



The River News

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Important Dates – TERM 1

Week 6

Thursday 2 nd March	Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday 3 rd March	PSSA Clean Up Australia Day Frogonora Tutor Training

Week 7

Monday 6 th March	Care Focus-Respect 5/6W Assembly
Wednesday 8 th March	Hot Dog Day
Friday 10 th March	PSSA Drama Incursion

Week 8

Monday 13 th March	Care Focus-Encourage
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Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival was held last Thursday at Sutherland Leisure Centre. Congratulations to those students who competed in races. It was great to have sunshine for the duration of the carnival and to see the

sportsmanship and smiles that Woronora River is so well-known for. Our children were exceptionally well behaved and moved around the venue sensibly which was very pleasing. Our Swim Team will compete in the Sutherland Zone Swimming Carnival which will be held tomorrow at Engadine Leisure Centre. Congratulations to Ethan who broke several records, including one held by his father. Thank you to Mr Payne and Miss Jones for their assistance with starting and marshalling this year and also to those parents who assisted with timekeeping. Thank you to Mr Westwood for organising a terrific carnival.

Student Drop Off

Please be aware that the bus zone at the front of the school is not a drop off zone. It is unlawful to drop students in this area. The front of the school is very busy at drop off and pickup times and it is strongly recommended that parents park their vehicles legally and walk students to the front gate. Also please be mindful of the school's neighbours and not block access to their driveways.

Drama Incursion

Friday 10th March sees the students participating in a fun and exciting incursion when they will learn about sustainability issues. A note regarding this event was sent home today.

Schools Clean Up Day

Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools Clean Up Day. We will be holding our annual Schools Clean Up Day this Friday. Students will need to wear a hat and sunscreen and are encouraged to bring gloves and a bucket or plastic bag to collect rubbish in.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day (21st March) is a day to celebrate the cultural diversity of Australia. This year, we would like to invite parents and grandparents to share their family stories of why they moved to Australia.

Sharing our personal stories promotes empathy and understanding of other cultures. If you would like to speak with your child's class on Harmony Day please contact Mrs Simula.

NAPLAN

Naplan will be held for students in Year 3 and 5 in Term 2. The NAPLAN testing window is 9th – 11th May.

- 9th May – language conventions and writing
- 10th May – reading
- 11th May – numeracy

School Banking

School Banking resumed this week. School banking day is Tuesday of each week. The account opening afternoon was a success with a number of students opening their own savings accounts. Thank you to Mrs Moore who is continuing as our school banking coordinator.

Ukulele

Our Ukulele group continues to meet each Tuesday. Please remind all children to bring their instruments each Tuesday and to leave them in Room 9 for tuning at the beginning of the school day. Thank you to Mrs Begg who is continuing to supervise the group.

Mobile Phones

Students who bring a mobile phone to school are required to follow the school's mobile phone and other devices policy. Parents need to complete a form to indicate their child understands the policy. Forms are available on request from the school office and on the school's website.

Late Arrivals/ Early Departures

Please ensure you stop off at the office to complete late arrival and early departure slips. Late arrival slips are needed for any arrival after the morning bell. Please note that 'late' as a reason will be marked as 'unjustified' in the roll. Family holidays no longer qualify for an exemption. These absences will now be recorded as 'Leave' and will count in students' attendance tallies. Please contact Mrs Simula if you are intending to take an extended vacation of more than 5 school days.

Activity Payments

PSSA, incursions and excursions support the curriculum content taught in classes. These activities are selected to support and extend your child's learning. Many extra-curricular activities are provided by the staff at WRPS some of which incur a cost to families. Payment for these activities is appreciated by the due date. Where payment has not been received for these activities by the due date, students will be unable to participate. Please speak with the office staff or Mrs Simula if you are experiencing financial difficulties.

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Karen Simula
Principal

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WRPS BASC Management Committee AGM

The Woronora River PS Before and After School Care Centre Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 28th February at 6pm in the B&A Centre. It was great to see so many new faces at the meeting.

The Management Committee is the Approved Provider of our Before and After School Care service. The Committee for 2017 is:

President: Rachel Moore

Secretary: Elethea Young

Treasurer: Samantha Burton

Public Officer: Mathew Burton

Ordinary Members: Sarah Ballantyne, Morgana Harris, Natalie Doble, Lisa Lindbeck

Activities

The children have enjoyed plenty of outside play in the last few weeks. Inside we have had fun with pom poms and pipe cleaners, plaster painting, and attempting to make rubber band balls.

This week we will be offering a variety of wool and felt for the children to create with, and next week we will be making slime.

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".

Week 6 (commencing Monday 27th February)

Planned Activities for this week

Wool and Felt Crafts

Afternoon Tea

Monday Fruit with Custard and Yogurt

Tuesday Pasta Napolitana

Wednesday Bread Cups

Thursday Sandwiches

Friday Veggie Sticks with Crackers and Dip

Week 7 (commencing Monday 6th March)

Planned Activities for this week

Making Slime

Afternoon Tea

Monday Sandwiches

Tuesday Sausages

Wednesday Wraps

Thursday Pasta Napolitana

Friday Fruit with Custard and Yogurt

