



# Wollongbar Public School

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Term 2, Week 4

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## Calendar

### Week 4

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

26/05 National Sorry Day

### Week 5

27-31/05

Reconciliation  
Week

27/05 Fencing up for  
Works to Start

### Week 6

06/06 Crazy Hair Day  
Fundraiser

07/06 Assembly K/1R  
11.30am

### Week 7

14/06 Assembly KP  
11:30am

### Week 8

19/06 Careers Day

20/06 Netball Tournament

21/06 Assembly KO  
11:30am

### Week 9

20/06 Athletics Carnival

### Week 10

03/06 Field Events

03/06 P&C Mtg  
7pm

05/06 NAIDOC Day  
Assembly  
11.30am

05/06 Reports Home

### Professional Learning

Principal Education Forum  
Community Circles Training  
Principal & Assistant  
Principal Credential Training

For more events on our  
Calendar, please go to:

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

## Principal's Report

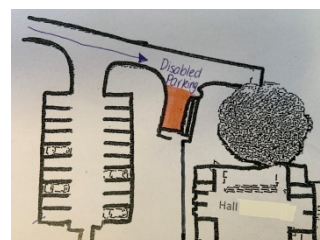
Another fun and busy week at Wollongbar P.S. this week! With so much going on to enhance our school experience, it's important to remember our School Expectations stay the same. Consistency is important to our students and has assisted our students in being so successful amongst all of the fun.

### Improvement works in our School

As explained in last week's Newsletter, we have significant programmed works beginning next week. These will lead to great improvements in our school with the removal of pebblecrete surfaces that are damaging to knees and elbows when there are slips, trips or falls. As a whole school we will need to work together to accommodate the work being done. The work will be done in 3 stages and last around 4 weeks. This will impact the play areas, COLA, Carpark, Hall, the Blue Building classrooms and some of our school routines.

### There will be no Friday assembly or daily morning assemblies next week

Students will go straight to classrooms after the play bell in the mornings until the work is complete. Some play times may be restricted to inside play. Pathways into school may be affected and areas fenced off. At times, classes may have to shuffle around to avoid noise from removing concreting or roof sheeting. The allocated Disability parking spaces will be moved to the bay at the bottom of the carpark as shown in the picture.



Weather permitting, next week the concrete around the COLA will be cut up and removed to make way for new concrete to be poured. We have been informed that the noise from the concrete removal is going to be a constant loud screech-like noise. We will do our best to accommodate the students around these disruptions and to keep our children feeling as settled as possible when at school.

Before and After School Care will move to the 5/6 classrooms for the duration of the works. We will continue to communicate any changes through our weekly newsletter and notes where required. It is important to keep updated as the works will impact assemblies, routines and other upcoming events.

### Using the Crossing and keeping our kids safe

In recent weeks we have noticed an increasing number of parents crossing the road with children near the front gate, away from our allocated crossing zone. We are teaching students and speaking constantly about using the crossing where it is safe to cross. We would appreciate parents also following the same safety instruction and using our crossing area to cross the road. It is very scary to watch parents leading or directing children from cars to cross in an unsafe manner in front of moving vehicles and away from the allocated safe crossing zone. Pedestrians cannot be seen until the last moment when they step out from behind a parked bus.

### **P&C Disco**

A fun night was had at the P&C Emergency Services themed disco last Thursday. Thank you to the hard working P&C members and volunteers who helped to make the disco such a success. Thank you also to the students who helped to clean up afterwards without being asked – fabulous examples of school citizenship!

### **Students and Mobile Phones**

We understand that students have mobile phones for bus travel and communicating with parents after school. If students have devices at school, these need to be signed in to the Office at the start of the day and signed out by the student at the end of the day. Devices are not to be kept in school bags for any reason. Examples of devices are; mobile phones, iPods, iPads and watches that have games or camera/video capabilities. We have also spoken with students this week about phones at school functions or during school events. Phones are not permitted to be used at such events as discos or community days. They need to be left at home or signed in at the Office. We have also explained to students that photos and videos taken at these events are not to be shared on any social media. Most students at Wollongbar Public School are younger than the recommended ages for social media.

