Welcome back everyone for another fantastic school year here at Woy Woy Public School. A very special welcome to all our new students and their families. Welcome to our two new staff members Miss Corrie Charlton, teaching 1C and Mr Evan Long, teaching 5/6L. It has been a smooth start to our year with all functions of the school up and running. It will take at least another week to see if our numbers remain as expected and that we are secure to remain with all present class structures. Our overall numbers are registered with staffing by February 11th. From these numbers we are given our staffing and financial entitlements for the school for 2012.

Kindergarten started on Monday after the first 3 days last week were spent meeting with individual students and their families to complete the Best Start assessments. These assessments are done by all public schools in order to gain a true understanding of where our Kindergarten students’ knowledge is, so we can best program learning needs for them.

Our Preschool’s new enrolments and their families have been meeting with Mrs Stewart and Mrs Witchard last week and this week to aid their orientation process to Preschool. Preschool starts next week.

A sheet has been attached to the newsletter for your information about the 2013 School Structure. It sets out all our classes, their teachers and who the Assistant Principals are supervising each of the Learning Stages.

Who do I see if I have a Concern

As we always say, your first port of call if you have a concern about your child at school, is their class teacher. Please remember to make an appointment as mornings and afternoons coming and going to class could be busy times. Class teachers have the closest bonds with your child and the most up to date knowledge about how they are progressing in class both academically and socially. If you feel you need a more confidential conversation, then make an appointment to see the Stage Supervisor of your child’s Stage of Learning. You will find these Assistant Principals named on the 2013 School Structure attachment. Of course at any point in time you feel it has become necessary to discuss a confidential matter with myself please make an appointment to do so. You are always welcome.

Teaching our school rules

Over the next 5 weeks all teachers are explicitly teaching our school rules and what they mean. We are starting with our first rule BE PROUD. A copy of the school rules is attached to the newsletter for your reference.

We are a uniform school and our very first rule states “wear school uniform”. Attached to this newsletter you will also find the list of what our uniform requirements are. It is expected that all students wear this
uniform every day. All students will wear our school hat and we enforce the rule No hat! No play! If a student comes to school in clothes other than school uniform it is expected that they will have a note from their parent with a very reasonable reason as to why they have not been able to comply with the uniform standard and school rule. Please note that our uniform requires black leather school shoes or substantial black joggers to be worn by students Monday to Thursday, with substantial sporting shoes to be worn on Fridays for sporting activities or at other times when sporting activities may be scheduled. Coloured, black or white slip on shoes with very thin soles are not substantial or safe and do not comply with our uniform standard. Please ensure your child does not wear neck chains or necklaces of any sort, dangling earrings or large earrings with sharp edges or backs. We certainly do not want any accidental chocking from necklaces being caught up during play or sport, nor do we want to see any torn earlobes or scratched faces from inappropriate earrings. Jewellery is not school uniform. Our uniform is comfortable and affordable. When our students all wear their uniform with pride, our school tone is great and everyone feels they belong. Please talk to your child about the importance of school uniform and support them to keep our school rule of wearing school uniform.

Newsletter changes
This year we will be producing a school newsletter every second week. The majority of our parents receive their newsletter by email and this will continue as with class notes from now on. The Namalata (newsletter) will be posted on the school’s website each fortnight as will all class and stage notes. As always, hard copies of all will be available from our office. Having this information available on the website means it can be accessed readily for a quick reference at any time.

Health Alert
Please be aware we have had cases of head lice reported in the school. Take the time to check your child’s hair and treat it appropriately if necessary. Don’t forget about the bedding too. If everyone keeps alert and checks their child’s hair regularly and takes the correct action then it will stop the spread and unnecessary angst to others.

Some useful tips
2013 homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2013 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.


Doing well in class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.


Eight ways to get your kids organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.


Smart foods to boost learning
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?


Benefits of team sports
If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Benefits include learning how to be more resilient, and being less likely to feel isolated.


Have a great week!
Ona Buckley
Principal
School Photo Dates for your Diary

It is advised school photos will be taken on the following dates:

- Monday, 18 March  
  Preschool and Early Intervention
- Wednesday, 20 March  
  All classes, Leaders etc
- Thursday, 21 March  
  Preschool

Further details will follow closer to the dates.

With thanks, Kerrie Stewart

Community Announcements

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

Registration day is Saturday February 9, 2013 at Lemongrove Netball Courts, Ettalong between 10am and 2pm. For further information phone the secretary on 0411 161 547.

Umina United Soccer Club

Register on-line www.myfootballclub.com.au or attend Saturday 2nd February from 10am - 3pm at Umina Public School Hall. Enquiries secretary@uminaeagles.com.au

Ocean Beach Netball Club

Registration Day for girls 6 years and over is on Saturday February 9, 2013 10am to 2pm at Lemongrove netball Courts, Lagoon St Ettalong. Further information contact Joanne Ely 4342 4526 or Tina King 0438 642 016.

Woy Woy Football Club

On-line registrations at myfootballclub.au or attend registration day on Saturday 9th February 9am-1pm at Deepwater Plaza, outside the newsagency. Enquiries to Donna Foster 0409 989 086. Gradings commence Monday 11th February at BWSC Woy Woy Campus. Check woywoyfootballclub.org.au for details.

Free Courses - Certificate II in Skills for Work & Training

6 month course at TAFE Wyong campus. Attendance is 4 days per week and is within school hours. Information and interview sessions will be held on Wednesday 30 January, 10am - 12pm (men and women) in room NG3A at Wyong campus. Further information phone Kathryn 4350 2335 or Trish 4350 2208.

Preparation Program for First Holy Communion

The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is about to start a program to prepare children in Year 3 or above, who have been Confirmed and have made their First Reconciliation, to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. A Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday 14th February 2013 at 7.30pm in the Walter Baker Hall,100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy. Enquiries to the Parish Office on 4341 1073.

P & C News

Hope everyone had a great break over the school holidays. Our first meeting for the year will be on Thursday 14th February, 2013 at 12.30pm. We still have positions on the P & C to be filled. These are:

- Vice President x 2
- Canteen Co-ordinator
- Canteen Treasurer
- Uniform Co-ordinator
- Uniform Treasurer

We are hoping to fill these positions at the next meeting. You must be a current financial member, which only costs $1 for the year.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will now be open on the following days.

- Monday 8.30am - 9.00am
- Thursday 2.00pm - 2.30pm

If you can spare 1/2 an hour and would like to volunteer in any capacity, please feel free to leave a note with your contact details at the uniform shop or school office.

Unfortunately we will no longer be taking consignments, however any donations would be appreciated and will be sold for $5.00.

If you have any current consignment items, please come and see us in the uniform shop to collect your items or donate to the shop.

Regards

Fiona Fry, P & C President

Downloads

- Schools as Community Centre at Woy Woy Public School
- CCSaCC Term 1 Activities
- 2013 School Structure
- Tasmanian Devil Fundraiser
- WWPS Uniform List
- Woy Woy Public School Rules