Principal’s message

Last Friday the students, Miss Elsley and I headed off to explore some of the Wollombi town as part of our unit of work on local places. To help us find our way around the town Fiona (one of our parents) volunteered to guide us around. First stop was the brook for fruit break and then we wandered down to St John’s Anglican church where Father Graham met us and gave us an insight into the history of the church. Our knowledgeable guide then led us through the museum and we looked at lots of things related to the history of the Wollombi Valley. After lunch we headed off for lunch at Slack’s Park and had a play on the equipment. It was a great excursion and I would like to especially thank our guide for helping us to find out more of the town. Thanks Fiona and we hope you enjoyed the chocolates.

On Tuesday it was great to play host to Laguna PS and the SMART Science show that was put on by The University of Newcastle. The kids had a ball during the show and thoroughly enjoyed participating in the experiments of making sherbet and parachutes later in the day with Miss Elsley.

ANZAC Day is fast approaching and I have been in contact with the organiser of the Wollombi Dawn Service. We are hoping to have some students represent our school at this service and take an active role by reciting a poem and short story related to ANZAC Day. If your child is interested in this activity please see me and we’ll have a chat. I have also been making enquiries into the ANZAC Day march that is held in Cessnock every year around 11am. It would be great if students from our school joined the march along with the other schools within the Cessnock area. If your child will be participating in this march please let me know also.

I had a great chat yesterday with Katie from Hunter New England Health about the healthy eating and physical activities our school has been involved with in the past and some programs for the future. An important message of the meeting was balance and how this relates to and promotes lifelong healthy eating and activity habits. More information will come along soon and each child received a drink bottle as part of the meeting. Thanks Katie!

Enjoy the weekend – Michelle Murphie
What’s happening?

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Office news

Please remember to return all permission notes to the office. We still have a few outstanding for term 2 sport. Please return them with your payments as soon as possible.

School banking has commenced. As usual, banking day is Wednesday. Please bring your banking wallets in and leave them on Mrs Ryan’s desk.

Merit award

Well done to Zander Cranch (Yr 3) – Miss Elsley gave the award to Zander for insightful comments during the science show.

Mrs Baker’s news

Congratulations Atticus for completing the PRC for this year. It is great to see Atticus enjoying his reading so much.

Today in art we participated in a drawing circle. The children explored the qualities of different drawing media whilst drawing an object.

We read a book called 'The Bush Book Club' today. This was a story about a group of bush animals who enjoyed reading so much, that they formed a book club. We enjoyed this story inside a pretend treehouse (a tent).

Deanne Baker
P & C news

Next P&C meeting is Thursday March 27th 8:30am in the library - all welcome.
Don't forget our annual fundraiser EASTER MARKET DAY Monday 21st April.
Next market day planning meeting is Thursday 27th March 9:00 am.
Regards, Lindy

Student activities

What a great day for a walk around our town!
Community news

Weekend of dance at Woodville Hall

Talented dancers and professional dance teachers Hanna Trott and Eden Read will be performing and teaching at events at the Woodville School of Arts on 4 and 5 April.
On Friday 4 April they will host and perform at a vibrant dance and dinner evening at the School of Arts, from 7pm. Full buffet dinner and performance: $55 per head. Dress up! (but you don’t have to be formal). BYO alcohol. Soft drinks available.
On Saturday 5 April Hannah and Eden will run three lively and creative dance sessions for children to improve their skills – in tap, circus and jazz.
9 am – 11 am. Ages 12 – 15. $15.00
1pm – 2pm. Ages 5 – 8. $5.00
2pm – 4 pm. Ages 9 – 11. $15.00
Hannah is a graduate of the National Institute of Circus Arts Melbourne, an aerialist, an ex-Disney Princess, and a professional dancer who has performed widely in Europe, Asia and Australia. Eden is a dancer, choreographer and dance teacher, including in tap, jazz and musical theatre. He has performed in musicals including Hello Dolly, Sunset Boulevard, and toured internationally with the Irish tap show Spirit of the Dance. He is a Bachelor of Dance from the Victorian College of the Arts
Both Hannah and Eden currently teach in schools in Victoria, and have appropriate child protection clearance.
For booking or more information please contact:
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Lis Smark 0408 660 638
Events on both days are fundraisers for the Woodville School of Arts maintenance fund.