Dear Parents and caregivers,

I hope you all enjoyed a great Easter Break. Certainly the weather was warm and sunny which ensured plenty of time to have some outdoor fun. Last Thursday saw us celebrate our annual Easter Hat Parade. It was indeed a very creative and colourful occasion with many different sorts of fun Easter hats. Thank you to all the mums, dads and relations of our children who pitched in and helped make the special hats. Thank you to those who came to watch as the students proudly wore their creations in our Easter Hat parade. Thank you Mr Brady, our smooth Master of Ceremonies, who expertly ran our parade. Thank you, Mrs Taylor, for the organisation of the parade. Thank you to our P&C for the Easter presents and for organising the Easter raffle. All of the winners of the raffles were delighted with their yummy prizes. A big thank you goes to Easter Bunny, who visited our school on the day and joined in with our celebrations. It is always such fun!

Young Leaders Day

Mr Betts accompanied our 8 School Leaders to the Entertainment Centre in Sydney for a Young Leaders Day on 25th March. Our School Leaders had the opportunity to listen to a number of inspiring speakers who gave an account of leadership from their perspective. Speakers included Creel Price, Entrepreneur; Brett Lee, Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying specialist; Jessica Watson, silver medallist at the London Olympics and Nathan Hindmarsh, former NRL player and Rugby League personality. All of the leaders had a fantastic day and said that they were very inspired by all that they heard. One of our leaders wrote me a lovely letter of thanks for allowing them to attend and having Mr Betts go with them. He said it was the best school day of his life. Our school is glad that we can make a difference to our students' lives and in some way inspire them to "go for it", whatever it may be they aspire to do. Thank you Mason, I loved your letter, a very thoughtful gesture. So glad you, and all the leaders, found it a worthwhile experience.

Annual School Report for 2012

The Annual School Report on our 2012 achievements is complete. This report gives comprehensive information about what the school achieved, a financial report, how the school operated and what the school did for our students during the year of 2012. The report is now available on the School Website and there are hard copies available in the School Office for all to read. If you wish to have a copy emailed to you please let the school know and we will be more than pleased to send it to you.

Staff Development Days for Term 2

Term 2 this year has 2 staff development days at the beginning. Monday 29th April and Tuesday 30th April are both pupil free days. The Department of Education and Communities has allocated these 2 days to schools for staff to use to train in required areas and to explore and plan for the introduction of the new...
Australian English Syllabus. This syllabus is to be implemented in 2014 in all schools in Australia.

**Anaphylaxis Training for staff**

Last Tuesday afternoon all of our school staff underwent mandatory Anaphylaxis training. This is very important and life saving training. Our staff was updated on causes, symptoms and procedures when a person is having an anaphylaxis attack. Staff refined their skills in using and administering Epipens and Anapens. In our school we do have a number of students who do have allergies and can have reactions to foods, insects or grasses. Health plans for these students are in a safe and visible spot for all staff to identify and act on if needed.

**New equipment for the school**

As you walk around our school you will notice a lot of new things being installed. We have a number of picnic seating sets which have been added to give extra, comfortable seating for our students to eat at or relax at. There is a new notice board on the hall wall for community and school communications. This was donated by Year 6, 2012, from money they raised, to give the school a present in appreciation of their many happy years here at Woy Woy Public School. Spots for our new flag poles are being readied and the poles will be in use at the beginning of Term 2. Thank you Macca, for setting all of these things in place for us. New carpet is to be laid in our Aboriginal Community room; air conditioning units have been installed in both 5/6B and 5/6A and fibre optic cabling has been put in to connect our new SaCC building to the online world. Lots of great thing for our school.

**School Website updates**

Our School Website is being updated all the time so make sure you get on there and have a look. Calendar events will be put up regularly, the Annual School Report is up there for 2012 and you will find class notes and information under school classes. The newsletters are put up every fortnight and the past copies can be found there as well. Saves worrying about not getting the paper copy or getting one that is either ripped and crushed or soaked with leaked drink bottle contents. The newsletter will still be emailed to you each fortnight too.

**Safe, Happy April Holiday**

This will be our last newsletter for this term. Please remember about the 2 staff development days at the beginning of next term 29th and 30th April. These are pupil free days. We have the exciting “Wet and Wild” next week on the last day of this term, 12th April. What a great way to end a term. Information about this can be found on the School Website as well as our community notice board. Term 1 has been a very productive and busy term and our school tone has been settled and calm. We are very proud of our wonderful students, their behaviour, manners and their commitment to learning. Students have been learning many new concepts, facts and information and are taking the challenge with enthusiasm. May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe April holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back again next Term on Wednesday 1st May.

