For Your Diary

Week 2  2 - 6 Feb
Fri   Mid Richmond
      Swimming Carnival @ Woodburn Pool

Week 3  9 - 13 Feb
Ballina District
      Swimming Carnival

Week 5  23 - 27 Feb
Thurs  Life Education Van
Fri    Life Education Van

Week 7  9 - 13 March
Fri    School Photos

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

Shane’s Simplicities......

Welcome back to another busy and productive school year. Students and classes are very much settled and routines are already being established. I extend a HUGE welcome to new families who have joined us for 2015, and also extend that welcome to Mrs Kylie Bateman who has commenced her teaching duties in our school. 2015 presents as a year for new opportunities and experiences for us all. I hope that we are each able to grasp those opportunities and make the most of them.

P&C Meeting

The first meeting of our school’s P&C Association is scheduled for next Monday evening (9 February) commencing at 6:30pm in the school staffroom. All existing members are encouraged to attend and a warm welcome is extended to anyone interested in participating. We always welcome new faces, new ideas and additional contributions to discussions that take place. Please be encouraged to join with us and support your child’s school to make a difference.

Canteen

At this point in time our school canteen is NOT operating in 2015. There will be some discussion at next Monday night’s P&C meeting to determine forward directions. It is simply not sustainable to run the canteen as it has been run in the past. A greater number of helpers is required. We understand the challenges families face, but without regularity and consistency our canteen service will not be viable.

If you’re going to laugh about something later, why not start now?

email: woodburn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au  Web: www.woodburn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Any parents, grandparents or community members who feel they could assist our canteen are encouraged to contact the school, or better still, are encouraged to attend the P&C meeting and be part of the forward planning that takes place next Monday evening.

**SRE letter**

A large number of students will be bringing home a letter today to clarify the student’s involvement with Special Religious Education (Scripture) in 2015. All students in NSW government schools are required to be “enrolled in a SRE class for their particular religious persuasion if they have identified as being of that religious persuasion on enrolment and a SRE class is available for that persuasion.” (Memorandum to schools regarding SRE policy and implementation procedures)

Scripture in our school is ‘interdenominational’ and is provided in 30 minute lessons on a weekly basis across the school. Our service, whilst interdenominational, has strong links to the Presbyterian Church in Evans Head. This service has been very successfully delivered within our school for many years. Parents are asked to complete and return these letters selecting to either have students participate in the interdenominational SRE classes offered at school or to withdraw from SRE. This will help us to clarify parents’ wishes when students have varied identified religious persuasions or did not nominate a child’s religion (if they have one) upon enrolment at school.

An early response to these letters is important as scripture will commence next Tuesday afternoon. Students/families who do not respond will continue to attend/not attend scripture the same as they have done in previous years.

**Core Values/Rules**

Our schools core values are Respect, Integrity and Participation. Students will be reminded of these and the expectations of their behaviours over the coming days and weeks. Students who demonstrate effective behaviour choices and demonstrate these core values across our school will help build the successful and positive culture of our school.

**Suspension**

From time to time students will engage in behaviour which is unacceptable in any NSW government school setting. Where a student’s behaviour is extreme or ongoing the situation may arise where it will be in the best interest of the school community and the student/s involved that the student be suspended from school for a period of time or even permanently excluded.

The school has copies of the Department’s Guidelines for suspension and exclusion and these are available from the office. Parents and students are advised that suspension is immediate where a student:

- Is in possession of a suspected illegal drug
- Is violent or threatens serious physical violence
- Is in possession of a prohibited weapon.

In other circumstances suspension may occur after there has been school based intervention of some kind. Suspension in these cases generally relates to continued disobedience toward school rules and expectations.

Parents are reminded there are staff who are available to assist students in management of their behaviour. Such assistance will hopefully prevent behaviour problems from progressing and resulting in suspensions or exclusion. Please feel encouraged to contact your child’s teacher, our learning and support teacher (Mrs Chris Porter), the school counsellor (Mrs Aina Martin) or myself if you are seeking support with the behaviour of your child at school.

