



The River News

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IMPORTANT DATES – TERM 1

Week 10

Thursday 30 March	SSSMF Senior Choir Rehearsal
Friday 31 March	Eggshibition
	Junior Choir Day Bonnet Bay

Week 11

Monday 3 April	1C Assembly Hat making
Tuesday 4 April	B&A Meeting 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 5 April	ET Shield Easter Hat Parade 2.00pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 6 April	Peer Support Training Stewart House Bag collection
Friday 7 April	Peer Support Training

Happy Birthday WRPS

Our school is turning 75 this year and plans are afoot for celebrations in August. If you or someone you know have old photographs or memorabilia that you would be prepared to loan to the school, please contact Mrs Simula.



Why is Literacy important?

The study of English is important to the learning and development of all young Australians. It helps create confident communicators, imaginative thinkers and informed citizens. It is through the study of English that individuals learn to analyse, understand, communicate and build relationships with others and with the world around them. The study of English plays a key role in the development of reading and literacy skills which help young people develop the knowledge and skills needed for education, training and the workplace. It helps them become ethical, thoughtful, informed and active members of society. English also helps students to engage imaginatively and critically with literature to expand the scope of their experience. (Excerpt from *australiancurriculum.edu.au*)

The aim of English in Years K – 10 is to enable students to understand and use language effectively, appreciate, reflect on and enjoy the English language and to make meaning in ways that are imaginative, creative, interpretive, critical and powerful. (NSW K – 10 English Syllabus)

WRPS staff develop their teaching and learning programs to meet the needs of students from our school's scope of sequence. The scope and sequence of knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes, outcomes and content was developed in late 2013 during the pre-implementation stage of the NSW K – 10 English Syllabus.

An information session about how parents can help their children with literacy skills will be held in early Term 2.

Facebook

Our official Woronora River Public School Facebook page is now live. Please read our rules of engagement on the pinned post on our page. Head to the Australian Government's eSafety office (www.esafety.gov.au) to learn more about online privacy.

Leadership by the River

We are very proud of four school leaders who represented our school at the inaugural Leadership by the River workshop. They presented information about leadership in our school and have come back with some fantastic initiatives to implement at WRPS. Mr Westwood accompanied the students and commented very positively on their enthusiasm and commitment to the program.

Dance Auditions

Our dance auditions for The Schools Spectacular and Ultimo Dance Festival have been submitted and we are anxiously waiting to hear the results. Watch this space for updates. Thank you to Miss Jessica who has choreographed two very exciting dance routines for our students.

Stage 2 and 3 STEM

On Thursday 23 March, Year 3 – 6 did a STEM activity. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths. This time everyone had to make a vehicle that travelled 50cm. The hardest bit was making the wheels. We had a little booklet that we had to fill in as we went. We had 2 ½ hours to complete the activity. We were in groups of up to five. It was complicated to figure out the design. Some groups got a lot done. It was enjoyable and made us think about design.

Written by Matilda, Ava, Claire and Conrad

Ride to School Day

There were bicycles and scooters everywhere on March 17 as WRPS students participated in Ride to School Day. This day is an opportunity to remind students about safe riding practices and maintaining their bikes and



scooters in good working order. Thank you to Mrs Hitchenson for coordinating this event.

School Enrolments

Our enrolments are set to rise to 111 next term. This sees our school 2 students below the required enrolment for retaining the Assistant Principal position for 2018. The AP position is currently on review.

Sporting Events

The weather has impacted significantly on a number of sporting events in which the school has been involved over the last couple of weeks. As sporting grounds have been closed our sporting calendar has had many adjustments. PSSA trials were completed today. Thank you to Mr Westwood and Mr Livesey for their flexibility with the trial date changes. The ET Shield has been moved to April 5th. Jasper and Koby trialled for the Zone Rugby League teams last week. Both boys performed well on the day. Congratulations to Koby who has made it to the next qualifying round for the team. Best of luck.

Easter Events

Today was the last day for the Hot Cross Bun orders. Unfortunately no late orders are able to be accepted. Raffle tickets are due back to the school office by Friday 31st March. Students in Kinder to Year 2 are asked to bring in Easter hat making materials by next Monday. These students will be making their Easter hats at school for the parade with the assistance of older students. The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Wednesday 5th April at 2pm. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the parade.



School Development Day

WRPS has re-scheduled one of the Term 4 School Development Days to Saturday, 29th April. Staff will be finalising the Geography and History scope and sequence and reviewing the current Mathematics scope and sequence.

Harmony Day

Thanks to Mrs Courtney and Mrs Webbey for a fabulous Harmony Day last Tuesday. Activities throughout the day addressed the theme of 'Everyone Belongs'. Students and staff looked great all dressed in orange.

Multimedia Space

Thank you to Mr Slye who assisted us in dismantling the Computer Lab in preparation for our multimedia space. We envisage the space to be where students are able to engage with a variety of technology, including film, to support learning outcomes across the curriculum. Also a huge thank you to our wonderful P&C for supporting this initiative.

Create South

A number of students from Years 4 to 6 auditioned for this year's Create South production. Students auditioned in the areas of dance, technology, visual art and drama. We have our fingers crossed for you.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Kindergarten, Year 6 and their cuddly friends enjoyed a picnic at school today. A lovely time was had by all.



