For Your Diary

**Week 3** 19 - 23 Oct
Fri Senior Swimming $2:10
Yr 6 Transition to Evans River

**Week 4** 26 - 30 Oct
Wed KJ, 1/2J & 2/3W Swimming $2:10
Fri KJ, 1/2 & 2/3 Currumbin Excursion
Senior Swimming $2:10

Next P & C Meeting
Monday 23 November 6:30pm

Shane’s Stuff

It is lovely to be writing this week’s contribution for the school newsletter having returned from my unexpected participation in last week’s Senior Camp to the Sunshine Coast. Whilst not planning to be on the excursion, being called in at the last minute gave me exposure to the tremendous work, organisation and planning that staff do to benefit our students. I applaud the efforts of all staff who do things that enrich and extend the learning opportunities for all students.

I also wish to thank the parents who do what they can to make excursions (and school life in general) positive experiences for all involved. Education is certainly a shared journey and at Woodburn PS we have great staff and parents who do this well.

Whilst the camp only lasted three days there were many growth opportunities for students. Learning to be more independent, to manage money, organise clothing and to successfully go to bed (and get some sleep) in a dorm full of friends are all invaluable experiences, as were the educational and social events that took place over the three days. I trust students have been able to share many fond memories of this year’s camp after they returned home.

Chloe D – Silver Medalist!!

Congratulations go out to Chloe Dunne who placed second in the state for the 13 Years Girls 100m Sprint at last week’s State Athletics Carnival. This is yet another tremendous achievement for Chloe in 2015.

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A huge cheer is also extended to both Damien Rojcevic and Chloe Trustum who participated at the same carnival. Chloe and Damien have represented at State level in recent years. All three athletes leave us for high school in 2016 and we wish them future sporting success at secondary level carnivals.

P&C – Student Uniform

Expectations

This week’s meeting of the P&C Association again discussed the appropriateness of how some students wear our school uniform. To help alleviate concerns and find a forward direction it was agreed to place school uniform on the agenda of the next meeting. This will allow us to review our existing school policy and amend and accept any changes so that the school policy reflects community standards. The school can then enforce the policy as it reflects community expectations.

Parent and community members may wish to attend the next meeting to offer thoughts and opinions, however any voting on the topic is restricted to financial members of the P&C Association.

Enrolments 2016

As a school we look to finalise classes for the new school year before the completion of the current year. This however is always impacted by families who leave us unexpectedly and/or those families who join us and were not known to us. If your family may be leaving it would be appreciated if you could advise the school of this. Alternatively, if you, or someone you know, has a new enrolment it would be appreciated if enrolment applications can be submitted as soon as possible. We hope to be as best planned for the new school year that we can be.

Until next week

Swimming for Term 4 2015

School Swimming Scheme will be held from 1 November through to 1 December. All students in year 2 will be eligible and students in years 3-6 who require further instruction and stroke correction will be eligible also.

Weekly swimming commenced today. Cost of admission to the pool - $2:10

Some reminders:

- All students are expected to wear a rash shirt as part of our Sun Safe Policy.
- Footwear needs to be worn to and from the pool. A suggestion is to pack some thongs with the swimmers and towel (thongs are not to be worn to school).
- Swimming is part of our school curriculum and therefore it is expected that all students will swim.

If there is a valid reason why a student is not swimming a note of explanation is required from home. Regular classroom consequences will apply for students who choose not to participate.

Susan Johnston
SPORTS COORDINATOR

Camp Wrap Up!

Thank you to all parents and students on a successful and enjoyable camp last week. Students have reported a high level of enjoyment and have made suggestions to improve the camp for future years. A big thank you must be extended to Tammi Davis, Daniel Gillett, Toni McConnell, Ms Woods and Mr Fletcher for assisting whilst on camp and being a great support for the students.

Mrs Mander

Year 6 Events

Friday 23 October all year 6 students will be attending Evans River K-12 Transition Day. Please remember your $2 on the day.