**Useful Tips**

**Reading**

Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here on this website. What’s your child reading right now?


**April school holidays**

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

**Parent-teacher interviews**

Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.


**School calendar**

What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW. Find out more:  http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView

**Ona Buckley**

Principal

**Cross Country**

Our School CrossCountry will be on **Friday 5th April**. This year, our races will start and end on the school oval. The students will be running down to and along the waterfront where volunteers and teachers will be placed at checkpoints. All Years 2 – 6 will attend, however competitors must be turning 8 – 12 years in 2013 to be eligible. Races will commence at 9:30am with the 8/9yrs and run approximately every 5 minutes.

All parents are most welcome to come along and help out or just watch us run. If you can help, please see me during the week. We would ask if all spectators could sit on the basketball court with the students as the oval is part of the course. A reminder that with our new zone, there are changes to representation and only the first 6 in every race will go through to Zone level next term.

If your child cannot participate for any reason, please provide his/her class teacher with a note. All students are covered by the *Walking Permission Note*, that you have already signed, as the students will be leaving the school grounds during the event.

Thank you, Kath Taylor

**Expression of Interest Forms for 2014 Year 7 Placement**

The Expression of Interest forms for placement in a NSW government school in 2014 were sent home with year 6 students on March 11. These forms were due back at school on March 22. There are still a number of students who have not returned forms and it is important that they are now returned as soon as possible to either your child's teacher or the school office. Forms are available from the school office should you need a replacement.

**Front Office Display**

Class KLN have a wonderful display on the board in the school office foyer. They have been learning about the letter "A" and have made pictures of themselves as astronauts! Call in and have a look at their work before the holidays.

**A Big Thank You**

Woy Woy Public School students send out a big thank you to Sam Collins and the Good News Church for their $200 donation towards the school garden. It is a very generous gift. The school has purchased a
compost bin, garden tools, terracotta bed signs and seeds, more purchases will be made at a later date. We will soon clear the bed sand and begin planting a winter crop.

Another big thank you to the very generous Eva and Emaline Prytz and their mum Marion for their donation to the Lego Club. The Lego kits are a hit.

Centenary Pathway Signature Pavers

Have you seen the wonderful pathway that our General Assistant, Macca has made with the Centenary Signature Pavers ordered by families and community members last year? If you have not yet ordered a paver and would like to do so, please complete the order form and send to school with your payment.

Community Announcements

Cyber Awareness Forum

As part of upcoming Youth Week, April 5th-14th, the Gosford Police School Liaison Officer and Youth Liaison Officers will be running a "Cyber Awareness Forum" for parents of primary and secondary school students at Erina Youth Centre on Friday April 5th from 6.30pm-8.00pm. The aim of the forum is to supply parents with practical information on Cyber Bullying and the steps to take to protect your children. This is a great opportunity for parents to gain valuable information on the effects of Cyber Bullying and resources that are available to young people experiencing bullying and where to seek help. Bookings can be made via our Youth Liaison Office on 4323 5514.

Holiday Tennis Camp

The April School Holiday Camp will be held at the Umina Tennis Courts from Monday 15th April to Friday 19th April 2013. The camp will be predominantly tennis, with other activities to keep the children occupied. Racquets are provided if needed. Costs are $75 for the week 9am - 3pm or $40 for a half day week 9am - 12.30pm. A daily rate is also available at $25 a day or $15 for a half day. A weekly discount will apply for additional family members. A barbeque lunch will be provided on Thursday and prizes on the Friday. The camps are held wet or fine. Bookings are essential and all enquiries can be made by phoning 0410 828 278 or 4385 7110.

P & C News

Hope everyone had a great Easter break. Our Easter Hat Parade last Thursday was fantastic, some lovely creations!!

Don’t forget our Wet n Wild Day is 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 or Maria Channon, or alternatively, you can leave a note at the office for us.

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.

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 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.

**Up & Coming Events**

- Canteen Red Day      Thursday 11th April
- Wet ‘n’ Wild Day     Friday 12th April

Regards,
Fiona Fry, P&C President

Downloads

* SaCC Wiggle & Giggle Music Classes for 0-5yr olds
* Selection and Installation of Child Restraints Training
* CC Dyslexia Association Presents Asperger Syndrome Speaker
* Pavers Order Form
* Wet and Wild Flyer