Principal’s Report

Parent/Teacher Information Evening and P & C Welcome BBQ

The Parent/Teacher Information Evening was very successful. Thank you to everyone for attending and a special thank you to the teachers for their preparations for the information sessions.

Also the P & C Association Welcome BBQ was enjoyed by new families and staff. Thank you to the P&C Canteen volunteers. A special thank you to Ray White Real Estate for their sponsorship of our Welcome BBQ. It was delicious!

Good luck to our District Swim Team who will be competing in the Hawkesbury District Swimming Carnival at Windsor Oasis tomorrow. Go Team!

Working with Children Check

It has been legislated that from 2016 all unsupervised volunteers, be it sporting, reading helpers, fundraising helpers, canteen workers and the like MUST have a Working With Children Check.

The initial Working With Children Check can be accessed at:


Once this check is completed online, volunteers will need to submit relevant paperwork to the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) in order to be issued a WWCC number. As a volunteer, there is no cost involved in gaining this WWCC number. This number must be given to the school office in order for volunteers to begin service in our school. We understand that this process takes a little time to complete, however the safety of our students is imperative to all concerned.

P & C Annual General Meeting

It is pleasing to note the interest generated at this early stage of the year by our parent community, in joining our Parents & Citizens Association and assisting the school on committees such as Canteen, to help make our school environment an even better place for the children. We would value your attendance at our next meeting for the P & C, which is our Annual General Meeting to select new office bearers for 2016.

P & C Association Annual General Meeting

Monday 7 March
7.00pm - in the Staffroom
Drinks & Nibbles Provided

Positions to be filled include:

- President
- Vice Presidents x 2
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Fundraising Committee
- Publicity Officer
- Uniform Committee

The P & C Association is significant to the whole community, so it is important that meetings are well attended. The P & C provides a vital link between the parents and the school, as well as participating in school decision making and supporting the students in many ways.

Role descriptions for the P & C ‘Office Bearers’ and the nomination forms were sent home recently, so you can start thinking about candidates prior to the AGM. You can see what a great contribution the parent body makes in our school. They improve the physical environment as well as providing important resources for our children’s use. Please support the P & C and attend the Annual General Meeting. You do not have to take on an executive position, but your attendance and contribution will be important for your child and the whole school.

- All the above positions only require a couple of volunteer hours per month. Everyone is welcome!

School Contributions – Thank You

Thank you to all the families who have already contributed towards our Voluntary School Contributions. These funds will greatly assist with purchases of equipment for student use.

Important Dates

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ALL VISITORS

Visitor Sign-In Book

During school time All Visitors MUST SIGN IN the Visitors Book Located in the foyer. This policy is to assist with ensuring the safety of the students and Workplace Health and Safety emergency procedures.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our whole school assemblies will continue to be held on: FRIDAYS at 2:45pm.

- Friday 26th February hosted by 3/4P
- Friday 4th March hosted by 5/6W
- Friday 11th March hosted by 1/2B
## 2016 Swimming Champions

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## 2016 Winning House – Koalas

**Messages**

Clear arrangements should be made in the morning with your child about how they will be going home after school.

Please only phone the school if unforeseen circumstances arise during the day to make an alternative arrangement.

Sometimes, it can be very difficult to get messages through to your child about last minute changes in going home. The class may be out of their classroom doing sport, activities in the hall, scripture, library, computers or any other activities making contact problematic and time consuming. Thank you

## Weekly Awards

Congratulations to weekly winners!

- **Gold**: Beau S 3/4B, Amber C 3/4A

**Regards** – David Deal – Principal

## Parent Online Payments

Our online payment option is very popular, with most of our families choosing to pay things online.

- Just a reminder that only school organised activities such as: Voluntary School Fees, Dance Group, Year 1 & 2 Maths Textbook Fee, Camp, Gymnastics, Excursions etc. can be paid this way.
- P & C Association payments such as: Uniforms, Canteen, Fundraisers etc CANNOT be paid through POP.
- Cash & cheque payments are still welcome in the front office.

The payment page is accessed from the schools website [www.wilberforce-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.wilberforce-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). Click on **$Make a Payment** and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

## Library News

**Borrowing will start Next Week!**

All students are encouraged to bring their Library Bags on their designated Library Day:

- **Monday**: 5/6W
- **Tuesday**: 3/4M, 3/4P, K Red, K Blue
- **Wednesday**: 3/4A, 3/4B, 5/6T, 5/6C
- **Thursday**: 1/2C, 1/2B, 1/2N, 1/2W

## Pre-school reading

Will be held each **Tuesday** at 3:00pm in the Library with Mrs Ruzgas.