Year 6 will be running a Water Fun day on Friday 11 December to raise funds for their gift for the school. Parent helpers are welcomed. More information will be
provided at a later date.

The Year 6 farewell is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday 15 December. More details will be provided ASAP.

Mrs Mander

**Currumbin Excursion**

The Excursion for KJ, 1/2J and 2/3W to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is fast approaching and learning about Australian Animals and their environments is underway.

Final payment for the excursion is Monday 26 October. It is very important that students attending the excursion pay by this day so final arrangements can be made for travel, groups and adult supervision on the day.

The cost of the Excursion is $42. We will leave school at 8:30am. Students are to be at school by 8:15am. We will return to school by 6:00pm. Travel will be with Northland Coaches.

Children are to wear school uniform and bring their recess, lunch, some sunscreen and a hat. If children wish to take spending money they are to be responsible for their own money and should limit this to $10.

Please be aware that NSW students do not have school ambulance cover in Queensland. Should we require use of an ambulance in Queensland for your child, the cost of that ambulance will need to be paid by parents, unless your child has private health insurance and/or have private ambulance cover.

Suzanne Johnston
Excursion Organiser

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**Kindergarten 2016 Orientation**

Organisation is well underway to welcome the students for Kindergarten 2016. We will start the orientation process with a Parent Information Night, Monday 9 November starting at 6:00pm. Following the information night the new students will come to visit the Kindergarten classroom for three mornings starting at 9:30am. Parents will then come to collect their children at 11:25am (if your child currently attends the Woodburn Preschool on Wednesdays I will escort them to the preschool if you wish).

The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 11 November, Wednesday 18 November and Wednesday 25 November.

This series of mornings the new students will get to know their teacher for 2016 and the Year 5 buddies and the current Kindergarten. They will also be participating in a variety of activities that they will be doing when they start Kindergarten next year.

For further information on Kindergarten Orientation or enrolments for 2016 please contact the school.

Suzanne Johnston
Kindergarten Teacher

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**Canteen News**

Lunch orders must be placed into the Canteen Order Box which is located in the school office no later than Thursday morning in a brown paper bag with your child’s name and class clearly labelled on it and the correct money

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**Canteen Roster**

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inside. NO orders will be accepted after 10am Thursday morning.

Samantha Trustum
Canteen Coordinator

P & C Raffle
The P & C run the raffle at the Rod n Reel Hotel every second Thursday night. If you can help out it would be most appreciated.

Dates for the remainder of this year are:
22 October, 5 & 19 November, 3, 17 & 31 December. We start selling tickets at 7pm for an 8pm draw. Hope to see you there.

Mel Gillett
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Community Stuff

The Richmond Valley Swim Club will be trialling a new pilot program this year through Swimming NSW. The program will enable all children aged 7 and under to be able to come to swimming club and swim for free. All costs involved with joining our club have been waived. We would love to encourage as many young swimmers from our area to come and try swimming club to increase their water awareness and skills. We will be offering kickboard races, fin races and 25m races for all young children with older swimmers able to be in a lane beside them to offer them support and assistance. Phone Evans Head Aquatic Centre 66 825 885 or Bec Yourell on 0452 212 432 or email rvsceh@hotmail.com

Final weeks for free TAX HELP!!
The Tax Help Program provides a trained volunteer who will do your simple tax return for you FOR FREE (finishes end of October). All returns will be done via MyGov and MyTax. Tax Help will be offered out of the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre. Please phone 02 6682 4334 to book your appointment.

Evans Head Junior Touch Competition
We would like to thank the community for their support of our Junior Touch Football competition, it has been a resounding success. The response from the children has been amazing. To help continue the positive nature of this competition here are a few reminders.
- Players need to sign on from 4:50pm
- Games conclude at 5:45pm in preparation for our senior competition.
- Junior players must be collected by a parent or carer at this time.
- There will be no supervision for juniors after the games finish. Evans Head Touch Football Association cannot be responsible for young players after the conclusion of the game at 5:45pm.
Thank you for your co-operation.