Calendar

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**What’s due / overdue**

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**Special dates for your diary**

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**Assemblies**

**Week 10**

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<th>Wednesday 16 Sept</th>
<th>Whole School Assembly 1.45pm 3/4vK item Pennants and Banners will be presented at this assembly.</th>
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**Term 4 Week 2**

| Wednesday 14 Oct  | Whole School Assembly 1.45pm 3/4W item Pennants and Banners will be presented at this assembly. |

**Cafeli - No Lunch Orders on Thursdays**

Unfortunately Cafeli will not be able to offer lunch orders on Thursday for the remainder of this term. Orders, including hot food, can still be placed on all other days of the week.

**Principal’s message**

Last week was School Administration Support (SAS) Staff Recognition Week. The staff and students would like to acknowledge and thank Ms McLean, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Pfister, Mrs Holz, Mrs Hand and Mr Seymour for their support of, and dedication to our school. While Mrs Pfister and Mrs Hand have a fixed timetable, the roles of our other SAS staff are varied. Ms McLean and Mrs Anderson can be treating a grazed knee one minute, then ordering resources, paying bills, counting and receipting money, processing enrolments, answering phone calls, entering attendance data, keeping the budget on target, preparing the newsletter, processing awards or changing a pair of wet shorts the next. Life is never dull in the office, especially on Thursday and Friday when Ms McLean is alone. Mrs Holz and Mr Seymour are allocated by the Department 1½ days each week to attend to our grounds and minor maintenance issues. I’m sure our community are just as appreciative of our SAS Staff as we are.

Last week, our Focus on Reading professional learning that has been led by Mrs Byrom since the commencement of 2014 concluded with teachers sharing work samples and success stories. At this final session, teachers shared activities and strategies to develop questioning, visualising, making connections, summarising and predicting skills. Focus on Reading has impacted on our reading results with an overall significant improvement in our NAPLAN reading results from 2014 to 2015 for both Years 3 and 5.

What a fabulous Father’s Day celebration we had last Friday! Many fathers, grandfathers and family members joined us for the ever-delightful K-2 assembly followed by open classrooms, 3-6 cricket (I hear there were some very competitive adults on the field!) and a lovely picnic morning tea. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the occasion. (Photos are on the website.)

Congratulations, Debatinators! We are very proud of your commitment and efforts this year. Thank you, Mrs Craswell for coaching our team and Mrs Wedeman for your organisation. (More information can be found in today’s newsletter.)

Enjoy your week!

Rhonda Morton
Pennant
Special congratulations to:
Douglas W – K/HT
Zac C – 1/2B
Alexis H – 3/4vK
Caitlin B – 4/5S

What’s happening in … 3/4vK?

Our history unit on Gallipoli has continued this term. During writing, 3/4vK used the knowledge gained from the unit to assume the character of a soldier or nurse. They wrote letters home from the war. Some were written before the landing at Gallipoli and reflect excitement and a sense of adventure. Those written after the landing reflect a completely different mood. They are on display in the foyer for you to read. 3/4vK loved making their letters look old. You might like to ask them how they did it.

3/4vK has been immersed in poetry this term, writing some wonderful diamante poems.

Spring has also sprung in the classroom. The class enjoyed making bright yellow daffodils with 3-D trumpets. This was for Daffodil Day. Our classroom has also been brightened with wattle art for Wattle Day. In keeping with the warming of the weather, 3/4vK is looking forward to taking you to the Caribbean with our item at next week’s assembly. We hope you can join us.

Please visit the administration foyer to view 3/4vK’s display. You are invited to attend our whole school assembly on Wednesday 16 September at 1.45pm when 3/4vK will perform their class item.

Premier’s Debating Challenge

On September 4, Bulli Debatinators competed with seven other semi-finals for the Northern Regional Championships. Only two schools were left standing at the end of a long gruelling say, Jamberoo PS and us. Jamberoo won narrowly with the Arts Unit adjudicator praising both schools as worthy winners.

Our team performed brilliantly this season, as they did last season, winning all six debates in succession and losing only at the final debate to another very good team. We couldn’t be prouder of Amelia, Andrew, Ariel, Ben J, Ben P, Harriet, Kai and Maddie.

The Debatinators would also to thank the wonderful support they had from family. We were the only school of the eight semi-finalists who had no fewer than nine family members for the six Debatinators who were present on the day.

Mrs Craswell
Debating Mentor / Coach

Reconciliation Garden Opening

Parents, carers and family members are invited to attend the opening of our Reconciliation Garden on Thursday 17 September at 2pm. The opening will take place under the COLA in view of the garden. We hope you are able to join us for this occasion.

ThinkUKnow – Online Safety and Security for K-6 Parents and Carers

Thank you to the parents who attended yesterday’s video conference regarding online safety and security. The Australian Federal Police have worked with a number of partners to establish ThinkUKnow, a resource that is aimed at understanding online security and safety. Did you know that the photos you post never actually disappear – they are held by the provider? Did you know that if a social media site is free, they sell your details to marketers in order to make money? Have you disabled the geo-tracking function on your device? Photos have tracking details in the code so it is possible for someone to know exactly where you are and, perhaps more importantly, where you are not by the photos you post.

For those parents who were unable to attend our workshop, there is a valuable parent section on the ThinkUKnow website www.thinkuknow.org.au/ and I would encourage all of you to read the fact sheets and information found on this site. Thank you, Mrs O’Brien for organising this valuable workshop that will be followed up with Stage 3 students in Term 4.

