Today’s newsletter is published with only two more weeks remaining in the 2014 school year for students. It is a very exciting time and there are many events happening across the school. Students in all classes have an eye toward the school’s 50 Cent Fete, our fast approaching Merit and Presentation Assemblies, our Year 6 Farewell and the end of year Disco. Additionally, classrooms are still busy with teaching and learning programs operating, along with a little extra festive season activity. The buzz and excitement of this time of year can make life thoroughly enjoyable, but also takes students out of the regular routines.

A gentle reminder to all families that you are welcome to share with us in our end of year celebrations (Term 4 Merit Assembly – Friday Dec 12 commencing at 2:15pm AND 2014 Presentation Assembly – Tuesday Dec 16 commencing at 1:30pm).

Our 50 Cent Fete will be held on Monday December 15 between 1:00pm - 2:30pm. Students must purchase coupons next week. Each stall has activities for, surprisingly, 50c. Parents and community members may wish to come along and have a look at our fete also.

Preparations for the Year 6 Farewell are underway. These students will have a ‘graduating dinner’ at the Woodburn Bowling Club on Tuesday December 16 before returning to school to join fellow students at the End of Year Disco in our school hall. The disco will run from 7:00pm through until 8:45pm.
The other significant event for students is our last day of school, Wednesday Dec 17. This day will include our schools No Talent Quest, a whole school party and a visit to the Woodburn Pool to end the last day of the year for students.

**Before and After School Supervision**

**Mornings** - Our school is experiencing a growing number of students who are arriving at school before morning supervision commences. This situation is unsatisfactory as the school’s supervision roster does NOT start until 8:55AM. There is no adult staff available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to that time.

The ONLY students who should be arriving are those who are dropped off by their SCHOOL BUS. These students are then required to go directly to the covered area outside the school office and to be seated.

We well understand that many parents have commitments at work which require them to leave before 8:55am. Supervision of your children at this time however is not the responsibility of the school. Families may be able to make arrangements with friends or neighbours for the supervision of your children so that they are not arriving at school before supervision commences. Some families in the school with working parents may wish to take turns to take each other’s children to school. As well, some employers will be sympathetic to parents with responsibilities for caring for children and will allow some flexibility in parents’ working hours. By law, employers are restricted from treating an employee detrimentally on the grounds of their status as a carer.

Whatever arrangements you make, you need to understand that you remain legally responsible for your child prior to 8:55am when supervision begins. I would therefore ask that you ensure that your child is not left unsupervised at the school before 8:55am anymore.

**Afternoons** - Similarly, afternoon duties are of growing concern. Supervision concludes at 3:55pm with the departure of the last school bus. Students should all have been collected from school by this time. Children who are proceeding to dance groups need to stay in the supervised area (bus shelter/playground) until collected by parents and then going to the hall for dance. Students are not to be roaming the school unsupervised. They should also remain in the vicinity of their parents/carers whilst awaiting dance and not be running free and unsupervised across the school site.

Until next week....

**Swimming Carnival**

Our 2014 Swimming Carnival is on Friday, 5 December for all students Kindy to Year 6 at the Woodburn Pool. It is expected that the first races will start at 10am and the carnival will be finished by 2:45 pm. All parents and community members are most welcome on the day to cheer on all swimmers and to see who our champions will be for 2014.

**Reminders:**

- Lunch will be at 11:25am at school.
- All students must bring their own lunch and recess including a drink which they will take with them down to the pool.
- Swimmers, towel, sunscreen and $2.10 if no season ticket.
- House coloured shirt and a big hat. Bundjalung - Yellow Richmond - Blue

Susan Johnston
SPORTS COORDINATOR

**Carols In the Park**

The Woodburn Public School Choir will be
singing at Carols in the Park at Riverview Park, Woodburn Saturday 13 December 2014 (this includes all children in Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2). 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 as possible. 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.

Carols in the park will begin at 7:00pm, our performance time will be in the Week 10 Newsletter.

Miss Suzanne Johnston
Choir Coordinator

End Of Year Clean Up
It is time for students of Woodburn Public School to bring home all their hard work. Could you please send an enviro shopping bag or 3-4 plastic shopping bags to school by Monday 8 December.

Suzanne Johnston

SRC News
The SRC has again voted to support the whole school party on the last day of term, Wednesday 17 December. Students do NOT need to bring in anything for this party. They will be given a sausage sizzle, drink, chips, popcorn, fruit, lollies and an icy tube.

The party is after the No Talent Quest and before our last swim. Please bring in $2.10 for the pool entry.

Tracey Tebbutt
SRC Patron

Library returns
All library books must be returned by next Wednesday, 10 December. Students who have outstanding loans after this date will have their borrowing privileges suspended until the matter is settled (books returned or replacement paid for).

Mrs Mander and Mrs Duncan

Fete Coupons
Our Year 6 50c fete will be held on Monday

15 December here at the school. There are a few small changes being made to the operation of the day to ensure an even better experience is enjoyed by all school community members and the leadership is spread across the school.

This year we will be selling coupons for stalls instead of handling money on Fete day. 50c equates to 1 coupon.

Students are being asked to pre purchase their fete coupons throughout week 10 in $2 and $5 denominations. On fete day, students will be given their coupons on a lanyard and will need to give a coupon to the stall holder in order to participate.

