



# WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 3



## Weekly Message

Dear Parents,

Today is World Teachers' Day, and I started the day with a big Thank You to all my teaching staff for the great work they do every day in shaping young lives and guiding our students to become great citizens. It is critical work, and I am proud to be part of the teaching profession.

It has been an extraordinarily busy week, with many extra activities occurring throughout the week.

Swimming School has continued, and our students are making great progress, finishing up today, having had their assessments done yesterday.

We had another good roll-up for Kindergarten Orientation on Tuesday with over 60 parents attending (as well as all new our 2018 students!) This was the first time that the students had been in the classroom without their parents, so it was very exciting for them to actually be learning like real big school students! Their parents attended an information session with Mrs Neaves and a number of teachers and also Karen Tominez from our P&C. Our thanks go to all those people who helped out.

On Wednesday night we had our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) information evening, where we presented our vision for the next few years around how we will be implementing Mobile Technology into our school. There was some good discussion and a number of great questions which will help guide us as we explore the possibilities that modern technology offers us.

Yesterday the school got behind Aya Milton, fundraising for her upcoming trip to Adelaide to compete in the swimming at the Pan Pacific Games. We held a Come as Your Favourite Sports Star Day, with many fine looking athletes parading through the school during the day. Aya and her family would like to pass on their thanks to everyone for their support, and we wish her all the best in the competition.

We are currently implementing PAT tests across our school. These are Progress Achievement Tests and are a series of tests designed to provide objective, norm-referenced information to teachers about their students' skills and understandings in a range of key areas. They are recognised as one of the most effective ways to track students' progress, and as they are completed on-line, analysis of the results is relatively simple. These tests will be conducted regularly and will form part of our analysis of our students' learning and will provide valuable information in supporting every student in their learning journey.

On Monday Claire Wren from 6S travelled to Sydney where she was presented with a Fred Hollows Humanity Award, The award recognises Year 6 students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their lives, just as Fred did. Claire was nominated in recognition for the values and caring actions that she displays every day at Wollongong PS and in the wider community. Congratulations Claire, a well-deserved award.



Next Monday we are having a visit from an NRMA team who will be doing workshops around road safety with all of our classes. Only a few schools state-wide are able to participate in this program each year so a big Thanks to Miss Gray for organising the visit.

Have a happy and safe weekend.

Kind regards,

*Harold Casier*

Principal

## Awards Term 4 – Week 2

### *Certificate of Merit*

<b>KH</b>	Salman
<b>KN</b>	Artem
<b>1D</b>	Molly
<b>1-2N</b>	Marko
<b>2G</b>	Sasha, Ahmed
<b>3B</b>	Oskar
<b>3-4HS</b>	Dima
<b>3-4P</b>	Vera
<b>4R</b>	Bailey
<b>5-6A</b>	Cooper
<b>5-6B</b>	Zara
<b>5-6M</b>	Jay
<b>5-6P</b>	Lawrence

### *Student of the Week*

<b>KH</b>	Catherine
<b>KN</b>	Raeve
<b>1C</b>	Delilah
<b>1D</b>	Shreya
<b>1-2M</b>	Andrew
<b>1-2N</b>	Tanna
<b>2G</b>	Grace
<b>3B</b>	Heather
<b>3-4HS</b>	Jake
<b>3-4P</b>	Joseph
<b>4R</b>	Fatimah
<b>5-6A</b>	Zibwa
<b>5-6B</b>	Jordan
<b>5-6M</b>	Lina
<b>5-6P</b>	Mark
<b>5C</b>	Catherine

# CALENDAR

## Term 4, Week 3

Monday, Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Tuesday, Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Orientation – 9.30am – 10.45am
Wednesday, Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	BYOD Parent information session 6pm – 7pm
Thursday, Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	“Come as a sports star” fundraiser for Aya Milton
Friday, Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Sport

## Term 4, Week 4

Monday, Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday, Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	Kindergarten Orientation – 9.30am – 10.45am
Wednesday, Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Thursday, Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Friday, Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PSSA Sport

## Term 4, Week 5

Monday Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday, Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday, Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday, Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	
Friday, Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Sport

## Term 4, Week 6

Monday Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	Stage 2 excursion – Elizabeth Farm
Tuesday, Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday, Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday, Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Friday, Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Sport

