Here we are in week 8 of the first term of 2013. Where did that time go? Autumn is here and the cooler weather is already creeping up on us. There are already lots of coughs and sniffles going about and some flu symptoms showing up. It is important to keep children home if they have any illness, as this is the best place for them to get well quickly under your tender loving care. Please know the school will contact you if your child becomes sick at school so they can go home to rest and recover. Please notify the school if your child contracts a childhood disease so we can put a health alert out to our community as a precaution to notify parents of other children who may be showing the same symptoms.

Special K-6 Assembly

Ms Deb O’Neill, Member for Robertson, attended our K-6 Assembly on Thursday 8\textsuperscript{th} March. This was a very special occasion for our Student School Leaders. Each of them received a special leadership certificate and a copy of the Australian constitution from Ms O’Neill MP. Ms O’Neill presented the school with 3 new flags, the Australian flag, the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander flag. The school is very grateful for this donation of new flags and now will be able to proudly fly them in the school grounds.
Mounted Police Visit

Below is a snap shot of the Mounted Police Squad from Sydney who recently visited our school.

Kindergarten “P” day

Our Kindergarten students enjoyed dressing up in costumes last Friday for “P” day. There were Princesses, Pirates, Policemen, Peter Parker’s (Spiderman), Pilots and lots more. A fun time was had by all.

Greet and Meet Morning Tea a success

Thank you to everyone who had the chance to join other parents for the Greet and Meet morning tea last week. It was great to see so many people attend and lovely for everyone to get to know each other. Thank you to our wonderful P&C for arranging it and providing the yummy food.

Air Conditioning very welcome

How wonderful! Our P&C, with the help of all of our parent community, have raised enough funds to be able to put air conditioning into 5/6A and 5/6B. We are so grateful. Thank you everyone. This means that all our classes in the school now can enjoy pleasant learning conditions for students and comfortable working conditions for staff. A big plus for our school! Students are always keener to work, listen and be on task in a pleasant, comfortable space, conducive to learning.

Shave for a Cure

Thank you to everyone for getting behind our drive to raise money for the Leukaemia foundation. Thank you to our noble men Mr Smith, Mr Brady, Mr Lane and Mr Price, who donated their hair to such a wonderful cause. It was a fun time for all of us watching as those children who raised the most funds chose which teacher they would help shave. We know we have raised hundreds of dollars but will not know the total until next week. We will publish this as soon as we know.
Attendance at School

It is so fantastic to see everyone making sure their children attend school each day, getting them to school on time and abiding by the Department of Education and Communities Attendance Policy. The policy states that:

Parents are responsible for:

- enrolling their children of compulsory school age in a government or registered non-government school
- ensuring that their children attend school regularly
- explaining the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school
- taking measures to resolve attendance issues involving their children

This policy can be found on the department’s website under Policies. Take the time to have a read. [http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au) Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences. It is important that students are not disadvantaged by being late to school. This not only disrupts other students who have settled into the class for morning lessons but puts your child at a disadvantage as they have missed essential and important learning. Please continue to support your child’s education by making attendance each day, on time, a priority.

Interesting Bits

Facts about tutors

Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it’s also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising.


Public speaking

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success.


Science starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.


"P" Day

Last Friday Kindergarten Students consolidated their learning of the sound "P" with a dress up day. There were lots of pirates, pink and purple princesses, a park ranger, Power Rangers, Pinocchio and a pony. Lots of fun was had by all. You can download the photos of KLN,KK and KPM at the end of this newsletter.

Attention Year Four Parents/Carers

Year Four students have been given an expression of interest letter asking you to indicate whether you would like your child to attend the Bathurst/Jenolan Caves excursion on the 15th and 16th August, 2013. A copy of the letter has been...
Foyer Display

Class 5/6 A have been looking at Van Gogh’s art this term and have a display of their own artworks on the board in the front foyer, that have been inspired by the artist's work. Drop in to have a look if you are at school over the next two weeks.

School Photos

School photos are being taken this week. Please return your completed envelope (with correct payment enclosed) to your child’s teacher (not the school office) immediately, if you haven’t already done so.

The Photos are being taken on the following dates:

Monday, 18 March – Early Intervention and Preschool

Wednesday, 20 March – All other classes, School Leader and School Service Officers, House Captains, Year 6 Group photos and family photos

Thursday, 25 March – Preschool and K-3K

** Please note: K-3K have had a change of their photo time and they are now having their photo taken on Thursday, 21 March.

- All students having their photo taken are asked to return a completed order envelope even if payment is included in a sibling’s envelope. Please ensure it is stated clearly which child’s envelope has the money in it. (A photo package will not be produced unless the photographer receives an order envelope for each child.

- If you have 4 or more children being photographed there may be a reduced rate payable. Please phone The School Photographer to enquire about this.

- Please make all cheques payable to “The School Photographer”

- A sample copy of the ‘My School Days’ album may be viewed at the office.

