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Term 1, Week 8

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Education
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Calendar

Term 1 2025

Week 8

21/03 12:45pm Whole
School Assembly
– 1MK & 4/5EA

Week 9

25/03 Office closure
11:30 -12:30

26/03 Book club due
date

27/03 50 Nights of
home reading

28/03 EOI's for Yr 7
2026 close

Week 10

03/04 Cross Country -
Hill Park Oval

04/04 12:45pm Whole
School Assembly
1/2VP & 6A

Week 11

07/04 Stage 3 Final
Camp Payment
Due

11/04 12:45pm ANZAC
Day Assembly

Last day Term 1

Term 2 2025

Week 2

09/05 12:45pm Whole
School Assembly
KS & 3M

Families can also access
this information on their
Compass App Calendar

Principal Report

Safety and Security - After Hours

We have been experiencing a spate of vandalism and damage to our school, which has now extended to breaking into and damaging a classroom and stealing student property. Thank you to the community members that have already started returning items they have found to us.

We need your help. You can help us by having the Safety and Security number in your phone and calling it any time that you notice intruders in our school. By doing it at the time a patrol might be able to either catch the trespassers or at least prevent damage or another break in. Take photos if it is safe to do so and share them with us. The more calls that are logged, the more likely it is that safety patrols of our school will be increased.

The number to call is 1300 880 021

Just give them your name, the name of the school, and what you are reporting. As an example, at 6.40pm on Tuesday night I reported that there were 3 teenage male trespassers in black hoodies interfering with the K9 training group and making them feel unsafe. That they were abusive and that I had managed to get some photos, and had informed the boys that they were on Enclosed Lands and should leave immediately and not return. It isn't the first time that those 3 have trespassed, having been abusive towards John, our GA, last week. But there are a number of teenagers, boys and girls, using our school to drink alcohol and use drugs. And do other things that they are most likely too young by law to do.

We would really appreciate your support in this matter.

Jennifer

Principal

Playground and Entry/Exit Update

Our playground was assessed by an arborist this morning. We have opened sections of our playground for the students to play during breaktimes. There are several areas that are roped off to keep students safe, with these areas to be rectified early next week.

So there is no confusion for our students and community, entry and exit to the school grounds will remain via the front gate. Thank you for understanding and helping us to keep our students safe.

General Permission

Thank you to our families who have already completed their child's General Permission via the Compass Parent Portal. As our Cross Country quickly approaches we require General Excursion Consent for your child to walk to and participate in school based activities on Hill Park Oval. This includes our whole school Cross Country. We will be holding a whole school Cross Country practice to familiarise students with the track next Friday 28 March.

Please complete your child's General Permission if you haven't done so already. Students who do not have General Excursion Consent K-6 will not be able to practice or attend our whole school Cross Country.

SRC and House Captains

Congratulations to our SRC and House Captains who were inducted at our whole school assembly last week. We are excited to watch you all grow as leaders in our school community.

School Sores

Please be aware that we have had a few cases of School Sores (Impetigo) within the school. Please see information provided in the fact sheet attached to help you identify symptoms and required treatment.

Brendan

Relieving Principal

Updated NAPLAN Timetable Term 1 Weeks 8 & 9 2025

NAPLAN Timetable Term 1 Week 8					
	Monday 17 March	Tuesday 18 March	Wednesday 19 March	Thursday 20 March	Friday 21 March
Session 1	Year 3 Writing Test 40mins (Paper)	Year 5 Writing Test 42mins + Year 3 Writing Catch Up	Year 3 Reading Test 45mins + Writing Catch Up	Year 5 Reading Test 50mins + Reading/Writing Catch Up	Year 3 Language Test 45mins + Reading/Writing Catch Up
Eating Time: 11:00-11:15					
Lunch Play 11:15-11:30					
Session 2				Possible NAPLAN Catch Up Session with Brendan Nobbs	Possible NAPLAN Catch Up Session with Brendan Nobbs

