



WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3, Week 9



Dear Parents,

What an exciting week it has been at our school, with not only our School Concerts, but also the release of our NAPLAN results. Notable events include:

School Concerts

I am sure everyone would agree that both our School Concerts were an outstanding success. It was wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm generated by every single student as they performed their items on stage. Our new format for the evening show with various individuals and groups providing entertainment in the playground before the show was a huge success, and the long queues for sausage sandwiches and gozlemes were testament to their popularity!

I would like to congratulate and thank all the performers, their teachers and parents and our P&C who provided the sausage sizzle. I would also like to acknowledge Mrs Yacoub and the Community Hub for arranging the gozleme stall.

In particular I would like to thank Miss Lopez and Mrs Nelson for their efforts in organising the concert; Mrs Kim Smith and Ms Baker for their hard work in preparing and co-ordinating the ticket sales and Ms Clapham who I know was involved in preparing many of the performance items. It was an amazing celebration of our students' talent and congratulations once again.

NAPLAN

Today we were finally able to access this year's NAPLAN results (there have been problems with the website where schools can look at all the results) as the paper reports are here. Our initial analysis indicates that as a school we have performed pretty well, particularly in Year 3. It will take longer to analyse Year 5, as our Opportunity Class and mainstream results are all combined, so we need to separate them before we can make judgements about how our cohort has progressed.

Those of you with students in Years 3 and 5 will get your reports today.

Chess Teams

Our Chess Teams have had some very significant successes in the past few days, as can be seen in a report later in our newsletter. Today our team soundly defeated Illaroo Road PS winning 7 games out of 8.

Debating

Congratulations to our school Debating Team (AKA the Radical Rebutters!) who participated in Inter-Zone finals against Keiraville PS on Monday and were victorious. They now move on to the Quarter Finals which will be next Friday 28th September.

United Nations International Peace Day Celebration

Today students from 5/6B and 5OC walked to the Crown Street Mall to participate in the celebrations to mark International Peace Day. Will and Andrew spoke very eloquently to the crowd about what Peace looks like in our school, in a speech that they co-wrote for the event. We will post their speech on our website, as it is well worth a read, making some very strong statements that all adults would benefit from adopting. In a school as diverse as ours, we value peace very highly, and encourage all our students to recognise and share values that will encourage peace in our community and our world.

Stage 3 Interrelate

As part of PDHPE (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education) each year we engage an external advisor to teach part of the personal development section of the curriculum. This year the Interrelate company are our provider, and they will be teaching appropriate lessons based on the NSW Curriculum about the changes that occur in children's bodies as they get older, and also around keeping themselves safe. These are very important lessons, and I would urge you to support your children in attending these sessions. The permission note/ payment form is attached to this newsletter.

Regional Athletics Carnival

Last Friday several of our athletes travelled to Canberra to participate in the Regional Athletics Carnival. Unfortunately none of them progressed to State level, but they were all wonderful representatives of our school. There is a brief report on their day later in this newsletter.

Building Program

Work is progressing with some trees and shrubs removed from our car park this morning in preparation for the installation of two small toilet blocks behind the canteen.

Kindergarten 2019

We are now accepting enrolments for 2019, so if you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in 2019, please pick up an enrolment pack from the school office. Enrolling students will be able to participate in a full Orientation Program to be held next term.

Have a happy and safe weekend,

Kind regards,

Harold Cosier

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PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR – TERM 3

Sep 2018	7	3 Beginning School Well Playgroup 2- 3pm Community Hub	4	5 ES1 Mini Beast Project and Public Speaking Expo	6 Stage 1 Spelling Bee 11.30am – 1.00pm	7 PSSA Sport ES1 Excursion - Botanic Gardens
	8	10 Beginning School Well Playgroup 2- 3pm Community Hub	11	12	13	14 South Coast Regional Athletics Carnival
	9	17 Beginning School Well Playgroup 2- 3pm Community Hub	18	19 School concert	20	21
	10	24 Beginning School Well Playgroup 2- 3pm Community Hub	25	26	27	28

School Concert photos





Regional Athletics

Last Friday, Anika Rindani, Keeleigh Stewart-Lowe, Abby Spencer, Florence Cowan, Maeve Bradbury and I (Daniel Cohen) all went to the regional athletics competition held at the Australian Institute Of Sport in Canberra. Anika Rindani, Keeleigh Stewart-Lowe, Abby Spencer and Florence Cowan were all in the senior girls relay team, Maeve Bradbury participated in the 800m race and I participated in the 100m, 200m, high jump, long jump, shot put and discus. Maeve placed top 12, the relay team placed 5th in their heat and I placed 15th in discus, 9th in high jump, 9th in long jump, 27th overall in 100m, 22nd overall in the 200m and 6th in shot put. The courage and effort that all competitors put in was outstanding especially as it was such a competitive competition.



PROJECT BUCEPHALUS

Robo Camp

BRING LEGO® TO LIFE!

