It’s almost the end of another wonderful term at Wollombi Public School and what a term it has been. We have been fortunate to attend quite a number of events this term. One of our last activities for the term sees us heading off in the bus to watch the Department of Education and Communities public school performing arts event *Starstruck: Magic Happens!* This is a wonderful example of the opportunities available to public school students and more than 3,500 students will get to experience performing in a major event this year. The event is held at Newcastle Entertainment Centre on June 13 and 14.

As you can see on the *What’s happening* table, next week is the last session of after school sport for the term. Please also note the day change from Tuesday to Wednesday. The students have had a great time with the students from Laguna PS improving their tennis and lawn bowls skills. A big thanks to all the helpers and especially Simone Smith for organising these wonderful activities. More information on next term’s activities will be available soon.

Weekly sport will go back to being held at school on a Friday in term 3. Miss Kierrin Elsley and Mrs Floyd will be running the activities.

Thank you to the community members who completed the recent survey related to the educational provisions in the Wollombi Valley. Your time in completing this survey was appreciated. More information on this will be made available to you in the near future.

*Kind regards - Michelle Murphie*

### What’s happening?

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### Office news

**School banking** is up and running for the year. As always there are some great prizes on offer for our regular bankers. Banking day is still Wednesday so please bring your banking wallets in and leave them on Mrs Ryan’s desk.

**Book Club**  This year Scholastic have become a little bit more strict with deadlines for orders. If you wish to order book club, please return you completed order to Trudy by next Tuesday.
Miss Elsley’s Memo

Last week, students started the new topic “Volume and Capacity” in mathematics. Students will be learning to measure, record, compare and estimate volumes and capacities. Students in Stage 1 and Stage 2 will also be learning about litres, millilitres and cubic centimetres. If possible, it would be greatly appreciated if students and parents please collect 1L milk cartons for next week’s lesson!

Reminder that Friday is news day. Pupils are encouraged to prepare their news at home. Parents, please take 5 minutes to talk to your child about what they could talk about and maybe encourage them to jot down some ideas. Week 8 news topic is “Movie Review: Tell us about a movie that you liked.” I look forward to hearing about films popular with our students!

Chaplain’s Chatter

There’s a big mystery. Last week and again this week we went into the garden to see how our seedlings were going. They were really going well. But surprise! There was one pot out of all the others where the seedlings were charging ahead. I scratched my head and the students scratched their heads. Last week we thought it was because the seedling pot was getting just the correct amount of water and the others were getting too much water and not enough sun. So we moved them all around. But this week, out of the blue, one student said, “If you put bird p… (manure) in the pot would it make any difference? “I think it would.” I said. Then the penny dropped. “Did someone put bird p… in that fast growing one?” “Yes.” Came the reply. And the puzzle was solved. So next week there will be some seedlings ready to plant. Simple problem: simple solution.

Then we went into “Kids Matter” and the problem that all the students came up with was “Cooperation” and “Who’s in charge?” When we explored it we found that if we look at a problem and discuss it we can find that we are often doing the right thing and by looking carefully we can improve the right thing. A good thing to do is to make the first move and say something that makes the other person feel good. It’s like putting a bit of manure on the seedlings and the friendship charges ahead. What a great bunch of students!

When: Every Wednesday in school terms Time: 9-10am Where: The meeting room in the school office block Free: Tea/coffee and a snack

And remember “Kids Matter because ‘Kids Matter’” – Graham
NICU Helping Hands Angel Gown Program NSW is having an open day for everyone to come along and see what the program is all about. We take donated wedding/formal gowns and lovingly transform them into outfits for babies who do not make it home from hospital. Our open day is for people to drop off donated gowns, look at what we do and perhaps volunteer some time or become part of the team. The day details are as follows:

Minmi Community Centre
Woodford Road
Minmi
Saturday 5th July from 10am to 3pm

Angelgownsaustralia.nsw@gmail.com and mark the message for the attention of Catherine.