Families wishing to have a ‘Family’ or ‘Sibling’ photograph taken are asked to collect a special YELLOW order envelope (for Family Photos only) from the school office. Please include payment for the family photos in the yellow envelope and not in your child’s white class photo envelope. All students are asked to wear their summer uniform for the photos.

Thank-you, Kerrie Stewart

Seasons for Growth Good Grief 2013

Woy Woy Public School is again offering the Seasons for Growth program starting week 2 of Term 2.

This program will be offered, initially, to Stage 3 children who may have experienced grief due to a significant loss. This grief response may have been triggered by a number of reasons including death of a family member or friend, family separation or divorce and other significant changes to a child’s life.

This educational program teaches children strategies to help cope with change, loss and grief in their lives. It allows children to normalise change and helps them to validate the feelings and emotions associated with change.

The children will meet peers in a small, confidential group accompanied by the School Chaplain, Mr Sam Collins, a trained facilitator. The main course runs over eight weeks, plus a celebration session and will be conducted in school hours. In aiming for maximum program effectiveness it is required that the incident occurred a minimum of 6 months prior to the child’s enrolment in the program.

The application forms go out this week and need to be returned to Sam Collins as soon as possible. If you would like more information on this valuable program, please feel free to contact Sam Collins, pick up a brochure from the front office or visit the Good Grief Seasons for Growth website.

With thanks, Sam Collins, School Chaplain
Compassion Mission

Mr Collins, our school chaplain, is heading to MEXICO in April 2013. His mission is to distribute everyday items for families & students in need. Some of the items very much needed are school essentials including pencil cases, rulers etc. Also, toiletry supplies would be great, including toothbrush packets (no toothpaste please). Any kind donation would be greatly appreciated and will certainly bring a smile to many little faces & their families. Please remember no liquid or perishable items, as these cannot be carried on the plane. Donations can be left in the bin provided at our front office.

Adrenaline Autoinjectors School

The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor, when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead, the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- an undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- there is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- a student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

Community Announcements

Guitar Lessons at Woy Woy Public School

Guitar teacher Simon Dawes holds lessons at Woy Woy Public School on Friday afternoons from 3pm for all ages and all styles, with competitive rates. Phone Simon on 0415 911 480 or email dawes1986@gmail.com

Umina United Soccer Club

Umina United Soccer Club is currently looking for girls wanting to play in our girls only U/12 competition on Sunday mornings. We train and play at Umina Oval and when we do play away the furthest we play is East Gosford. Our senior women’s team are current premiers and are great mentors. Girls turning 10, 11 or 12 years old in 2013 are eligible to play. Playing fee is $140. Please contact the Club Secretary on 0421 618 655 or email secretary@uminaeagles.com.au if you are interested.

P & C News

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that came to our Meet and Greet morning tea; it was wonderful to see some new faces. I hope I got round to say hello to everyone.

Disco

Our first disco for the year was last Tuesday 12th March. What a fantastic night it was. Our new DJ, Jamie was great. Did anyone get to see any of his magic tricks? He’s pretty amazing...!! Thank you to everyone that came along to help, it was great to see some new faces volunteer their time and it is greatly appreciated. These events cannot happen unless we have enough helpers, so once again THANK YOU!

Harmony Day

Don’t forget we have Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March. The canteen has a special lunch order form, which hopefully, you have all handed in will be needed this day. If you can spare some time, please see Anne in the canteen.

Easter Raffle

Don’t forget to get your Raffle tickets in for the draw at the Easter Hat Parade, some great prizes to be won.

Wet and Wild
We will be having a Wet and Wild Day on the last day of term, Friday 12th April. This is our big fundraiser for the year and helpers are needed to ensure the success of the day. If you can spare a couple of hours, please see either myself of Maria Channon. Look out for your sponsorship forms that will come home soon.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is 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. There are still some consignments to be collected, please come to collect them from the uniform shop.

Canteen News
Roster

| Monday 18/3 | Leanne | Monday 25/3 | Tanya |
| Tuesday 19/3 | Maria | Tuesday 26/3 | Trudy |
| Wednesday 20/3 | Kel, Vicki | Wednesday 27/3 | Fiona |
| Thursday 21/3 | Harmony Day | Thursday 28/3 | Robyn |
| Friday 22/3 | Lisa | Friday 29/3 | Good Friday |

Our next meeting
Thursday 11th April, 12.30pm in the CA Room. All are welcome and it would be wonderful to see some new faces!!

We still have positions on the P & C to be filled, these are:

- Canteen Treasurer
- 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.

Up & Coming Events

- Harmony Day – Thursday 21st March
- Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 28th March
- Wet and Wild Day – Friday 12th April

Regards, Fiona Fry, P&C President

Downloads

- Wet and Wild Flyer
- Wet and Wild Sponsor Form
- Kindergarten P Day
- Water Usage Report
- Poppy Day
- Kariong Fun Festival