PSSA Update

Just a reminder that this Friday is the final week of PSSA this term. Soccer will be played at Gibson Park and Netball at Fairy Meadow as usual. Please come and support and cheer on our players.

Last week Senior Netballers enjoyed their walk to Waniora, some great competition and having the time to meet and chat with other seniors whom they will see again in High School. We thank Mrs Smith from Waniora for her organisation of the games and fields.

We will be sending out a note outlining final costs early next term ($4.00 per week attended). My thanks to all coaches for their extra effort in training and taking the teams away each week: Mr Cochrane, Mrs Wedeman and Mrs van Kessel. Also, thank you to our parents who have helped with netball umpiring and encouraged the girls, in particular Mrs Nolan and Mrs Bricknell.

Ros Saddi
Sports co-ordinator

Staff News

Earlier this year, there was a list published of some of the activities teachers undertake in their spare time. While this list has grown and changed, it is timely to inform you that Mrs Perry is preparing to take the staff through professional learning for the new NSW History Syllabus to be implemented in 2016. Thank you, Mrs Perry for taking on this additional duty.

Mrs van Kessel and Mrs Wedeman are both taking long service leave in Term 4 (at different times) with Mrs Goodwin relieving. Mrs Anderson is also taking long service leave before relieving at Coledale Public School (her other school). Mrs Pfister will relieve in our office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs Roper relieving for Mrs Pfister in the role of School Learning Support Officer. Mrs Patterson will continue her leave into 2016, planning to return in Term 4 next year. Finally, despite the rumours, Mr Cochrane is not retiring at the end of the year.
Dogs at school – a message from Legal Services
We have received a reminder from The Department’s Legal Services team regarding dogs on school premises.
Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87 (14.1.e), dogs are prohibited in school grounds (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled). Registered assistance dogs for a person with a disability are permitted. Dogs (and pets) brought for news must have the approval of the Principal so safety guidelines can be established.
For the safety of all students, toddlers, babies and adults, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds. We also advise you not to leave dogs unattended outside the school fence as they pose a risk to passers-by, including students.
Thank you for your consideration and support.

P & C NEWS
Meal Deal Day Thursday 10 September
Featuring beautiful potatoes from your own school garden!
How delicious!
Recess: Snack box of dip, rice crackers, cheese, ham (optional), veggie sticks.
Lunch: Creamy potato bake (potatoes, cheese, cream, milk, herbs, spinach) with 2 x chicken wedges + garlic bread + frozen apple and blackcurrant berry cup.
Any helpers that can spare some time to help cook would be greatly appreciated.

Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose
How to raise a child to be a giver (listed as Raising a giving child) has been added to the Parenting Ideas News Story on our website. Articles from Parenting Ideas are also displayed in our community window and in a folder in the foyer. We hope you are enjoying these articles.

Effects of Passive Smoking
After the Life Education van visit, our senior class has been following up on the harmful effects of passive (second hand) smoking and ways students can protect themselves from second hand smoke. More information can be found at http://www.smarterthansmoking.org.au/for-schools/facts-statistics/.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Sport & Recreation Holiday Camps
Our spring Kids’ and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. They include: Cooking 4 Kids, Adventurer, Kids’ Club & Duke of Edinburgh camps. For more details go to: sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au

Corrimal Public School 125th Anniversary
Come and celebrate 125 years of Corrimal Public School on 16 & 17 October. Families, former students, staff and the community are all welcome. It features a twilight fete on Friday 16 and more celebrations from 7pm on Saturday at Woonona Bulli RSL. For details visit www.cps125.weebly.com

Specsavers Corrimal will be holding a free kids screening activation at Stockland Corrimal on Saturday 19 September from 9am - 5pm.
The Specsavers kids screening activation is a free community health service highlighting the importance of eye health in kids. Using a handheld autorefractor (an advanced piece of optometry equipment), the child’s eyes can be examined from a one metre distance, a process taking just a few seconds. This is not a full eye examination; however, this non-invasive screening provides an indication of whether the child may require a further comprehensive eye examination. It is recommended that all children have a full eye examination at least every two years.
A Ride the Gong – Cycling fun for everyone!

Sunday 20 September, 10am – 2pm
Southern end of Stuart Park, North Wollongong

To celebrate NSW Bike Week, join us for a number of workshops and activities designed for riders of all ages and abilities including:

- How to cycle safely (practical) workshops
- Basic bike maintenance workshops
- Bike registration with Wollongong Police
- Giveaways including free drink bottles, slap bands, cycling maps and information, test rides and more
- Refuel with a Rotary Club of Wollongong BBQ and refreshments

Workshops are on a first come basis and registrations will be taken on the day.

For more information visit www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety or Contact Council’s Road Safety Officer on (02) 4227 7111 or rso@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Centrehealth Dental Care Woonona

Centrehealth Dental Care Woonona is now open and bulk bills all eligible children and teenagers under the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

We are also offering those children/teenagers who are NOT eligible for this program a special offer for their check-up/clean/x-rays/fluoride. Normally this service would be $260.00 however, we are offering children/teenagers who are NOT eligible for the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Program a reduced fee of $130.00.

For an appointment or more information please call us on 42839099. Alternatively you can email: woononadental@centrehealth.com.au

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