**School success**

Whilst much of the information above is mandated for provision to families for understanding and awareness, it is a significantly small aspect of our schools operations. We have a great team of staff, many very enthusiastic and committed students and we look forward to the many positive experiences 2015 will bring to us all.
Again, welcome back and may we all enjoy a very successful and rewarding year ahead.

Until next week...

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.

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

Just Dance & Cheer!
Home of the Richmond Rumours All Star Cheer Squad! Classes on offer for 2015 start @ just $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 plus our ever popular 'Yummy Mummy's Fitness + Dance class. Please go to www.facebook.com/JustDanceRV or contact 0409822565 for more info.
Tammy Tuck (Studio Director)

Woodburn Wolves 2015 Season Is Here!
Sign-on days for this season are as follows-Sat 7 Feb-1pm-3pm, Sat 14 Feb 1pm-3pm & Sun 22 Feb 1pm-3pm, all at Woodburn Bowling Club. Current registered players can register for 2015 season online. New players can also register online. Go to - www.myfootballclub.com.au
If you need assistance, help will be available at the Woodburn Bowling Club at the above dates and times. Enquiries:
e-mail- woodburn.wolves@gmail.com
Phone: Christina 0412845988
Tegan 0413791349

Mixed Martial Arts

Freestyle Martial Arts Classes
Gain confidence, fitness, coordination and concentration within a non-aggressive fun program. Learn kicks, punches, blocks and self defence. Full curriculum to develop students from beginners through to black belts. Family discounts. Children of all ages and adults welcome. COME AND SEE/JOIN IN FIRST CLASS FREE. Freestyle classes held Woodburn Memorial Hall Mondays 5:45 pm and Fridays 5:00 pm.

MMA Fit Classes
Fun way to improve fitness, core strength and flexibility using training techniques used by martial artists. No martial arts experience required and no need to be a member of Freestyle Martial Arts classes. Beginners welcome. Woodburn memorial Hall Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 pm - $5 per lesson. Call Mark 0417 456 923 or Katrina 0408 544 357. More info mdmixedma.com.au

MRNC Early Childhood Calendar 2015
Mums and Bubs Playtime (Babies 0-1 years), Supported Playgroup Mondays from 10:00-12:00 at the Scout Hall; Mums and Bubs is a social and information group available to mums and dads with bubs aged 0-1 year. Mums and Bubs are encouraged to participate in craft, music, cooking, etc. while hanging out with other mums and bubs. On information days a presenter will come to discuss a topic such as infant sleeping, nutrition, safety, etc.
Snappers Playgroup (ages 0-5) from 10:00-12:00 at the Scout Hall; Snappers Playgroup is a staff supported playgroup which includes playtime, morning tea, and sometimes story, songs, craft, and dance depending on the day. All parents with children aged 0-5 are encouraged to come meet other parents and to encourage their children to play with other littlies.
123 Magic Parenting Program, Wednesdays February 11, 18, and 25 From 9:30am-12pm at the Scout Hall; 123 Magic Parenting Program is an accredited parenting program that runs over 3 sessions. During these sessions parents are given strategies to promote good behaviour through positive parenting, parents are given the 123 magic behaviour management strategy, and parents are given instructions on emotion coaching.
Circle of Security Parenting Program, Thursdays February 12, 19 & 26 from 10am- 12pm at Broadwater Hall
Circle of Security is an emotion based parenting program which emphasizes the importance of parent-child connection from pregnancy and early infancy. The program is useful for a parent who wishes to reflect on their bond and relationship with their child. Circle of Security offers soft strategies to engage and build a more positive relationship with your child.
Please contact Tressa or Trish at 66824334 with questions!

Pam Bellingham School of Dance, Woodburn
Classical ballet, contemporary, tap
Ages 3 to adult
Classes resume week of 2 February
Phone 6682 2203 or 0414 953 879
## Class Requirements for 2015

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**School Contribution:** $20 per student per year  $40 per family per year

**Book Packs:** All Packs $40.00 per student