A limited number of coupons will be available for purchase on fete day. No money will be taken at stalls on fete day.

Students who pre purchase coupons during week 10 will go in the draw to win $5 worth of free coupons to use on fete day!

Mrs Mander and Miss Warren

READING UNDER THE STARS
Summer Reading Challenge
Did you know that when students don’t read over the long summer break they are likely to fall behind when they return to school in the New Year? We call this the ‘Summer Slide’!

Reading is a priority at WPS and we are encouraging students to read for at least 10 mins everyday during the holidays to avoid the ‘Summer Slide’.

A proven way to keep kids reading over the summer holidays is participation in a summer reading program.

Register for the READING UNDER THE STARS Summer Reading program to win great prizes for your child and school.

Jump online today and register to be eligible for the early bird prize! www.scholastic.com.au/summer

Mrs Mander

P & C Christmas Hamper
It’s almost that time again! Please send in a little something for our Christmas Hamper. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD, YOUR DONATION GETS YOU A TICKET IN THE DRAW. We will be drawing the winners at the Presentation
Afternoon.
While we appreciate all donations, please ensure all food stuffs are in date. Thank you for all your support with fundraising throughout the year!

Kim, Al, Toni & Dan
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Go Kate!!
Kate Cormack competed in the National Cheerleading competition at the Gold Coast on Sunday. Her team, Richmond Rivers came second in the level 1 co-ed division. She is back training with her team and coach Miss Tammy to compete again next year. Well done to Kate and her team!

Miss Warren

Student Banking
School Banking is on each Friday morning. If you haven’t opened an account and would like to, please drop into the office.

Lyn Blake
COORDINATOR

Community Stuff
Playgroup at Woodburn PS
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.

Domestic Violence Alert Awareness Session
Lifeline and the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre presents a 2 hour interactive presentation where individuals and groups can talk about the issue of domestic violence and what they can do to help make a difference.

Thursday 11 December 2014 at 10am - 12pm
Evans Head Scout Hall, 22 Mangrove Street, Evans Head.
For enquiries 66224133 or niallm@lis.net.au or register at https://lifeline.jobreadyrto.com.au/terminal/online_book_course/201

Just Dance & Cheer!
Richmond Valley
***2015 Registration/ Trade Day***
Come along to the Woodburn Public School Hall on Wednesday 17 December from 4-7pm to discuss classes on offer for your child for 2015 in Woodburn & Coraki. Be the FIRST to receive a copy of our initial timetable for the new year!!! Classes on offer start @ $6 & include...
*All ages JFH (Jazz/Funk/HipHop) in both Woodburn + Coraki *Mini, Recreational & Competitive All Star Cheer options for all ages
*NEW!!!- Tumbling/Strength Classes for all ages in Woodburn
*NEW
TRIAL!!!- Adult Social Stunting + Strength in Woodburn
*Our sassy Yummy Mummy’s Fitness + Dance class
Please contact 0409822565 for more info...
See you there!

Tammy Tuck (Studio Director)

Canteen Roster

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NO PREPARED FOOD AVAILABLE AT ALL - CANTEEN ONLY OPEN AT LUNCH FOR PACKAGED FOODS. 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 our next P & C Meeting!
Aida M

**Water Smart** Level 2 – Years 1 and 2
Aquatic Environments – Beach
Activity Sheet 4 – Safety Items for the Beach

Name: Aida

In each box, draw an item that helps to keep you safe at the beach. Next to your picture explain how the item keeps you safe.

- **Bucket Hat**
  - **Explain:** You need a bucket hat so you don’t get hurt in the sun.

- **Towel**
  - **Explain:** You were a towel to keep your body safe from the sun.

- **Swimming Cap**
  - **Explain:** You have to swim with a parcel and swim between the flags.

Dana S

**Water Smart** Level 2 – Years 1 and 2
Aquatic Environments – Beach
Activity Sheet 4 – Safety Items for the Beach

Name: Dana S

In each box, draw an item that helps to keep you safe at the beach. Next to your picture explain how the item keeps you safe.

- **Safety Poster**
  - **Explain:** Make sure you always stay within the safety poster.

- **Beach Flags**
  - **Explain:** Always swim between the beach flags.

- **Sunscreen**
  - **Explain:** Make sure you use sunscreen and a bottle of water.

Marcus S

**Water Smart** Level 2 – Years 1 and 2
Aquatic Environments – Beach
Activity Sheet 4 – Safety Items for the Beach

Name: Marcus S

In each box, draw an item that helps to keep you safe at the beach. Next to your picture explain how the item keeps you safe.

- **Sunscreens**
  - **Explain:** The sunscreens help to not get burnt.

- **Flags**
  - **Explain:** The flags help to know how to swim.

- **Drink Bottle**
  - **Explain:** Drink bottle will stay cool.

Roary H

**Water Smart** Level 2 – Years 1 and 2
Aquatic Environments – Beach
Activity Sheet 4 – Safety Items for the Beach

Name: Roary H

In each box, draw an item that helps to keep you safe at the beach. Next to your picture explain how the item keeps you safe.

- **Life Jacket**
  - **Explain:** If you don’t know how to swim they don’t get lost.

- **Beach Umbrella**
  - **Explain:** The man is under the umbrella so he doesn’t get sunburned.

- **Beach Towel**
  - **Explain:** The man is sitting at the beach and it says 1 mile he runs.
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