A big thanks to Kes for coming in and guiding the students through some amazing art lessons over the last 5 weeks. The students worked well and chose their pieces for the upcoming Laguna Art Show that is held on the last weekend in August. Kes has kindly volunteered to drop the art pieces over to Laguna for us next Monday. While she was here she also helped us to choose some artwork for the art competition with the Millfield spring fair later on this term. These artworks also look great – so fingers crossed we might win some of the prizes.

Kinder orientation for those students due to start in 2015 is coming up with the first session being held on Friday 5th September from 9am – 11am. If you know of anyone who has a school age child ready to start next year please pass along this information. Please also ask them to register their child for this program by contacting the school.

The students have been having a great time in the kitchen and garden again this week. Today we sat down to another delicious lunch. See Father Graham’s section of this newsletter to see what we got to eat. A big thanks to Wayne for his building skills in helping us to create other spaces in the garden to grow our produce. They look amazing – thanks Wayne!

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

This Friday in PDHPE students will be learning about the importance of drinking water. Our stage 2 students are encouraged to take part in the Q4: H20 water challenge. Stage 2 Students will bring home a Q4H20 card, to record their drinks over a week. Students will be encouraged to choose water and milk to drink. The amount of fluid that children need varies between individual children. The older the child, the more fluid they need. Children should drink approximately 1–1½ litres of fluid a day.

Week 7 news topic is “read your favourite poem and tell us what you like about it.”

Water

Tap water makes the best drink!
Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here’s what water has to offer:

- It is cheap and readily available
- It doesn’t contain any kilojoules or sugar
- It encourages optimal function of the body

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.
P&C News

We welcomed Bryan Campbell to our P&C meeting last Thursday, 14th August. Lively discussion about the Consultative Process and the possible closure of our school ensued. A reminder that there is an opportunity to hear the feedback presented by Bryan at a community meeting to be held on Thursday 6.30pm at WPS. Children are welcome and will be looked after on the evening. I encourage you all to attend.
Disappointingly we will not be journeying to Dubbo for our whole school excursion. This decision was made by the school and Michelle reminded us that the children have other excursions to look forward to.
We celebrate Book Week this week in usual Wollombi style. Come dressed ready for fun. Our P&C will cater for our preschoolers and their families with morning tea following the Character Parade.
Great to see lots of activity in the school's kitchen and vegie garden. We appreciate the efforts of Michelle and Father Graham in these exciting activities for our children.

Lindy

Chaplain’s Chatter

Have you seen the pyramids? Last week there was one. Now there are two. The ancient Egyptians (1500-2000 BCE) and the Aztecs believed that the shape of the pyramid was a holy and spiritual shape. They believed that the point of the pyramid drew down the energy of the Universe and empowered whatever was contained in the pyramid. However our pyramids, containing herbs and plants, hold the energy of the School; that of the students, teachers and parents. This means that whenever the plants in the pyramid, or the whole of the garden for that matter, are used in cooking then the energy and love of all of those groups is in the cooking.
Talking of cooking; this week we cooked pizzas and prepared a salad. Last week it was salads including a Pasta Salad. The pasta and the salad were cooked by the students and staff.
On both occasions it was wonderful to join in and see the students in particular, eating the fruits of their work.
The gardening was also a great opportunity for everyone to join in. After Wayne had erected the standpipe in the garden we re-planted the strawberries then prepared the strawberry patch for all sorts of other plants.
The thing that really struck me however, was the parallel between the growth in the garden and the growth in the students. Not only did they use the energy of the garden in their physical growth but also used the spiritual energy of the school to develop their own skills in relationships with each other and the staff.
Wonderful to watch. Wonderful to be there and be involved.

Don’t Forget
THE MEETING FOR PARENTS
WEDNESDAYS EVERY WEEK IN THE SCHOOL TERM.
9-10am
THE MEETING ROOM AT THE ADMIN CENTRE.
TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED
And remember “Kids Matter because ‘Kids Matter’ ”
Graham
Student activities

The ladies from the Cessnock libraries came out last week to read us some stories from the Bookweek nominated books.

Creating our artwork for the Laguna Art Show

Collecting the eggs from Keith’s yard to make the delicious pasta last week.

This week’s yummy lunch
- rosemary and potato pizza
- peas, beetroot, feta & mint salad

Opportunities for and emphasis on environmental programs

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WOLLOMBI PUBLIC SCHOOL

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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