Woodburn Public School

For Your Diary

Week 10 8 - 12 Dec
Fri  Merit Assembly
     2:15pm

Week 11 15 - 19 Dec
Mon  50c Fete 1 - 2:30pm
Tues Presentation
     Assembly 1:30 pm
     Yr 6 Farewell 5:30
     K-6 Disco 7-8:45 pm
Wed  No Talent Quest
     Whole School Party
     K-6 Swimming
     Last day for students

Next P & C Meeting
Monday 9 Feb ’15 @ 6:30pm

Shane’s Simplicities......

We are now down to the final week of the 2014 school year. It is almost time to say ‘let the celebrations begin’. Over the final week students will be issued with Semester 2 reports and also engage in our final recognition assemblies for the year. Parents and community are invited to join with to help celebrate the successes of our students and our school through the following events:

- **Term 4 Merit Assembly** - Friday Dec 12 commencing at 2:15pm
- **2014 Presentation Assembly** - Tuesday Dec 16 commencing at 1:30pm - followed by the **Year 6 Farewell and End of Year Disco** (commencing at 7:00pm - finishing at 8:45pm)
- **50 Cent Fete** - Monday December 15 between 1:00pm - 2:30pm. Preparations for the Year 6 Farewell are underway.

Farewell Mrs Tracey Tebbutt

As was announced earlier in the year Mrs Tracey Tebbutt officially retired from teaching at the commencement of term 3. She has continued to work through until the end of this year as a temporary teacher to ensure continuity for her class. Next week however will bring to an end the ‘sustained’ teaching career of Mrs T. I encourage anyone wishing to say farewell to take the opportunity over the week ahead. There will also be a moment in our end of year Presentation Assembly for a brief acknowledgement of Tracey’s career and in particular her dedication to our school.

Welcome Mrs Kylie Bateman

As the saying goes, when one door closes another opens. With Mrs T’s retirement our school was able to engage
in a merit selection process to select a new member to our school's teaching staff. I can confirm that Mrs Kylie Bateman was successful in this process and will transfer into our school at the commencement of the new school year. Kylie is currently on the teaching staff at Warnervale Public School in the Hunter-Central Coast area of NSW.

**Classes for 2015**

As with every year our student numbers across all of our grades impacts heavily on just what our final class structure will look like as we enter the new school year. In 2015 we have two very large year groups, those being Year 2 and Year 6. Our challenge is to make balanced class sizes across the school that support the best possible teaching and learning environments. Any families who know that they will not be with us in 2015 are asked to let the school know so that we can make the necessary adjustments to our class planning processes. Of course, we also need to take into account any new families who choose to join our school between now and the commencement of the new school year.

At the time of writing it is perceived that we will offer the following class structures in 2015.

- Kindergarten
- Year 1/2
- Year 2/3
- Year 3/4/5
- Year 5/6

Other models are under consideration depending upon finalised enrolments, but without significant change the above option is most likely.

**Before and After School Supervision**

Thank you to all families who took notice of last week’s newsletter with regard to the early arrival and late departure of students. School based supervision is provided from 8:55am through until 3:55pm. Parents/carers should ensure that children are not arriving before 8:55am and are collected before 3:55pm. Supervision of students outside these hours cannot be guaranteed. Teachers who are onsite outside these hours are giving of their time to ensure successful teaching and learning programs are in place. This should be respected and appreciated, not interrupted.

I look forward to continued support of this matter as we commence 2015.

Until next week....

**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. 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 at 7:30pm so could all choir members please meet me near the performance area at 7:25pm.

Miss Suzanne Johnston
Choir Coordinator

**Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to all of our students, participation was high and everyone got in and did their very best. We now look forward to the Mid-Richmond carnival to be held on Friday 6 February 2015 at the Woodburn Pool. Notes will be sent home Week 1 2015 to all students who made the team. The Champion Team for 2014 was Bundjalung.
Four records were broken. Congratulations to:

**Samuel Ticknor**
Open - 100m freestyle
1:21:65, 10yrs  
50m freestyle  
36:49 and Junior IM 3:38:68

**Charlie Ticknor**
8yrs boys 50m freestyle 42:44

Susan Johnston  
Sports Co-Ordinator

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**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 this week 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

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**READING UNDER THE STARS**

Summer Reading Challenge

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

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**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

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**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

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**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.

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**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

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**Evans Head- Casino SLSC**

Charity Bowls Day  At The Bowlo Sunday 4 January  
11am for a 12 noon start  Family’s welcome * Food available * Great prizes and raffles *4 person teams  
Call the Bowlo for more details on 66 82 43 43
Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate

SHE may be little but she's not afraid of anything, if only the other pirates would give her a chance to go and fight sea monsters with them.

Little does Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate know, she has something much bigger than any of those other lazy, no-good pirates.

Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate is the latest children's production by the Evans Head Village Players which will be performed at the Woodburn-Evans Head RSL Club Saturday, December 13 at 11am, Sunday, December 14 at 2pm, Saturday, December 20 at 11am and Sunday, December 21 at 2pm.

Tickets are $5 at the door.

Children (and parents) are encouraged to dress up as pirates. Ahaaar!

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 you/ 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)

“Water Lab Wednesday”

Visit the Water Science Lab and take on several of the Water Challenges.

Dates: Wednesday January 7, 14 and 21 2015

Time: Opens 10am and closes at 3pm, last entry 2pm.

* For children 5 to 14 years of age with a supervising adult.
* Fun water science investigations for individuals or small groups.
* The Water Challenges involve the use of microscopes, water testing equipment, giant board game, small catchment model and a lot of other great gear.
* At Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre, 210 Dunoon Rd, Dorroughby.
* No cost - presented by Rous Water and supported by the Department of Education & Communities.

Barbara Jensen
Rous Water Community Education Officer

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!