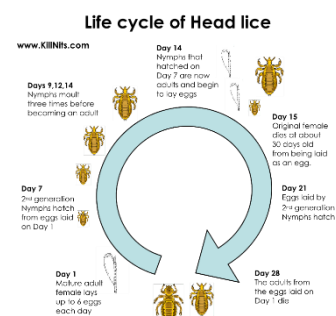
## PAYMENT REMINDERS

Year 6 Farewell	\$15.00
Interrelate Year 5	\$21.00
Interrelate Year 6	\$37.00
Maths On-line 5C & 6S	\$11.00
PSSA (participating students)	\$35.00 OVERDUE
Stage 2 Excursion- Elizabeth Farm	\$35.00

**Please make sure a signed permission note is returned to the school office when making ALL payments (cash, cheque and on-line). It stops a lot of stress and confusion in the office and for your child.**

## Head Lice

There has been a reported cases of head lice in the school. Would you please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. All hats, sheets and bed covers need to be treated as well to break the cycle.



Smith's Hill High School  
Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500



**EXPO NIGHT**  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**  
**6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.**

Smith's Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for gifted and talented students.

**Applications for Year 7 2019 close on November 13<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2019. Year 6 students who have sat the entrance test for 2018 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and curriculum. Direct all enquiries to the school by phoning 4229 4266 during school hours (8:25am to 3:30pm).

The school canteen will be open from 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m..

Light refreshments including tea and coffee will be available to purchase. Our P&C will also be providing a BBQ sausage sizzle.

**WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB**

**JNR CHESS TOURNAMENT**  
**2017 SPRING SUNDAY**  
**(Under 18 Year Olds)**

**7 ROUND SWISS**

**WHEN:** ***Sunday 12-Nov-2017*** (10:00am to 4:00pm)

**WHERE:** FAIRY MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE - KEIRA ROOM  
Guest Park - Crn Cambridge Ave and  
Princess Hwy Fairy Meadow  
(Opposite Woolworth)

**Trophy Prizes:** 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> + Age Groups

Games will be rated by NSWJCL

Results will influence qualification to  
NSWJCL Country Championship

Entry Fee: \$10

**Lunch:** Players should bring their own lunch and refreshments.

**Arbiter and Information:** JOHN MAZZIERI  
**Phone:** (02) 4283 3080  
**e-mail:** [mazzieri@exemail.com.au](mailto:mazzieri@exemail.com.au)

WOLLONGONG JNR CHESS CLUB  
meets Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm (not school hols)  
Fairy Meadow Community Centre

**Future SUNDAY TOURNAMENTS**  
(tba in Nov) - 2017 - INVITATION QUALIFIER





## 'Paint the Gong' 2018 Wall Calendars

Thank you to the students who entered all the amazing artworks of Wollongong! (You have automatically been entered into raffle below)

Students voted on their favourite artworks and those masterpieces have been used to create an amazing Calendar – the result is a professional and heart-warming result!

Any parent, grandparent or resident of Wollongong would be proud to display this Calendar on their wall. It's a beautiful Christmas present – and you are supporting the school!

The A4 size Wall Calendars are for sale: \$20 each from the office – cash or cheque only!  
We have only printed a limited number of Calendars so to secure yours today please complete the below form and return it to the Office with cash or a cheque (no online payments!)

Each calendar purchase puts you in the draw to win some amazing prizes:

- 2 x 18 holes of golf including buggy hire at Wollongong Golf Club **worth \$360**
  - 2 x 12 month Gym memberships @ Wollongong PCYC **worth \$330**
  - 1 x group Yoga session with Fran (Invite up to 10 people, on a Monday evening) **worth \$150**
  - 2 x tickets to Jamberoo Action Park **worth \$120**
  - 1 x Family pass to Symbio Zoo **worth \$94**
  - 1 x Family pass to Obstacool Wollongong on 18 or 19 November 2017 **worth \$50** (This prize will be drawn 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov)
  - 1 x **\$50** dinner/drinks voucher for Coldwater Creek, bar & restaurant at Sage Hotel Wollongong
  - 1 x **\$50** Woolworths voucher
  - 1 x **\$50** Artspace Studio for Kids Voucher (Big Fat Smile, Corrimal)
  - 1 x **\$50** Bunnings voucher
- With further prizes to come!

### Calendar Order Form

My name: \_\_\_\_\_ My ph no: \_\_\_\_\_

My Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ My Child's class: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Calendars I will purchase: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed (cash or cheque): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Cheques to be made out to Wollongong Public School P&C)

***As this is a P&C organised event NO online payments, cash or cheque only***





## Wollongong Public School

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

\$10 entry includes a glow stick, popcorn & bottle of water

A Family pass is \$30 which includes up to 4 children and 2 adults (same family please)

Movie: School of Rock (PG)

Time: Claim your space from 6pm, we plan to start the movie at 7pm (for 9pm finish)

Have dinner before you come. On entry you will get a glow wrist band, a bag of popcorn. We will also be selling tea & coffee (coffee bag – not barista!), cold drinks, snacks and other dessert items that people would like to donate.

