I can’t believe how quickly the term has flown by already. We have been very busy with excursions this past fortnight and have had lots of great experiences. This included a terrific day watching the Mount View HS musical. There were many talented singers, dancers, musicians, backstage crew, etc., that produced a great performance. We even got the opportunity to get up and dance and clap along to a few songs. Tuesday of this week saw us heading to Nulkaba PS to watch Atticus present his speech at the zone public speaking competition. Well done Atticus, you represented our school well.

Our art lessons with Kes have been going well and the students are almost ready to pick a piece of art to enter into the 2014 Laguna Public School Art exhibition. Thank you to the P&C for kindly paying the school’s entry fee. Parents who wish their child/children to enter the competition are asked to have the artwork framed ready for hanging. Framed artworks can then be delivered to Laguna Hall on Sunday 24th August from 2pm-4pm or Monday 25th from 9am-4pm. Please note that no entries will be accepted after these dates. The art exhibition will run from Friday 29th – Sunday 31st March.

It is with great excitement that our school is now part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. The fundamental philosophy that underpins the program is that by setting good examples and engaging children’s curiosity, as well as their energy and their taste buds, we can provide positive and memorable food experiences that will form the basis of positive lifelong eating habits. Over the coming weeks we will begin to build on the wonderful vegetable garden that we already have, by building a herb pyramid and shade shelter with the help of Wayne (our very helpful GA) and Father Graham Jackson (our school chaplain). We are also starting to have regular lessons in the kitchen on Wednesdays and next week sees us making pasta and then sharing it as part of our lunch. Parents - look out for your invitation to one of our lunches in the coming weeks. Keith (our lovely neighbour) has allowed us to pick some of his lemons for us to use - thanks Keith! For more information on this program http://www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au/index.php

At last week’s Education Week awards Marissa Floyd a member of our school staff received an award to recognise her work in supporting student learning outcomes in her role as School Learning Support Officer. The award ceremony was a great way of recognising the work that lots of people do within public schools to enhance student experiences. Once again, well done Marissa and we really appreciate the work you do for the students of Wollombi PS.

Kind regards - Michelle Murphie
R/Principal
Miss Elsley’s Memo

I am very happy to be back at Wollombi Public School this term and very pleased to finally see everybody again. We have a busy term ahead of us, with lots of interesting new topics. I am particularly excited to be teaching cricket for sport this term. We all had a wonderful time last Friday practising bowling, catching and batting.

In Mathematics, for the first half of the term our students will be learning about chance. For PDHPE, students will be learning about healthy lifestyles.

A reminder that Friday is News day. Next week’s news topic is “Book report: Tell us about a book that you liked”. Students will be required to talk for 2 minutes about the subject. Students are encouraged to plan their news item and take time at home to think about what they will talk about for their news.

Chaplain’s Chatter

Parents – don’t forget to come along to the weekly morning tea chat.

When: Every Wednesday in school terms  Time: 9-10am

Where: The meeting room in the school office block

And remember “Kids Matter because ‘Kids Matter’” – Graham
**Student activities**

Mrs Ledbrook helped Annalisa and Maya-Kai crack the eggs.

Atticus learnt some important knife skills while chopping the spinach that was picked fresh from the garden.

Phoenix was great at chopping up the feta cheese for the spinach and cheese triangles.

Daniella helped to make the salad by slicing the celery which was picked fresh from the garden that morning.

A big congratulations to Atticus for participating in the Zone public speaking round that was held at Nulkaba PS this week. He did a great job and represented our school well.

Opportunities for and emphasis on environmental programs

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Kindergarten orientation program for students starting school in 2015

Dates: Friday 5th September
       Friday 12th September
       Friday 19th September

Time: 9am - 11am

Please call the school on 49983229 to register your child for this program.

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