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NEWSLETTER

Coming Events

9-5-2019 & 10-5-19 Mother's Day Stall
10-5-19 School Cross Country
13-5-19 Large Lanterns for Illuminate Wollondilly - Years 3-6
14-5-19 P&C Meeting 2pm in Staffroom
14-5-2019 to 17-5-19 NAPLAN Assessments for Year 3 and 5
18-5-2019 Federal Election
21-5-2019 Responsible Pet Program for K/1/2

Principal's Report

9th May, 2019

Welcome back to Term 2 after a well-deserved school holiday including both Easter and ANZAC Day. I am sure Term 2 will be very rewarding for students, staff and families. I would like to thank everyone for the fantastic way we finished Term 1 with our Easter fun day. The raffles were certainly a highlight for families. Congratulations to all winners and I am sure everyone enjoyed the chocolate prizes as well as the fun places to visit. Special thanks to the parents who organized the meal deal and to Mrs Karaiste for the very yummy hot cross buns.

Our small school's relay team comprising of Leah, Sophie, Lilly and Amy competed in the State Swimming Championships at Homebush on the last day of Term 2. The girls competed well in their heat displaying great sportsmanship and behaviour. Thank you to the parents who transported the girls to Homebush for the event and supported their outstanding effort. Without your support, such opportunities would not be possible.

On April 25, I had the pleasure of attending the ANZAC Day march at Picton where I was joined by Mrs Eccleston, Sophie and Leah. The dawn service was a fitting tribute to all those who have served to give us what we have today. Sophie and Leah placed the letter 'O' as part of the overall message of 'OUR ANZACS' which was beautifully decorated by Mrs Eccleston. As young people, we must never forget the sacrifice others have made on our behalf.

Our Staff Development Day was a great learning day for all staff. In the first session Mrs Read, Assistant Principal from Thirlmere explained the new student reports that we will be implementing this term as part of the Fair Education project. These reports will give students the opportunity to reflect on their own learning progress and needs.

We also had the opportunity to revisit differentiation as a means of catering for all learners in our classrooms. As teachers when we know our students and the content we teach we can improve the learning outcomes of each student. In the middle session we spent time reviewing the school's Work Health and Safety as well as planning the Term 2 calendar.

On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of a visit from the local View Club who kindly donated handmade Library Bags and reading rugs for some of our school students. The library bags have already come to great use and the reading rugs are a welcome addition in the K/1/2 room.

School Cross Country

Tomorrow all students will participate in the School Cross Country commencing at 10.30am. Parents are welcome to attend and support runners. Students turning 8/9/or 10 this year will run 2000m while students who are 11/12 or 13 this year will run 3000m. Our younger students will also run the circuit. Successful runners will be eligible to compete in the Razorback cross Country to be held on Friday 31st May. Don't forget year 6 will be selling ice-creams for \$1 following the event.

NAPLAN

Next week students in Year 3 and Year 5 will complete their NAPLAN online assessments. Writing will be the first assessment followed by reading, conventions of language and numeracy. It is most important that students are at school during next week and have started their day with a healthy breakfast. I am sure all students will find the assessments a rewarding learning opportunity.

Woolworths 'earn & learn'

Between 1st May and 25th June, Woolworths will be promoting their earn & learn initiative where you can collect stickers every time you shop and spend \$10 at Woolies. The more stickers we can collect the more we can purchase to support student learning. So spread the word and get everyone helping you collect stickers; grandparents, friends and neighbours. A collection box is in the school foyer and at Mittagong Woolworths.

Return, Earn and Recycle

Just a reminder that our Year 6 leaders are collecting bottles, cans and cartons that are marked with the 10c refund sticker. Instead of throwing them in your bin at home please send them to school so we can return them and earn some money. Help us protect our environment.

Large lanterns for Wollondilly Illuminate

Students in 3/4/5/6 will be involved in making large lanterns for the Wollondilly Illuminate festival on Monday 13 May. They will have the opportunity to work with members of Southern tablelands Arts throughout the day. This will be a very exciting project for the students to be involved in and has been offered to us by Wollondilly Council.

School Drop Off and Pick Up

In the interest of student safety parents are not permitted to park in the School carpark to drop students off or pick up students. Parking in Harley Street is recommended and always available. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

Yanderra Parents and Citizens Association News

Term 2 already, hope everyone had a good Easter break. The P & C were glad to welcome Mrs Langbien back to the school at the beginning of the year.

Following last months AGM and election of officers to the P&C there was one major change with Ashleigh McMahon stepping down from the role of president of the P&C to the role of Vice-President. This will allow her to still be an active member of the P&C and help those of us who are new. P&C would like to thank Ashleigh for all her hard work as President, a role she has done for the last four years. The P&C meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm in the staffroom. We would like to encourage parents/grandparents/carers to attend if possible. We would love to hear your ideas on taking the P&C forward in supporting the school. As the father of two boys attending this great school I am honoured to have the role as President.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 14th May, at 2pm in the staffroom.

Nathan Benson

Canteen

The canteen continues to open every Monday and Friday for lunch and recess (if possible). We are working hard towards achieving our healthy kids canteen certificate. Any ideas for healthy snacks to sell at recess that your child would purchase are always welcome. I would like to thank Nathan, Rosie and Sara for their involvement in starting to volunteer this year. We always welcome any parents/grandparents/carers who can give any time to help with the canteen. You don't have to commit to every week, just 1 morning a month would be a great help. I will be in the canteen every Friday, please feel free to come and speak with me if interested.

Janet McCleod

Easter Raffle Prize Winners

Eli & Eathan Russel

Leah Hale

Kobe Julius

Sophie Smart

Ana Sevcic

Jessie McDermott

Monty Benson

Mila Sevcic

Eathan Russell

Tyson Lewis

Mikayla Buckman

Leah hale

Amy Smart

Jordi Bliefnick

Jasmin McCulla

Amy Smart

Scarlett West

Luke Julius

Raffle raised \$339.40
Meal Deal Raised \$178.50
Guessing competition \$44.40



**WOLLONDILLY WIRES HAVE A FUNDRAISING STALL AT
THE BARGO MARKETS IN THE HOTEL GROUNDS ON THE
4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
ALL PROCEEDS TO WOLLONDILLY WIRES WILDLIFE**



Congratulations for
getting up early and
being part of the Anzac
March.