NAPLAN Timetable Term 1 Week 9			
	Tuesday 25 March	Wednesday 26 March	Thursday 27 March
Session 1	Year 5 Language Test 45mins + Reading/Yr 5 Writing Catch Up	Year 3 Numeracy Test 45mins + Reading/Yr 5 Writing/Language Catch Up	Year 5 Numeracy Test 50mins + Reading/Yr 5 Writing/Language Catch Up
Eating Time: 11:00-11:15			
Lunch Play 11:15-11:30			
Session 2			Possible NAPLAN Catch Up Session with Brendan Nobbs

Ice blocks for sale on Cross Country Day

After our Cross Country on Thursday 3 April, our House Captains will be selling ice blocks for \$2.00.

Katie

Assistant Principal



Year 6 to 7 Transition to High School

From Monday 3 March to Friday 28 March 2025, Year 6 Parents and Carers can submit an online Expression of Interest (EOI) or Placement Not Required (PNR) for High School. To do this, go to the **Moving to High School** page by clicking on the Enrolments tab on the school website or clicking on the link: <https://wollongbar-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

It is important that you submit an EOI if you are applying for a position in a Private or Independent School and have not yet received notification of acceptance.

If Parents and Carers would prefer to complete a paper form, please come into the office to collect one. Paper forms are due to the office by Friday 28 March 2025. For further information please call the office on 6628 1302.

Katie
Stage 3 Supervisor

Decodable Readers Australia – Student Log In

Our students use Decodable Readers Australia (DRA) in the classroom and can also access this learning resource at home with their student login. Teachers can set books and activities for individual students to support their learning. DRA focuses on decodable reading products matched to knowledge of phonics. DRA's readers and structured literacy resources have been carefully designed to incorporate the development of phonemic awareness, phonics, comprehension, vocabulary and fluency.

Unfortunately the DRA website was not accessible earlier this week due to an unexpected maintenance update. It should now be accessible for use by all students.

Margie
Assistant Principal (Relieving)

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will receive their awards at tomorrow's
Whole School Assembly

Platinum Awards

Harmony Week

Thank you to the families who involved their children in Harmony Week activities, dressing in Orange and donating money.

Students have engaged in a range of discussions and activities on harmony this week, highlighting respect, inclusiveness and a sense of belonging.

Katie and Rebecca

SRC Coordinators

2025 School Cross Country Carnival

We are really excited to have you be part of our annual Cross Country Carnival. This event will be held on Thursday 3 April with the back up date of Thursday 10 April.

No doubt the students will be excited and proud to have you cheering them on and creating a great atmosphere. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours. Please also pack a full lunch, water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

The start and finish line of each race will be on Hill Park Oval. This area will be the best space to view the race and interact with others. All students will be down on the oval watching and supporting their peers.

We hope this is a fun and positive day for the whole school community.

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

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| 1. 7 yrs girls / 7 yrs boys | 1 lap | 10.00 am |
| 2. 6 yrs girls / 6 yrs boys | 1 lap | 10.15 am |
| 3. 5 yrs girls / 5 yrs boys | 1 lap | 10.30 am |
| Lap for points – fun run – all students | | 10.45am |
| 4. 8/9 yrs girls / 8/9 yrs boys | 2 laps | 11.15 am |
| 5. 10 yrs girls / 10 yrs boys | 2 laps | 11.40 am |
| 6. 11 yrs girls / 11 yrs boys | 3 laps | 12.00 pm |
| 7. 12/13 yrs girls / 12/13 yrs boys | 3 laps | 12.30 pm |
| 8. Pack up from 1pm | | |

If you have any questions, please contact me via the Office.

Many thanks,

Chris

Cross Country Coordinator

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After school, the RRK educators pick us up, and we dive into a **fun afternoon**. Today, it's all about **craft!** We cut, glue, and sprinkle glitter everywhere—oops! I make a **colourful** mask, while my friends create puppets and cards. Before I know it, Mum's here. "Look what I made!" I say, holding up my masterpiece with a big **smile**.

**RRK is a PLACE FOR CREATIVITY,
FRIENDSHIP and FUN... every day
is an adventure!**



**BOOK
now**

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