>17 June.</b>	<b>18 June.</b>	<b>19 June.</b> SRC Careers Day	<b>20 June.</b>	<b>21 June.</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>1 July.</b>	<b>2 July.</b>	<b>3 July.</b>	<b>4 July.</b>	<b>5 July.</b> Brainstorm NAIDOC Assembly Last Day of Term 2
Upcoming Terms					
Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	<b>22 July.</b>	<b>23 July.</b> Students Commence Term 3	<b>24 July.</b>	<b>25 July.</b>	<b>26 July.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>29 July.</b>	<b>30 July.</b>	<b>31 July.</b>	<b>1 August.</b>	<b>2 August.</b> Jeans for Genes Day Fundraiser
<b>3</b>	<b>5 Aug.</b>	<b>6 Aug.</b>	<b>7 Aug.</b> 7pm P&C Mtg	<b>8 Aug.</b>	<b>9 Aug.</b>

UPCOMING EVENTS			
Who	Event	Payment Due Date	Cost
Whole School	School Contributions & Technology Levy	27 <sup>th</sup> of September 2019	\$87 / Student \$117 / 2 Students \$147 / 3 Students \$147 Plus \$20 Per Student / 4 or More Students
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.  <b>is available at our school from 8.30am-1.30pm</b> <b>Permission Notes MUST be accompanied by payment or they will be returned to your child.</b>			

### SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB ISSUE 3

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

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

*Unfortunately, we will not be taking any late orders.*

### Premier's Spelling Bee

**About the Bee** <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/premiers-spelling-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.

Leigh  
Spelling Bee Coordinator

### 'Adopt a Farmer' Fundraising Day

Well done Wollongbar Public School! We raised \$334 toward the 'Adopt a Farmer' nationwide initiative. All the money raised was given to the farmers to help them buy feed for their animals and alleviate the problems flooding and drought have had on their environment. Great job!

Nicole  
Classroom Teacher

## 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
Eating Time: 11:00-11:15				
Lunch Play 11:15-11:30				
<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
Midday Play 12:30-12:45				

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
Eating Time: 11:00-11:15			
Lunch Play 11:15-11:30			
<b>Session 2: 11:30-12:30</b>	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**

## Student Banking Update

\$38 raised just by banking....

I wanted to congratulate all the school banking students on their commitment to learning the real-life skills involved in regular savings behaviour. This year, the regular saving students have raised \$38 for the school just by banking. **The Commonwealth Bank School banking contribution program pays \$5 to the school each time a student banks 10 times.** The amount banked does not affect the payment, this is a change recently made, as previously the school was paid for the dollar amount the children banked. Now it is based on the number of contributions made per quarter.

Your children can bank \$10 or 10c it all counts in their savings and for school fundraising.

If there are any parents/carers wishing to commence school banking, please contact me, Tanya Beaumont via the office for details. Alternatively, there are information flyers available at the school office.

Tanya

**School Banking Coordinator**



**Grandparent and Family Day and Book Fair**  
**Friday 17 March 2019**



Grandparent and Family Day and our Pop Up Book Fair is approaching. We look forward to seeing our families and Grandparents for Picnic Lunch, Pop-Up Book Fair, Special Assembly and Open Classrooms.

Please bring a Picnic Lunch, or purchase from the P&C Sausage Sizzle, to share with your family out in our beautiful playground area. Our lunch time will be from 11am – 11.30am. If wet, the picnic lunch will be held in the Hall and under our Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA).

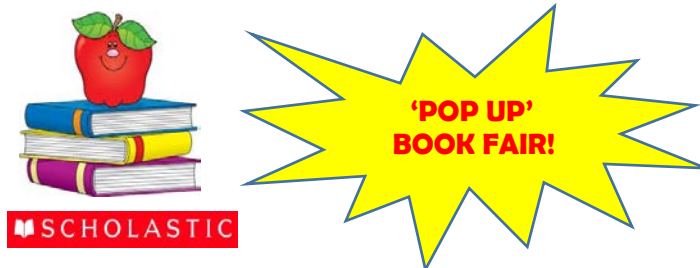
The Pop Up Book Fair will run all day in the Library and the Student Representative Council (SRC) will be selling ice blocks for \$1.00 during our midday play break 12.30 – 12.45pm.

We hope to see you there!

- 11:00 am**      **Picnic Lunch until 11.30am.**
  - 11.35 am**      **Grandparent and Families special school assembly in our hall**
  - 12.00 pm**      **Open Classrooms – visit your child/ren's class.**
  - 12.30 pm**      **Midday Play. Ice blocks available for \$1**
  - 12.45 pm**      **Students return to classrooms and normal learning time continues.**
- \*If you take your child home with you, they must be signed out at the Office first and the white slip shown to class teachers when collecting bags.**

Our **Pop Up Book Fair** will be open from 8.45am – 3.45pm for browsing and the purchasing of books and stationery.

Kind Regards,  
Wollongbar Public School Staff



**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

# Wollongbar P&C

## 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.



## 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.

Entry is \$2 per child. 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  
Jelly 60c  
Water \$1.50  
Popper \$1.50



## 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 in the Kindergarten rooms for a meet & greet.

Come grab a cuppa while the kids are at the disco. Drop in for coffee/tea, biscuits and good conversation.

## Grandparents & Family Day

The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle on Grandparents and Family Day. Sausage Sandwiches will be available for \$3 and orders can be placed at the disco or on the day at the canteen by 10am. We will accept orders at lunchtime, but for catering purposes, we are hoping to get as many pre-orders as we can.

*Can you volunteer to help at the Mother's Day stall, disco or at Grandparents Day BBQ? Please contact Anna on 0410 594 676*



### 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!

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mel and Mick from Alstonville Plaza Butcher and Deli who will be donating a \$20 voucher each month to one lucky volunteer.



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



What's happening?	When?	Where?
Fundraising Meeting	5 June, 6 pm	The Tavern
P&C General Meeting	5 June, 7 pm	Staff Room



**Information Pack**  
**Let's stick together with Earn & Learn**  
 1 May to 25 June 2019

In this kit you'll find:

- School banner and A2 poster x1 – Put these up to let everyone know that you're collecting.
- A1 poster x2 – Put these up in classrooms for kids to stick their stickers on.
- Sticker sheet x1 – Stick your stickers on here to help you keep count.
- School collection box x1 – 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](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)

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

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### 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