

The Wave



Term 1 – Week 7

Principal's Message

Soccer Gala Day - Bangalow

A group of 23 students attended the Soccer Gala Day on Thursday. Thanks to Mr Hardy for attending with the students so they could enjoy this opportunity.

Clean Up Australia Day

Our students participated in a short school clean up on Monday afternoon to acknowledge Clean Up Australia Day. It's always a good opportunity to remind our school community to look after our environment by placing all of our rubbish in the bin, especially as we live so close to waterways.

Reading

Our staff are always looking for ways to improve our teaching. At this week's staff meeting, Mrs Whalan was teaching our staff about the "Science of Reading". This is to help us make sure that our students learn to read – as learning to read is critical to a student's success at school and in later life.

Make sure you take every opportunity you can to read to your child/ren, even from the earliest ages.



Kind Regards,
Stacie Luppi

Important Dates

Term 1 - 2023

Week 8

Wednesday 15th March –

Friday 17th March

NAPLAN

Years 3 & 5

Week 9

Monday 20th March –

Friday 24th March

NAPLAN

Years 3 & 5

Week 10

Monday 20th March –

Friday 24th March

NAPLAN

Years 3 & 5

Friday 24th March

Assembly

10:30am

Hall

Week 11

Thursday 6th April

Last Day of Term

BOOK CLUB closes
Thursday 23rd March
2023

Meal Deal

Ham & Cheese Toastie
Up & Go
Fruit Salad Cup
Prize
\$6.50

Thursday 16th March Special
Spaghetti & Meat Balls with Garlic Bread
\$4.50

Our Canteen is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:45am to 12:00pm.
Students need to place their orders by 9:15am on the day.

NAPLAN – Wednesday 15th to 24th March (Years 3 & 5)

Wednesday the 15th to Tuesday the 24th of March is the start of The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9, and is the only nationwide assessment that all Australian children undertake. Students will be assessed on reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.

The purpose of the NAPLAN assessment is to see how each student is developing their literacy and numeracy skills. From this information we are able to differentiate our teaching and learning programs to meet the learning needs of each student.

You can support your child to achieve to the best of their ability by ensuring they have:

- a good night sleep.
- eat a good nutritious breakfast
- arrive at school on time (this is very important as these assessments are strictly timed)

All year 3 students will sit the NAPLAN assessments in the hall during the morning session.

All year 5 students will sit the NAPLAN assessments in the hall during the middle session.

Mrs Whalan
Co-Ordinator

Excursion to Southern Cross University

Friday 3rd March, 2023

Last Friday Stage 2 enjoyed an excursion to Southern Cross University where we were treated to a day of interacting with real scientists! We dip netted in a pond with Brendan to find small animals that make up an ecosystem and played Water Bug Bingo.

We spent time in the Science Labs with Tony where we viewed the amazing collection of preserved animals and used our knowledge of branching keys to classify animals. Liam introduced us to his love of frogs, and how he studies when and where frogs are found in Australia. He encouraged us to get the FrogID app on our phones so we can become frog scientists too. Prof. Renaud showed us his collection of skulls to inform us of the way that different species evolve and adapt to their environments. Maria took us koala spotting and showed us how to identify a healthy koala by looking at its pooh! Pre-service teachers assisted us in our groups enthusiastically and we really enjoyed spending time at the university, with many children now understanding that your passion can become a job!

Thank you, Simone and team, we had a ball!

Mrs Wheatland - Stage 2 Assistant Principal

Class Teachers - Mr Ansell, Mr Cook, Ms Gulliver and Mr Scott

Ms Matuchet, AEO and Mr Kenn, SLSO.











Class 2W – Mrs Wraight

Year Two have had an incredible start to the year! In the playground, they have the very important job of being the ES1/S1 leaders and are role models for the younger students.

In the classroom they are busy improving their knowledge of graphemes (letters that join together to make sounds in words) to make them better readers and spellers.

Year Two have been completing literary studies around the books “Our Island” and “Under the Southern Cross” which involves mapping out different places around Australia and what connections we have to these places. We are immersed in rich vocabulary and learning many new words.

In numeracy we are learning how to identify, classify and create patterns with both numbers and shapes.

In science we are learning about how living things change and reproduce. We are observing the patterns of growth and change in living things, describing patterns, and making predictions.





It's hard to believe that what was started over thirty years ago, by Ian Kiernan, AO, an "average Australian" who had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event, held annually on the first Sunday in March.

On Monday the 6th of March, our school participated in the annual Clean up Australia Day event.

Children from every class helped to clean up the playground of our school. It was great fun!

Some suggestions from the children

"One way we can reduce waste in our lunch box is to put tiny teddies into a container".

"We can reduce waste by packing nude food into our lunch box".

"Make sure we put our rubbish in the right bins".

"We can take our rubbish home".

"We need to clean up after ourselves".



WOLLONGBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS

A Fair to Remember

SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2023
9AM - 2PM



Market Stalls, Plants, Food, Coffee, Drinks, Cakes, Rock Wall, Meltdown, Super slide, Tea Cups, Mickey Mouse castle, Jurassic Park, Ninja Wall, Mega fun, Fairy floss, Snow Cones and more..

There is something for everyone at A Fair to Remember!

Pre- paid ride passes available on the Flexischools App or email:

wollongbarpc@hotmail.com

Don't attend Wollongbar? You can still purchase ride passes just download the app create an account and purchase the pass as a guest.

\$35 (\$40 on the day, single ride tickets available on the day for \$5per ride) or

email: wollongbarpc@hotmail.com

Rides for all ages!

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