

Term 1: Weeks 6 & 7 Issued: Tuesday, 1 March, 2011



The Principal

Mrs T Payne

As you are aware we are heavily involved in the Centre For Excellence with Keiraville Public School as a Hub school. I mentioned in the previous Newsletter that we would be involved as a Community of Schools, in Professional Learning activities. This is an exciting prospect.

Over the next few weeks all teaching staff will be trained to implement a Literacy program called "Literacy on Track". Another focus area is to improve student engagement in their learning. We have booked a speaker and intend to hold a combined Staff Development Day at West Wollongong Public School on Tuesday, 26 April. You will note that this is a Public Holiday.

Our schools have applied for a variation to routine for this day. This will mean staff will not be in attendance on Tuesday, 20 December. Only myself and the Office Staff will be in attendance on that day. These changes do not affect the students in any way. Students will resume school on Thursday, 28 April. Students will finish their school year on Friday, 16 December.

SWIM SCHOOL

Swim School begins next Monday and runs for 2 weeks. Please ensure that the children wear their swimmers under their uniform and bring underwear with their towel in a separate swim bag. Last year we allowed the children to bring things to wear to and from the pool and this saved a lot of lost socks!

PERFORMING ENSEMBLE

They are coming back! The Illawarra South East Region Touring ensemble is returning to perform at our school. This amazing show includes a band, dancers and singers from high schools in our region. We invite all friends and family members to come along and enjoy the show with the students.

Cost: \$4.00 per head. Families with 3 or more children \$8.00

Date: Wednesday 30th March 2011

Cathy Ahearn—Assistant Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Good luck to Bailey, Emma and Sebastian who will be competing at the Regional Swimming Carnival this Thursday. Congratulations to all children for their efforts and outstanding behaviour displayed at the recent CWPSSA District Swimming Carnival. Finally a big thank you to all the parents for providing transport as well as their fantastic support at both the school and district carnivals.

Mr Burns

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved or changed phone numbers would you please inform the Office so that you can be contacted if the need arises.



IMPORTANT

**GWYNNEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL
IS A NUT FREE ZONE**

**NO NUTS OR NUT BASED PRODUCTS
CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL**



P & C AGM Meeting

GWYNNEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF ROOM

WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH AT 6.30 PM

ALL WELCOME



ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please send a note explaining the absence within seven days to your child's teacher or fill in a form in the office.

REMINDER

If your child has any allergy, medical condition or special needs, please talk to your child's teacher or myself as soon as possible. Also please note that we have two students who have severe nut allergies, therefore we are a nut and nut product free school.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS—LOST PROPERTY

We have a large number of lost clothing in our lost property. If you have any items missing please call into the office and check the clothing/items.

Please label all school items clearly.

APPLICATIONS FOR WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL IN 2012

Any student in Year 6 wishing to audition for the Performing Arts stream of Wollongong High School needs to obtain an application form from the Office. The applications are due by Wednesday, 16 March 2011.

Please note that Enrolment forms for Wollongong High School have been sent home and are due back by Friday, 18 March 2011.

Please note all enrolment forms are to be returned even if your child is not going to Wollongong High School.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS TEST

Please note that for students wishing to enter a selective Government High School in 2012, the test will be held Thursday, 17 March. Key dates and online applications are available on the website.



ILLAWARRA'S LEADING SUPPLIERS FOR

**CASH REGISTERS
TOUCHSCREEN SYSTEMS
SCANNING
STOCK CONTROL
RESTAURANT / FAST FOOD SYSTEMS**



PHONE 4228 0555

EXPO EVENING

Are you considering Wollongong High School as your choice of secondary school? If so, come and meet us at Expo Evening. You will see that we offer a first class comprehensive education as well as excellent opportunities in the performing arts.

Date: Thursday 3 March 2011

Time: 5.30–7.00pm

We look forward to meeting you. Principal's address at 5.30 in the hall.