Students (aged 7+) learn to design, build, and program LEGO® MINDSTORMS® robots – and have a lot of fun in the process!

Hosted by Wollongong West Public School

Bookings Essential: Email coach@projectb.net.au
Full Information at www.projectb.net.au

- **INTRO TO MINDSTORMS®:** Oct 11 - 12, \$135 (Inc. GST)
- **THE KITCHEN:** Oct 11 - 12, \$165 (Inc. GST)

Presented by Project Bucephalus and sponsored by the University of Wollongong

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SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL Entry to Year 7 in 2020

Applications will open for placement in Year 7 in 2020 from 9 October 2018 to 12 November 2018. The test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2019. The information about entry in 2020 will be available to view on <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

One-day T.I.G.S Chess Tournament

On Wednesday the 13th of September, 15 students from Wollongong Public School took place in a one day Chess Tournament at The Illawarra Grammar School (TIGS). There were 52 teams of 3 students, with a total of 156 students who attended on the day.



There were 6 games held on the day. The teams who were competing well on the front tables faced each other, deciding who would get the medals and awards, while the teams at the back tried their best to advance to more challenging opponents.

One of our teams were one of those trying to snag a trophy. This was the Wollongong A Team, proudly represented by Year 5 OC students Nazif, Han and Rahil. After a lot of great chess games (a 100% success of 6/6 points by Rahil and Nazif, and a fabulous score of 5/6 points from Han) we ended up with an impressive total score of 17/18. This was 2 more points than the TIGS A Team, who have previously been the running champions. Ours turned out to be the best score in the entire tournament and our team were excited to walk home with medals and a trophy for the school.

At the end of the day, we came home with not just trophies, but a great memory of this amazing experience at T.I.G.S. amongst the capturing and engaging world of chess. Everyone who attended the day of the tournament had some stories of success to share and we can't wait until next year!

Our School Teams' Successes:

- Nazif Sohel, Rahil Shaikh & Han Tait: 1st place (17/18 points)
- Angus Rintoul, Joseph Hawkins & Caleb Barnes: 4th place (11/18 points)
- Scott Moore, Cairo Scozzafava & Jasper Williams: tied 5th place (10.5/18 points)
- Archie Wheeler, Declan Mackay & Andrew Zhao: tied 5th place (10.5/18 points)
- Rafael Booth, Basti Bolante & Alan Du: tied 5th place (10.5/18 points)





WPS stage 3

Science Fair

Thursday 18th October 2018, 2:30 - 3:30pm

Upstairs 'A' block

Wollongong Public School
2019 Kindergarten Orientation
You are invited to a

Teddy Bears' Picnic

When: Tuesday the 16th of October

Where: Playground Bottom Grass area

Time: 11.30am -12.30pm

Bring: A picnic rug, a healthy lunch and your favourite teddy.

There will be some equipment and games that the children can play with our current students and tea and coffee will be available for parents.

We look forward to meeting our new and existing families.



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Wollongong Public School Kindergarten Orientation Notification of Key Dates

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:

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Term 4 Week 1, Tuesday 16th of October 2018

11.30am – 12.30pm

Please report to the School Office where we will escort you to the picnic area. A fun-filled afternoon where you and your child can bring along a picnic rug, a healthy snack and your child's favourite teddy for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. There will be some of our older school children who will also come along to our picnic to play games with your child.

Kindergarten Orientation School Tour and Classroom Session

Term 4 Week 2, Tuesday 23rd October 2018

9.30am – 10.45am

During this session, families will have a tour of the school and have the opportunity to meet with some of our existing students and members of staff. After a tour of the school, you will have the opportunity to join your child with some fun activities in one of our Kindergarten classrooms.

Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information Session and Classroom session

Term 4 Week 3, Tuesday 30th October 2018

9.30am – 10.45am

An orientation meeting for parents where you will meet several members of staff, including additional personnel, and as a result have a better understanding of Wollongong Public School and the day-to-day life of our Kindergarten children. Information concerning the Kindergarten program and school organisation will be distributed during this session. During this session, our 2019 children will be participating in some fun and engaging activities in the Kindergarten classrooms.

Kindergarten Orientation Parents as Learners Session and Classroom session

Term 4 Week 4, Tuesday 6th November 2018

9.30am – 10.45 am

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 2019 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



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Monday 10th September 2018

Term 4 Interrelate Program Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the Personal Development and Health program, we have arranged for Interrelate to teach children about personal development. This is an informative program which all children are encouraged to complete particularly before moving onto high school. Children will be separated into Year 5 and 6 groups as they will cover different topics. The sessions for Year 5 will take place on Wednesday 17th, 24th & 31st October 2018 and the total cost is \$35.50.

Year 5

'Moving into the Teen Years' explores a range of adolescent issues and offers a comprehensive sexuality and relationship education program designed specifically for this important time in life. A wide variety of creative activities and teaching methods are used during the 'Moving into the Teen Years' program. These include: a take home workbook to encourage parental involvement; detailed visual presentations; class discussions; written and verbal questions; games and other activities. At an age when talking about sex with adults can be embarrassing, Interrelate ensures it is not only informative but also an enjoyable learning experience.