### **Grandparents and Family Day and Pop-Up Book Fair**

What a fantastic community event and always such a lovely atmosphere when we have our Grandparents and Family members coming in to share our school, celebrate with us at Assembly and visit our classrooms! Thank you to the P&C for the Sausage Sizzle at lunch and to the SRC for the ice blocks at Midday Play. The Library was a buzz of activity and we appreciate all those who made book purchases from our Pop-Up Book Fair. Students have a wish list of books to add to our Library collection which we hope to fulfil.

### **NAPLAN**

Congratulations Years 3 and 5 students have sat NAPLAN Online assessments this week. This has run smoothly and children have been leaving NAPLAN tests with big smiles on their faces. For our students, this is just another example of our diverse learning experiences. Feedback from children has been that the online format has been great!

### **National Simultaneous Story time and Teddy Bears Picnic, Kinder – Year 2**

Yesterday our Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students, with our Wollongbar Community Preschool visitors, participated in the National Simultaneous Story time event. We joined over 1 million students around Australia and New Zealand in listening to Matt Cosgrove's 'Alpacas with Maracas' story. We watched the AUSLAN version of the story accompanied by the reading from some wonderful Year 6 Library Monitors. Students also enjoyed a lovely Teddy Bear's Picnic in the sunshine with some of the Year 6 buddies. A lovely time was had by all. Years 3 – 6 will have a visit from the Byron Bay Writer's Festival Story Board Bus in Term 3.

### **National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week**

National Sorry Day occurs this year on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> May. National Sorry Day acknowledges and raises awareness about the history and continued impact of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from their families, community and culture.

National Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May to 3 June. During this week we reflect on how we move forward as a Nation and celebrate and build on the respectful relationships shared by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. We will reflect on these in our classes and discuss the way we walk forward together as a Nation.

### Got any old material?

Next week we will be starting some whole school visual arts activities and one of the groups will be using fabric. If you have any non-stretch materials that you no longer need, we would be grateful for it. Examples might include old sheets, pillow cases, doona covers, left over or offcuts from sewing, old light weight curtains etc. Plain or patterned materials are great. Please drop off any contributions to the office.

### School Gardens

Have you seen the WPS flowers in the garden between the Office Building and Canteen? This lovely sea of flowers was planted by Tanya and we are loving the bright colours at the entry to the school. Thank you Tanya.

Leigh  
Relieving Principal



## 2019 Planner

Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	20 May.	21 May. Round 2 of Netball Knockout	22 May. National Simultaneous Story Time NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5	23 May.	24 May.
5	27 May. Reconciliation Week	28 May.	29 May.	30 May.	31 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.
8	17 June.	18 June.	19 June. SRC Careers Day	20 June. Netball Tournament	21 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.
5	19 Aug. Book Week & Book Fair	20 Aug.	21 Aug.	22 Aug.	23 Aug. Book Character Parade
6	26 Aug.	27 Aug. Storyboard Bus Yrs 3-6	28 Aug.	29 Aug. School Photos	30 Aug. School Photos

### 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 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.



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.

### Netball Team

Well done to the WPS Girls Netball Team! They played a great game of netball on Tuesday 21st May against Ballina Public School. The girls did not win the game but they displayed fantastic sportsmanship and enjoyed the morning. Well done girls. We will now keep training to get ready for the TAFE Schools Cup in June at Lismore Netball Courts. Thank you to our wonderful parent who drove and scored on the day.

Nicole

**WPS Netball Coach**

### We love our volunteers

# Wollongbar P&C

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

The P&C would also like to say a special THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped out over the last few weeks at the Mother's Day stall, the DISCO and the Grandparent's Day BBQ. We could not have done these events without you!

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.

### Coming events...

There are still a few P&C events happening later this term, so keep reading the weekly newsletter for more details.

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

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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



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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 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.

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