



Newsletter

A small school where big things happen...

Week 8, Term 3

Wednesday, 6 September 2017

Upcoming Events

Sept

Thu 7 Regional spelling bee

Fri 8 Gala day, Stage 3

Sun 10 Tournament of Minds, state championship

Mon 11 NAPLAN Online readiness test

Tue 12 P&C meeting

Fri 22 Band performance, Wollongong

Last day of term

Oct

Mon 9 School resumes for staff & students

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P&C MEETING

The next meeting of the P&C is scheduled for Tuesday 12 September at 7:00pm. I'll be discussing our school's NAPLAN results and sharing the data from our recent planning survey. Please join us, everyone is welcome to attend!

ACCESS TO SCHOOL

For students who enter our school site via the Vereker St entrance, please access the school building via one of the front entry points (the main office entry stairs or one of the entry doors near the ramp).

Apart from rainy days, the back door remains closed for security reasons. The verandah entry adjacent to the fixed playground equipment should not be used as a thoroughfare to get to other parts of the school. It is important that the K/1 classroom is a quiet place before school for lesson preparation and teacher interviews.

The same expectations exist for students leaving the school in the afternoon. Please do not use the back door or the K/1 classroom as shortcuts to exit the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Also, parents should not drive vehicles into the staff carpark or use our driveway entrances to drop off or pick up children, unless by prior arrangement with the school. Thank you.



CONTACTING STUDENTS

Any communications with children during the school day should be made via the school office. Parents are asked not to message children in class. Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop’s hours of operation have changed. Our shop is now open each Thursday morning from 8:45 to 9:15am.

BAND PERFORMANCE

The Wollongong Conservatorium of Music has arranged for our school band to perform in the Wollongong Mall. The performance is scheduled for Friday 22 September, the last day of Term 3, between 1:30 and 2:00pm. All drummers, guitarists and brass/woodwind players K-6 are invited to participate. A separate [note](#) has been sent home and it’s also available on our website. We’d love you to come and join us!



NAPLAN ONLINE READINESS TRIAL

Next week Years 3 and 5 students will participate in a NAPLAN online readiness trial. Importantly, this is not another NAPLAN assessment; rather, it’s a test of our school’s digital infrastructure and the system’s capacity to handle large numbers of students completing NAPLAN online in 2018.

GOOD LUCK!

Our Stage 3 Tournament of Minds team will be competing at the state championships on Sunday at UNSW.

Good luck to them, and also to the four students representing our school at the regional spelling bee tomorrow.



SOUTHERN STARS

Congratulations to our Southern Stars performers, who all did a sensational job at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre. A huge thankyou to all of the parents who supported the performance in various ways, and of course to the teachers who gave up so much of their own time to make it all happen.

WEBSITE UPDATE

On the [Principal’s Blog](#) there’s a recap of some of the school’s recent performance highlights. There’s a lot to be proud of; take a look!

CANTEEN ROSTER

SEPTEMBER

Wed	6	Jessica T
Thurs	7	Tareyn V & Katrina O
Fri	8	Katrina L

Wed	13	Kate H & Sarah B
Thurs	14	Sarah S
Fri	15	Andy L

Wed	20	Amy W
Thurs	21	Jenny L
Fri	22	Leanne N & Mel H

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RED MERIT AWARDS

- Kinder:** Mara B, Christian P, Chi D, Fatimah A
- K/1D:** Jasmine S, Astrid P, Phoenix B, Oliver G
- Year 1/2C:** Reem A, Lance M, Jayke G, Jake M
- Year 1/2F:** David B, Darius G, Jeremiah S, Jay L
- Year 2/3M:** Daniah K, Ebtihal A, Shelby B, Tamikah T
- Year 3/4A:** Zoe F, Jamie B, Ben W, Georgia T
- Year 3/4S:** Gensun M, Billy S, Ari P, Shilah T
- Year 5/6B:** Will C, Isaac L, Arvin S, Yadin H
- Year 4/5/6S:** Tejasvi R, Blake W, Hussain A, Jemimah L
- Library:** Miriam O, Jasmine R



GOLD AWARDS

Gold awards were awarded to Elijah Z, Lucy C and Cody B. Congratulations!



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' AWARDS

Congratulations Francine S for persistence and effort and John W for integrity.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to Christina T and Jeremiah S for receiving the Principal's Award; Christina for being a beautiful friend and Jeremiah for being a great helper.



CLASS OF THE FORTNIGHT

The Class of the Fortnight was awarded to 4/5/6S. Congratulations!



CLASS ITEM

Kindergarten will present at assembly in a fortnight. At this week's assembly we were entertained by 1/2F's brilliant ["Sounds of the Rainforest" presentation](#).



MOPS FM

The MOPS Pros will have their next episode of MOPS FM ready for assembly in Week 10.



KIDSPACE

Southern Stars

A group of 30 students represented our school in Southern Stars, a song and dance spectacular involving over 3,000 public primary and high school students. The show was performed at Wollongong Entertainment Centre in front of tens of thousands of spectators. There were long days rehearsing and performing, but the smiles are still there!

Talon: "We got to wear funny costumes and have a different experience to anything else you'd have in life."



Lexi: "I felt really happy on stage and excited to dance. It was great to hear the audience cheering so much."

Duong: "Our dance was so colourful and fun. I love to dance and move around."

Obie: "I was a bit nervous before we started but when the music started I was really excited. I just wanted to keep on doing it."

Sharna: "My favourite part was the confetti falling down at the end. Some fell on me and in the first show I had no idea it would happen."

Amelia: "There was a lot of waiting backstage but it was good to have time to get to know people better."

Mia: "I loved the dancing. It was good fun dressing up in our costume and the crowd was huge."

Zoe: "The best part was having fun with my friends."

Georgia: "The best part was being on stage. All the lighting, the confetti at the end and all the people watching made it incredible."



REMINDER: Council elections are being held this Saturday 9 September. Voting as always will be held in the school hall. Gates will be open from the Vereker Street entrance only.



Did you know that last year 35 children under 14 years old drowned in Australia?

Swimming Skills Matter. Strengthen their swimming and survival skills in our SummerSwim Program at Corrimal Public Pool



WHAT? Learn to swim, stroke correction and school carnival practice. Babies, preschool & school-aged lessons. School holiday Accelerator Programs.

WHEN? Sessions will run Monday afternoons and on Saturday mornings. Commencing Term 4 (9th Oct)

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\$100 REBATE TO COVER CHILDREN'S SP18 Budget I am pleased to advise that the NSW Government has launched the 'Active Kids Rebate'.

This program will provide a \$100 rebate towards sporting fees and registration costs for each school-aged child in NSW. The health of our children is a priority for me and every parent. I hope this rebate makes a difference to enable parents to enrol their child in the sport of their choice.

Families will be able to claim the rebate on items such as sports registration and membership costs, as well as swimming lesson fees.

The annual rebate will not be means tested because the NSW Government wants every child from every family to get involved and get active. The rebate will be available for every school child wanting to get involved in community sport and fitness. Parents will be able to claim up to \$100 per school child, per calendar year, as a voucher to reduce the cost of sport registration or membership for after-school and weekend sport, and active recreation activities.

A comprehensive list of eligible sports and activities will be finalised following community consultation ahead of the start date early next year, to allow providers to register with the NSW Office for Sport.

More details are available on the NSW Office of Sport website

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/>.

GARETH WARD MP Member for Kiama Parliamentary Secretary for Education