## Stage 1 – Book Covering

Stage 1 Working Bee to cover books was a great success. Above the noise of the sticky tape whirr was the happy chatter of voices as they efficiently covered a huge number of books.

Thank you to all our volunteers.

## Reminders

- Botanical Gardens Mt Tomah – Stage 3 - Permission note and payment of $25-00 is due by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.
- **School Fees** – Voluntary Contribution for this year will be $45 per child or $120 for three or more children.
- **Year 1 & 2 Maths Textbook Fee** – Payment of $20-00 is due to be paid as soon as possible.

## A message from Stage 1

If you are able to help in the classroom, please contact your child’s class teacher. We would really appreciate your help with reading groups.
Anaphylaxis Information

We currently have a number of students at our school who are anaphylactic. Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. Certain foods and insect stings are the most common causes of anaphylaxis. Allergies presented at Wilberforce Public School include nut, milk, egg and certain preservatives.

As a result, to ensure the safety of all children, we request that students do not bring peanuts, or any foods that contain nuts as an ingredient, to school. These guidelines do not apply to those foods with labels that state ‘may contain traces of nuts’. Students are allowed to bring foods that state ‘may contain traces of nuts’.

Products to avoid are nutty products such as peanut butter and whole nuts.

As part of the school’s guidelines, students are not allowed to share their food with other children. This includes buying snacks from the canteen to share with a friend.

We also advise that if your child has peanut butter, dairy products or egg for breakfast, that you ensure their hands are clean of any residue. This is necessary so that any nut, milk or egg substance the children may have on their hands prior to arrival at school is removed before touching other children or school equipment. Touching other children with contaminated hands may cause a rash or local swelling in the allergic child.

We thank you for your support.

Awards System

Each child is entitled to receive awards.

3 Class Awards = 1 Bronze Award and a Pencil
3 Bronze Awards = 1 Silver Award and a School Pen
3 Silver Awards = 1 Gold Award and School Banner

Awards that can be used to claim a Bronze Award are:
- End of Term Citizenship awards
- Merit Certificates
- Class Awards
- Captains & Prefects Awards

Not included –
- Book of the week
- Homework Merit Award
- Library Awards
- Peer Support awards
- Sports Awards
- Birthday Awards
- Presentation Day Academic Awards

Once you have any 3 of the above certificates bring them into Mrs Turner where they will be date stamped and initialled on the back, so you know which ones you have already used. You will then be issued with your Bronze Award and pencil.

Once you have 3 Bronze Awards you can bring them to Mrs Turner again for stamping and initialling, then you will be issued with a Silver Award and Pen.

Once you have 3 Silver Awards you bring them in for initialising and stamping and then you will be issued with a Gold Award, Banner and your photograph will be taken by Mrs Jones for display in the school foyer.

- All Awards are presented at the Whole School Assembly held each Friday in the hall from 2.45pm to 3.30pm.

Canteen Roster

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Canteen News

Canteen Annual General Meeting
Monday 7th March
at 6:30pm in the Staffroom - Prior to the P&C AGM

We REALLY need your support at this meeting as we have members of the committee who are unable to continue in their present roles. All positions will be declared open.

President, Vice President, Purchasing Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, as well as general committee members, are needed. Without people filling these roles, we are unable to function.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN EVERY 2nd WEDNESDAY from 3pm

The shop will be opened next on:
- Wednesday 2nd March 3:00pm
- Wednesday 16th March 3:00pm

Orders may also be left at the office any day. Please send your order in a marked envelope with the correct money. As soon as possible, these orders will be sent to your child’s class.

Please Note:
Follow washing instructions on all tags and close all zippers.

- cheques made payable to - Wilberforce P & C Association - Uniform Shop

NO CREDIT CAN BE GIVEN
NO PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT AVAILABLE

School Security

Please take notice of our contact numbers for ‘School Security’ included in this newsletter.
These numbers are given out to safeguard our School outside business hours.
We ask you to help keep an eye on the school when passing by and if concerned contact:
- Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or
- School Security on 1300 880021

Both lines are 24 hour services