Bring something to sit on: a bean bag or low beach-style chair would be perfect, otherwise camp chairs are fine but you will need to sit further back or on the sides so other people can see.

There is limited space so we will only sell a limited number of seats, be quick as we cannot promise that tickets will be available at the door.

Tickets are available for purchase at the school office.

All proceeds from the night go to Wollongong Public School P&C ☺

See you there!



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### Movie Night Ticket Order Form

My Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ My Child's class: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets I will purchase: single tix (\$10 each): \_\_\_\_\_ Family pass (\$30): \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed (cash or cheque): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Cheques to be made out to Wollongong Public School P&C)

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# Wollongong Public School 2018 Kindergarten Orientation Notification of Key Date

Families are invited to attend our Kindergarten Orientation and Parent Information Sessions. It is encouraged that your child attends each of the sessions so they can experience some of the activities that the Kindergarten classroom offers and begin to feel safe and confident in starting school. We would also encourage parents to attend all or as many sessions as possible. The sessions will be as follows:

## **Kindergarten Orientation Parents as Learners Session and Classroom session**

**Term 4 Week 4**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

**9.30am – 10.45am**

During this session, parents will gain an understanding of what happens in the Kindergarten classroom with a particular focus on Literacy and Numeracy. Parents will have the opportunity to trial a variety of activities and as a result have a clear understanding of what learning will take place when your child starts school. During this session, our 2018 children will again be participating in some fun and engaging activities in the Kindergarten classrooms.

**We look forward to your attendance and welcoming our new and existing families.**

Mr H Cosier  
Principal

Mrs S Neaves  
Assistant Principal (Relieving)



**28<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Wollongong  
Bikers Toy Run**

**Saturday  
2 December 2017  
Lower Crown  
Street Mall,  
Wollongong  
10.30am - 12.30pm**

- ★ FREE face painting
- ★ Motorbikes arrive at 11am
- ★ Jumping Castle
- ★ Bring a gift for the Giving Tree
- ★ Support local charities
- ★ Live Entertainment

**Information for Bikers**  
Departs 10.30am sharp opposite  
The Shellharbour Club  
Limited number of patches available for sale \$10 each  
Coordinated by the Leisure Coast Motorcycle Riders  
Bike contact: Steve - 0400 377 085  
Event contact: Wollongong City Council - 4227 7111

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## Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 15 March 2018**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2019, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 10 October 2017 in a printed application information booklet and at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. The application website opens at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> on **10 October 2017** and closes on **13 November 2017**. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 10 October 2017.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

Remember: the tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

**Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.** This is a notice to your primary school only that you *intend* to apply.

**TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE.**

## Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2019

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in 2019

Yes ☐ No ☐

If 'Yes' EITHER

I have internet access and will be applying online

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OR

I do not have internet access and will use the public library to complete the application

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Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Australia Cheng Feng Education Exchange Centre

### ACF Mandarin School --- Mandarin Course

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ACF Mandarin School is staffed by experienced and qualified teachers who have had decades of experience teaching Chinese in NSW.

Our school provides Mandarin language courses to students from Kindergarten to Year 10 levels. We use a very effective method of teaching by immersing the students in the Chinese culture. Our ultimate objective is to develop the students' ability, boost their confidence in learning and raise their interest in the new language, making sure they can apply what they have learned to daily, practical use.



Classes: From Kindergarten to Year 10, (4 terms in a year),  
 Course Fee: \$200.00/term Special price: \$180, teaching Materials: \$30/whole Year

Time Table: Tuesday 3:15pm-5:15pm

Term	Period		Term	Period
1	07/02/2017 -- 04/04/2017		3	18/07/2017-- 19/09/2017
2	02/05/2017 -- 27/06/2017		4	10/10/2017-- 05/12/2017

Contact: Principal Ms. Sulian Tang 0404 839 398 Email: [suliant@hotmail.com](mailto:suliant@hotmail.com)

Tel: 02-9211 1803 Fax: 02-9211 9179

Enrolment: Phone, Fax, Email, or In person are all welcome

Office Address: Level 5, 461/317-321 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Location: School Library – Block D, 67A Church Street, Wollongong Public School

All students get together at School Library Block D at 3:00pm. The parents pick up your child/children at Library at 5:15pm.