Session 1: It's all about Me

Session 2: My Changing Body

Session 3: My Changing Relationships

Program focus

- Acknowledge personal differences and promote respect for, and acceptance of, others
- Increase awareness of personal safety and protective behaviours
- Develop students' understanding of physical development at puberty, and provide strategies for managing changes
- Discuss different types of relationships and strategies for managing conflict

Please note: The cost of the course is inclusive of all sessions. If a session is missed through absence, illness or extra-curricular activity, unfortunately we are unable to refund the full or partial cost of the program.

Please complete and return the attached permission note with the enrolment fee. We appreciate your support teaching this important topic and we hope to have all children involved.

Kind regards,

Matt Richards
 Stage 3
 Assistant principal

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Term 4 Interrelate Program Year 5

Please complete and return with payment before the 16th October 2018 (Week 1, Term 4).

I wish to enrol my child/children _____ from Class _____
 in Interrelate's 'Year 5 Moving into the Teen Years' program.

	I have made an online payment . My receipt number is : _____
	I have returned the permission note including \$35.50 in cash on : ____/____/2018

Signed _____ Date _____



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Term 4 Interrelate Program Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Year 6

'Moving into the Teen Years' explores a range of adolescent issues and offers a comprehensive sexuality and relationship education program designed specifically for this important time in life. A wide variety of creative activities and teaching methods are used during the 'Moving into the Teen Years' program. These include: a take home workbook to encourage parental involvement; detailed visual presentations; class discussions; written and verbal questions; games and other activities. At an age when talking about sex with adults can be embarrassing, Interrelate ensures it is not only informative but also an enjoyable learning experience.

Session 1: Understanding My Body

Session 2: Respectful Relationships

Session 3: Taking Charge

Program Focus

- Revisit development at puberty
- Outline the process of human reproduction, including conception, foetal development and birth
- Explore respectful relationships with self, friends and family
- Enhance students' self-esteem, communication and decision-making skills in relation to taking responsibility, taking care of themselves and respecting others
- Assist students to become aware of the influences on their personal choices and the potential consequences of those choices
- Raise awareness of technology and its influence on teens, including strategies for cybersafety
- Discuss expectations in high school

Please note: The cost of the course is inclusive of all sessions. If a session is missed through absence, illness or extra-curricular activity, unfortunately we are unable to refund the full or partial cost of the program.

Please complete and return the attached permission note with the enrolment fee. We appreciate your support teaching this important topic and we hope to have all children involved.

Kind regards,

Matt Richards

Stage 3 Assistant principal

Term 4 Interrelate Program Year 6

Please complete and return with payment before the 16th October 2018 (Week 1, Term 4).

I wish to enrol my child/children _____ from Class _____ in Interrelate's 'Year 6 Moving into the Teen Years' program.

	I have made an online payment . My receipt number is : _____
	I have returned the permission note including \$35.50 in cash on : _____/_____/2018

Signed _____ Date _____



Beginning School Well Wollongong Public School

Fun and exciting play activities for non-English speaking background children aged 3-5 years and their parents.

Where: Community Hub at Wollongong Public School

The playgroup will be run by Wollongong Public School teachers and our Community Hub Leader who is a trained Arabic speaking mentor.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Sessions:

Monday 27th August at 2.00pm

Monday 3rd September at 2.00pm

Monday 10th September at 2.00pm

Monday 17th September at 2.00pm

Monday 24th September at 2.00pm





Beginning School Well

بداية المدرسة حسنا

Wollongong Public School

نشاطات اللعب الشيق و الممتع للأطفال غير الناطقين باللغة الإنجليزية الذين تتراوح أعمارهم بين 3-5 سنوات وأولياء أمورهم .
المكان: مركز المجتمع (Community Hub) في مدرسة Wollongong Public School
سيتم تشغيل مجموعة اللعب من قبل معلمي Wollongong Public School و المسئولة عن مركز المجتمع التي تكون مدربه على التحدث باللغة العربية .

سيتم توفير شاي بعد الظهر.

الدورات:

الاثنين 27 أغسطس في الساعة 2 بعد الظهر
الاثنين 3 سبتمبر في الساعة 2 بعد الظهر
الاثنين 10 سبتمبر في الساعة 2 بعد الظهر
الاثنين 17 سبتمبر في الساعة 2 بعد الظهر
الاثنين 24 سبتمبر في الساعة 2 بعد الظهر





Australia Cheng Feng Education Exchange Centre

ACF Mandarin School --- Mandarin Course

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	06/02/2018 -- 10/04/2018	3	24/07/2018-- 25/09/2018
2	01/05/2018 -- 03/07/2018	4	16/10/2018-- 11/12/2018

Contact: Principal Ms. Sulian Tang 0404 839 398 Email: suliant@hotmail.com

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

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

ACF 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.

