Woodburn Public School

Kindy Orientation Continues

Kindy O commenced last week and continues both this week and next. We have seen some bright, fresh faces enter our school and we look forward to forging a partnership that ensures a great start to school. I encourage new families to make themselves known and to ask as many questions as needed so that you are fully prepared and ready for the year ahead.

New Goal Posts

Finally the goal posts are up and accessible to students. There have been many complimentary comments and all thanks must go to our P&C Association who purchased these posts to enhance our school playground. I hope parents are able to drive by and see just how much students are enjoying these new facilities.

Enrolments 2014

In recent weeks the school has received a few new enrolments and we welcome these students into our school. These new faces, along with new Kinders for 2014 need to be taken into account when we start to plan classes for the new year. Any outstanding enrolment applications will be gratefully received as soon as possible.

New Systems of Operations

Commencing from this week many of the administrative processes of our school are changing. The Department of Education and Communities is releasing new software and procedures for managing school finances and student management data. As one of the initial schools transitioning to these new practices, it is important parents are aware that things are different. Over the weeks ahead I hope to give more information on how these changes will impact families.
One obvious area is that when we set deadlines for payments we will need to be firm with these, and that the issuing of refunds for excursions can no longer be managed here at the school level. All payments on behalf of schools will be provided centrally.

The transformation impacts also on school planning and management from my perspective. The coming months as we enter this new phase of operation will be a learning curve for us all. I hope that we enjoy a smooth and comfortable transition process.

Until next week....

**SRC News**

Wednesday 13 November is WOW Day (Wear Orange Wednesday). Students can wear orange bringing in a gold coin donation to support the efforts of the SES. The SRC has decided to match dollar for dollar and give it to the Rural Fire Service in support of recent bush fire emergencies.

Tracey Tebbutt
SRC Patron

**School Swimming Scheme**

Closing date for School Swimming Scheme blue notes and money is Friday 8 November 2013. Please ensure that your notes and money are in by this date. If your child has lost their note please contact the office, your classroom teacher or Mrs Johnston. **No notes will be accepted after this date.**

Susan Johnston
SSS Co-ordinator

**Carols In the Park**

The Woodburn Public School Choir will be singing at Carols in the Park at Riverview Park, Woodburn Saturday 14 December 2013 (this includes all children in Kindergarten, year 1 and 2/3). Our choir has been performing at this event for several years now and we have been working hard toward this performance all term. In order for us to perform and to be a success we will need as many of the children in the School Choir to attend. The children are to come dressed in red, green and white clothes. They can also wear anything Christmassy e.g. a Santa hat, tinsel or antlers.

Suzanne Johnston
Choir Co-ordinator

**1J Assembly Performance**

1J will be performing at this week’s fortnightly assembly this Friday 8 November 2013. The assembly begins at 12:50 pm and all parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. We are looking forward to sharing our dance with you.

1J and Miss Suzanne Johnston

**Year 6 Farewell**

Initial planning for the 2013 Year 6 Farewell has begun. Any parents wishing to help out with preparations and/or on the night, please contact Mrs Mander to register your interest. Year 6 farewell will be held on Monday 16 December.

**Student Banking**

Remember to bring in your banking each Friday. If you would like to open an account with the Commonwealth Bank please come to the office for an application form.

Lyn Blake
COORDINATOR

**Kindergarten 2014 – Important Dates**

Student Orientation Days
Wednesday 13 Nov 9:25 - 11:25 am
Register your interest now!

**Bunnings BBQ**

The P & C will be running the BBQ at Bunnings Lismore on Saturday 30 November and we are looking for some volunteers to help again. If you can spare an hour or two please
return the slip with your preferred times (starts at 8 am and finishing at 4 pm - 2 hour time slots would be fabulous!) to the office asap. We really appreciate your help!!!

Alison, Kim & Toni
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

**Uniforms**

NEW Hooded Jumpers now in stock - $25 ea, sizes 6 - 16 available. Sloppy joes will be discontinued - $15 till sold out!

Kim Skaines
UNIFORM COORDINATOR

**Important Canteen Stuff**

As you can see, a few of our current volunteers have offered to be rostered for multiple days, we would love to see a few new faces take these places and spread the small load.

There is also an option for a 3rd person to help with the lunch prep.

Please let us know if you can help :)

Mel Gillett
COORDINATOR

**Community Stuff**

**Playgroup at Woodburn Public School**

Every Thursday (during school terms) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Come along for a fun morning. We have a great facility with plenty of toys and games. It's very informal - a chat and morning tea while the kids play. It's open to Mums, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas and Carers.