Stewart House Bags

Thank you to all the families who have supported the Stewart House clothing collection so far. Bags are able to be dropped off at the school office until April 6th.

Peer Support Training

Stage 3 students will undertake Peer Support training on the last two days of this term. Students will learn about the program, the benefits of working collaboratively and leadership skills. Peer Support will be held next term on Thursdays.

Dancesport

We are excited to offer Dancesport as a co-curricular activity from next term for students in Years 3 to 6. Information regarding the Dancesport program was sent home last week. Students who

are interested need to return their permission slip and payment by the end of term.

Staff Changes

We welcome Mrs Claudia Marshall to the WRPS teaching staff. Mrs Marshall is our ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher and will be working with KWH for the remainder of this semester.

Stage 3 Camp

A reminder that the deposit required to secure a place for the Stage 3 overnight excursion to Canberra and The Snow is due to the school office by Monday 3rd April.

B&A Meeting

The next B&A meeting will be held next Tuesday from 6pm at the Centre. All welcome.

Karen Simula
Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

MONDAY	MID-WEEK COOKING	FRIDAY
	01/04/2017 Sarah	31/03/2017 Paulette Williams & Angela De Silva
03/04/2017 Karen Gock	03/04/2017 Karen	



07/04/2017

Shade Sail Sign

Dear parent community,

I wanted to write an acknowledgment of Singleton Moore signs in Kirrawee who have supported WRPS P&C fundraising events and projects in the past 12 months.

Singleton Moore signs printed the stunning "Paper Planes" posters that you saw throughout Woronora Valley at no charge.

This is just one of several pro bono tasks and donations Singleton Moore Signs have executed for WRPS P&C in the last year.

As President of WRPS P&C I urge our school community to support the local businesses that support our little school.

Does your business need premium signage?

Singleton Moore Signs has delivered over the years a number of exceptional projects that make our customers stand out from the crowd. Through signage design and implementation, we help our customers create their brand and grow it. The below link will give you a sneak peak of some of our latest projects, from national re-branding stories through to some outstanding small business signage projects.

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WRPS BASC Management Committee Meeting

Reminder that the next Management Committee Meeting will be held at B&A at 6pm on Tuesday 4th April 2017.

All parents (and children) are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Activities

The children have enjoyed making jewellery from our box of beads, and also enjoying time outside playing games and drawing with chalk. Drawing and Rubik's cube have continued to be popular.

For the last two weeks of term we will be offering a variety of Easter themed activities for the children.

If you have a particular activity that you would like us to explore, please feel free to add it to the suggestion box or "Comment Tree" or the children can write suggestions on the Children's Ideas board.

Week 10 (commencing Monday 27th March)

Planned Activities for this week

Easter Crafts

Afternoon Tea

Monday Sandwiches

Tuesday Pasta Napolitana

Wednesday Bread Cups

Thursday Veggie Sticks with Crackers and Dip

Friday Noodles

Week 11 (commencing Monday 3rd April)

Planned Activities for this week

Easter Cooking

Afternoon Tea

Monday Pasta Napolitana

Tuesday Sandwiches

Wednesday Sausages

Thursday Fruit with Custard and Yogurt

Friday Bread Cups



School Banking

The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1931, CommBank's School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new-look Dollarmites as Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park – a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

Encouraging savings habits with great rewards

School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we're introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to download and print this year's Rewards Card. On our website you'll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland

The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Return economy airfares from the winner's nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights' accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AU\$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Things you should know: Full terms and conditions found at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Australian residents aged 4–13 yrs only with parent/guardian permission. Must have CBA Youthsaver account and be participating in CBA's 'School Banking program'. Starts 23/1/17. Ends 11.59pm AEST 29/9/17. Max 1 entry/person. Draw: L3/11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12 pm AEDT 11/1/17. Winner in The Australian 17/10/17. Prize 1 x 5-night trip for 2 adults + 3 kids (aged 13 and under) to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AU\$22,855. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124, of Level 3C, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Permits: NSW LTPS/16/0/099, ACT IP16/01759, SA T16/1590.



New Technology Centre Opens

Gymea Technology High School

Gymea Technology High School's new Technology Centre has been officially opened by Eleni Petinos, MP, Member for Miranda.

The state of the art learning space, opened to staff and students last month, arguably provides the best technology facility in any New South Wales state high school.

The centre has been a school community driven project and has been designed and developed in a way that enables teachers across the school to engage students in learning through technology in creative and collaborative ways.

The centre has been designed to provide a flexible, contemporary space with access to innovative technologies for up to four classes simultaneously. These technologies include brand new Apple computers, robotics and 3D printers.

A virtual network lab, digital media facilities and drone technology are amongst the specialised equipment featured in the centre.

School Principal, Mr. Peter Marsh paid tribute to everyone involved in the project, saying: " Our students' achievements make us very proud but I am just as impressed with the deep affiliation and sense of connectedness they have with their school. We are all very lucky to enjoy such a wonderful group of young people working together in what I know to be a great school."

Families interested in having a look can book a school tour by contacting our office on 9521 3244. School tours will be held on Tuesday morning commencing at 9:00am and finishing at 9:30am.

