



# The River News

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## Important Dates – TERM 4

### Week 9

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Excellence Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	BASC Meeting
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Day TJHS 11.00am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols in the Playground 5.30pm

### Week 10

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Excellence Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Symbio Wildlife Park Excursion
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Talent Quest 12.00pm Year 6 Farewell-Club Menai
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Kindy Graduation 2016 9.30am
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Clap Out Last Day for Students

### Staffing 2017

Congratulations to Mrs Telford who has been successful in her application as Assistant Principal at Caringbah Public School from the beginning of 2017. The school would like to thank her for her service at our school and wish her well in her new role.

Mrs Suzy Courtney-Newell will be Assistant Principal at WRPS for 2017.

Mr Wann has recently been successful in securing a position at Liverpool Public School for 2017. The school would like to thank Mr Wann for his commitment and dedication to the students at WRPS and wish him well at his new school.

### Schools Spectacular

Wow – four amazing performances in two days! Our Schools Spec dancers were fantastic during their rehearsals over the last few weeks and over the culminating weekend of performances. Mrs Simula was very proud to watch our dancers interact with each other and with dancers from other schools – their behaviour was outstanding. They were fabulous ambassadors for our school. The Schools Spectacular 2016 – “Dream Big” can be seen on Channel 7 on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm. WRPS is in Segment 2 – Alone in the Universe.

### Thank you Morning Tea

Our final scripture session and thank you morning tea was held last Wednesday. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended and made the morning such a pleasant event. The staff value your contribution to our school and thank you for all that you do around our little school.

### White Ribbon Day

National White Ribbon Day was last Friday. Thank you to the families who showed their support for this cause by displaying a white balloon out the front of their house. It was great to see such support from the community in raising awareness around this issue. A huge thank you to the families who assisted with delivering balloons around the valley. White Ribbon is an important part of our school and we thank Mrs Begg for her commitment and organisation of this important initiative.

### Presentation Day

Our school presentation day will be held at The Jannali High School on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 11am. This is a highlight of the school calendar and we encourage all parents and carers to attend. It is our opportunity to acknowledge and reward students for their outstanding achievements at school over 2016.

### **Carols in the Playground**

Our annual Carols in the Playground event will be held on the bottom oval from 5.30pm-7.00pm next Friday. All families are invited to bring a picnic and enjoy the entertainment from our students. Performances include class carols, ukulele and dance groups, combined choir and whole school performances. We hope you can join us.

### **Picnic Day**

Our school picnic day will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We will be visiting Symbio Wildlife Park at Helensburgh. Buses will depart school from 8.30am so students are required to be at school by 8.20am. Students are to wear full school uniform. If you have not yet returned the updated permission notes (along with payment) to the office please do so at your earliest convenience so that final numbers can be determined.

### **Year Six Farewell**

Our Year Six Farewell will be held at Club Menai on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm. Thank you to Mr Wann and the Year Five parents who have worked hard to prepare this event for our Year Six students. Parents are invited to enter the function room from 8.30pm to mingle with their children and enjoy the event's closing with them.

### **Awards**

Please ensure your child has handed in their awards to the office so they can be processed for Achievement and Excellence Awards before the end of the year. A reminder that only awards from 2016 contribute to the earning of these special awards.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

The return date for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes has been extended until 9<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to those families who have been able to support this initiative.

### **Sun Hour**

A reminder that the Sun Hour Pledge is coming to a close. Remember to log onto the Golden Circle Website and log the hours you have put your screens down and gone outdoors.

### **School Banking**

If you would like to redeem your reward before the end of term please bring your redemption card by 5<sup>th</sup> December so it arrives before the end of the school year. The last day for banking is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Outstanding Invoices**

There are a number of families with outstanding invoices at present. These have been sent home in recent days and it is essential that these are paid promptly. With the new finance system being rolled out, the office is very busy and need these accounts finalised as soon as possible in order to make the transition smooth. Please contact Mrs Efstathiou or Mrs Simula if you are experiencing financial hardship or if there are errors.

### **Sports Reports**

#### *Non PSSA*

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, School Sport played T-Ball. Everyone played very well. Every single person was ready when fielding and hitting far when batting. All players have greatly improved in every aspect of the game and are eager to play T-Ball. Everyone was fielding well, ensuring their foot was on a base, ready to attempt to get batters out. Everyones' batting has also improved considerably. It has been a difficult choice for this week's sports award so everyone is getting the award because of the huge effort and amazing improvement.

#### *Girls Basketball*

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November the Wonnie girls played Sutherland North. Our team played very well although we lost 20-0. Emma L was free constantly and Tahmea had some great attempts at goal. We would like to say a special thank you to Jessica B and Mia for stepping in with so many of our girls out at Schools Spectacular. Girl of the Game goes to Jessica B for never giving up. Great season girls and thank you to Mr Wann.

#### *Boys Basketball*

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November the Wonnie boys played Sutherland North. We lost 56-8. We all tried our best. Harley and Koby shot two baskets each and Man of the Match goes to Harley. Congratulations boys on a great season and thanks to Mr Wann for coaching us.

**Awards**

**Congratulations ... Achievement Awards**

- KCH Macey
- 1W Cooper, Daniel
- 2T Lyra
- 3/4B Claire, Jessica, Iyla, Alexi, Isabella, Wil, Bridey, Byron
- 5/6W Chanelle, Oscar, Harley

**Excellence Awards**

- Lucy, Fraser, Logan, Ella, Scout

**Canteen news**

Volunteers this fortnight

	Monday	Friday
2 <sup>nd</sup> December		Vanessa Finch Paulette Williams
5 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Rachel Wax	Toni Maxwell Tony & Carol Allen
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Danielle Eizenberg	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL NO CANTEEN</b>

As we are coming to the end of the year, the canteen is running down stock and will not be replacing items as they run out. If your child's first choice is not available they will be offered alternatives to ensure they have a healthy lunch.

**Combined Scripture**



Activities

We have been getting into the Christmas spirit at B&A making ornaments and Christmas cards. Christmas activities will continue to the end of term.

Next Tuesday afternoon Abbey is organising a Toy