**Evans Head & Woodburn Pre Schools**

**Family Portraits**

by Advanced Life Photography

When: Sunday 10 November
Where: Evans Head Pre-School
Cost: $20 which includes a 10x13 family portrait or art pencil sketch, a key ring and a wallet sized portrait.

Please note: Each family must have a minimum of two generations. We are now taking bookings. Please ring Evans Head PreSchool on 66825235 to book a time slot that suits you. Be quick, time slots are filling up fast for this great value offer.

Remember your $20 goes straight to pre-school and you receive a great portrait etc. for that amount. You are under no obligation to purchase anything else.

**Ways to Unplug**

1. Making the decision to limit screen time can be a big change in many households. Hold a family

**Canteen Roster**

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<th>Rostered Weeks</th>
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| Wks 1 & 6      | HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!       | Sam & Rachel Trustum  | ????
| Wks 2 & 7      | Lisa Cattle            | Kim Skaines & Kaz Humphris | ????
| Wks 3 & 8      | Tammy Davis            | Angela Summers & Aaron Daly | ????
| Wks 4 & 9      | Stacy Gordon           | Kaz Humphris & Tammy Tuck | ????
| Wks 5 & 10     | Belinda Gomes          | Jennifer Merton & Angela Summers | ????

**Special - Jelly Cups 50c**

REMINDER - BROWN PAPER BAGS ARE 10C EACH IF NOT BROUGHT FROM HOME! Please have your money securely placed in your lunch bag! Parent Helpers for the next week are in bold. Thanks for your ongoing help - we really appreciate you! If you cannot make it on your rostered day it is up to you to find a replacement. Any ideas for canteen PLEASE come along to the next P & C Meeting!
Bunnings Help

Name: _______________________________

I would LOVE to help out at the Bunnings Lismore BBQ on Saturday 30 November. My preferred time is: _______________________

Signed ___________________   Date ______

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The Lightning Bolt

One day in Woodburn, Marshall and I were stuck on a bridge. We were walking across the bridge to school. The wind was howling. All of a sudden a magnificent storm appeared. The bridge was torn by it and all of a sudden zombies appeared. Marshall and I jumped into a boat passing under the bridge and the zombies followed us. They jumped in the boat too and Marshall found chemical weapons under the seat. Marshall and I shot a zombie with the chemical weapons and it fell into the water and then we had to swim to shore because the zombies were ripping the boat to bits. The boat exploded and landed upside down on top of me and Marshall. We used our pocket knife to cut a hole in the side of the boat so we could see. We used the boat as a shelter. So it was easier to kill the zombies.

A zombie appeared right in front of us and ripped the shelter. We ran to the bakery. We loaded our guns with food. A fat zombie appeared in front of us and its weakness is food and we shot the zombie with food. It died and humankind lived to fight another day.

The End?

By Brodie Cross

Year 4/5/6/D

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Keep saving to win more Dollarmite’s treasure.

Simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you will be automatically entered into the competition.

Treasure Chest Prizes:
- Just by saving, you could win one of these great prizes:
  - 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB
  - 100 x Adventure DVD Pack including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & HIP

Things to know before you save:
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BUY 20 OR MORE TICKETS & SAVE!

We have your end of season celebrations in the bag, why not make a group booking to enjoy Wet’n Wild Water World and get free entry from 2.30pm to Warner Bros. Movie World. For a great night out join us for a delicious three course dinner, magnificent animatronics, & stunning special effects at Australian Outback Spectacular. Purchase VIP passes for your family, friends and colleagues to enjoy unlimited theme park fun until 30 June 2014.

It's the year you won't want to miss with a gorgeous baby Polar bear coming out to play later this month. And the awesome new Storm Coaster blasting into Sea World late 2013. Call now on 5519 6210 or email groupbookings@vrtip.com.au

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Get everyone to note down how much time they spend on screen-based activities. Chances are you'll be surprised!

2. Remove any TVs or computers from kids bedrooms. It will help them socialise more with the family and let you keep an eye on what they are watching.

3. Try taking your reading or work outside. This will entice the kids to move outside too where they are bound to find an active activity.

4. Find out just how much time you and your kids spend on TV, computer and electronic games.

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meeting and discuss why you are doing this and let everyone have their say in setting the rules.

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