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts Academic Excellence : Excellence in the Performing Arts :

Outstanding sporting opportunities : Brilliant HSC results : High Expectations, Tolerance, Valuing Safety, Achievement and Respect



AWARDS		
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS		
	BRONZE	
2/3A	Ira Attiq	Yasmin Butler
	Bede Davison	Nafisah Irsyad
	Miri Nayagodamu	Makayla Newman
	Joel Stevens	Trey Warburton

2011 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

SUBJECT	COST	CLOSING DATE—ENTRIES	SITTING DATE
Computer Skills	\$7.70	Tuesday, 1 April	Tuesday, 24 May
Science	\$7.70	Wednesday, 6 May	Wednesday, 8 June
Spelling	\$11.00	Tuesday, 20 May	Tuesday, 21 June
Writing	\$16.50	Tuesday, 20 May	Tuesday, 21 June
English	\$7.70	Tuesday, 1 July	Tuesday, 2 August
Mathematics	\$7.70	Tuesday, 1 July	Tuesday, 16 August

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE OFFICE

P & C News

The P&C held its first meeting for 2011 on the 16th February. Our main topic of discussion was how the P&C would spend their hard earned money, including the \$7000 raised at the fete.

As a result the P&C will be buying for the school:

2 electronic whiteboards for around \$7500

2 book reading projectors for around \$1000

2 classroom reading packs valued at around \$1000

We are also looking at buying/renting a slushie machine for the canteen. This will allow the canteen to offer natural fruit based slushies for the children, great for a refreshing drink! A decision is pending

March is our AGM meeting. The AGM will be held at 6.30 pm, on 16th March in the staffroom. This will be followed by the normal monthly meeting. Elections will be held for all executive positions. The positions available are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Nominations are open for these positions, in advance, or at the AGM. Advance nominations should be in writing to the Secretary, Mat Field. Everybody is welcome, however only financial members will be entitled to vote.

At the February meeting it was accepted that we will re instate the correct membership and voting rules, where only financial members are entitled to vote at P&C AGM and normal meetings. In order to give the whole school community the opportunity to become financial member's, we have agreed to extend membership provisions. To become a full financial and voting member you must:

pay a minimum 50c membership fee

pay prior to the AGM in this special case by no later than Friday 11th march

place 50c in envelope and give to the treasurer

place 50c in an envelope, with your name on it, in the canteen lunch order shute

please do not pay at the office.

a receipt will be issued.

The P&C constitution and guidelines are freely available on the P&C federation website, which is here <http://www.pandc.org.au/>. As President I am endeavouring to ensure our P&C is compliant.

My email davaltom@gmail.com

David Thompson
President

SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARCH 2011

DATE	EVENT
Friday, 4 March	Clean Up Australia Day—Children bring gloves Yr 4 selling Home-made Lemonade—50c per glass Assembly—2.30 pm—KE
Monday, 7 to Friday, 18 March	School Swimming Scheme
Wednesday, 16 March	P&C AGM Meeting—6.30 pm in staffroom
Thursday, 17 March	Selective High School Testing
Friday, 18 March	Assembly—2.30 pm—2/3A
Thursday, 24 March	Harmony Day—wear Orange
Tuesday, 29 March	School Photos
Friday, 1 March	Assembly—2.30 pm—5/6B

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FOR SALE

**Girls winter tunic (size 10) &
2 pale blue long sleeve shirts (size 8)
Excellent condition \$30 the lot.
Liz Thompson
ph: 42 258754 / 0407 061 740**

NSW Association for Gifted and Talented Children Inc.

SCIENCE WORKSHOPS FOR K TO YEAR 4 COOL SCIENCE

SATURDAY - 2 APRIL 2011- 10.00 AM TO 12.00 NOON

WOLLONGONG LIBRARY - 41 BURELLI STREET

Our workshops include a variety of different hands-on enrichment activities for children in Yr 2 to Yr 4 and provide an opportunity for children with "like minds" to work together in a fun and relaxed environment. Bookings and payment are essential via the registration form on our website—www.nswagtc.org.au/events/for-gifted-children



EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE BRING HOME A BROTHER OR SISTER

In June/July 2011, students aged 14 – 19 years from Europe, the USA and South America will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice another language, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family....and your relatives and friends....will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. <http://studentexchange.org.au/>

Today's favours become tomorrows obligations. Matthew Cameron

Visit our website: www.gwynneville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au