Hello again everyone,
At Woonona East PS, our students benefit from the fantastic support of our parents and others within the community. Whether in the classroom, at community days and fun days, for fundraising, at parent days, for special services and ceremonies, in the canteen or at P&C, it is always great to have adults around, working together with the staff and students of the school. There are so many people who spend hours and hours, in various ways, for the students of Woonona East.

Every time you help your child with his/her homework or home reading, every time you complete permission notes and return them on time, every time you support the fundraising or come to one of our special events - you are supporting our school and your children.

Being an active part of the community team at WEPS means that you know and see what is happening in the school, you have the opportunity to meet other parents and community members, you have the opportunity to learn new skills for yourself, you get to know and support the staff who are teaching your children and you help promote the general principles of education.

2012 was a great year of team work at WEPS and it is once again time for our P&C Annual General Meeting. While we have a strong and committed P&C core committee at present, there is always room for 'new blood'. The P&C consists of both executive and non-executive members.

So come and join us at our first P&C meeting for 2013 next Tuesday night at 7:00pm in the staffroom. It costs only $2 to be a member.

Enjoy your week,

Sharyn Liddle
Principal
Woonona High School Open Night Monday 11th March
Are you considering Woonona High School as your choice of secondary school? If so, come to our Open Evening and discover the exceptional and innovative educational opportunities available at our school. Take a tour of our school, speak to staff, students and parents and enjoy sample lessons, activities and demonstrations.

Date: Monday, 11th March 2013
Time: 6:30-8:30pm (arrive 6:15pm for 6:30pm start in WHS hall)
Location: Woonona High School
We look forward to meeting you and discussing your child’s educational future.

Woonona High School Enrichment Class Test
Woonona High School will again offer an enrichment class in Year 7 next year. The assessment for entry to the class will be held on Wednesday 27th March at the high school beginning at 9:00am and finishing at 11:30. Year 6 students have received a note with the details. Please contact the High School for further information if required on 42831623.

Parent Volunteers, Working With Children Checks and 100 Points of Identity.
The school year is now underway and we are asking parents to volunteer as classroom helpers, reading tutors, canteen and uniform shop helpers, P&C members etc. Your assistance at school is greatly appreciated and helps to create the positive community spirit that our school is well known for.
In August 2011, revised guidelines were introduced by the Department of Education and Communities in relation to volunteers in schools. Volunteers must now provide 100 points of identity proof as well as complete the usual Declaration on a yearly basis.
Forms are available at the office and at next week’s P&C meeting. The office staff will copy and sign off your information. Personal information will of course be kept confidential. This is a legal requirement of all NSW Public Schools with the primary purpose of keeping our children safe. If you have any questions, Mrs Liddle can be contacted at school on 42841472.

Annual School Report and 2013 School Plan
Our Annual School Report and School Plan are available for parents to view on our school website at www.woononaest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Approaching Your School
From time to time you may need to contact the Principal, school office or your child’s teacher. Please find enclosed a copy of our Approaching Your School Policy which will assist in helping you to determine the best person to assist you. Teachers are happy to organise a mutually convenient interview time should it be required. Please see your teacher to arrange a time, leave a message at the office or send a note and they will get back to you.

Parent Volunteers Needed – Running Club
The Cross Country Carnival is coming up on Friday 5th April. If you are able to assist in supervising students to train for the cross country between 8:30 and 9:00am please see Mrs Harris-Cross.

Be on The Lookout For Head Lice
Warm, humid weather often sees the outbreak of head lice in schools and it may be necessary to check your child’s head on a daily basis for lice or eggs. To assist in deterring head lice please ensure that long hair is tied up and back. Hair products such as hairspray and gel may also help to deter these pests and there are sprays that can be purchased at the chemist. If you notice lice/eggs in your child’s hair these should be treated promptly using either a product specifically for this purpose from the chemist or by covering the hair with conditioner and then combing through with a fine-toothed metal nit comb. Vigilance and retreatment will usually alleviate the problem. Instructions for treatment can be accessed at /www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/pages/default.aspx

CHIME Program Expressions of Interest
Could Kinder and Stage 1 parents please return the blue Expression of Interest notes by next Monday for discussion at next week’s P&C meeting.

Scripture and Ethics Classes Begin Next Tuesday
Thank you to our scripture and ethics volunteers who will begin working in our school next Tuesday afternoon. This year we will have scripture on offer across all grades and ethics classes running in Stages 2 and 3. Arrangements will also be made for students whose parents have chosen a non-scripture option.

Year 6 Farewell Committee Meeting
We are having another meeting this evening at 7.30pm at Woonona Bowling Club, Greta Street, Woonona. We have had several meetings and at this stage the committee is thinking of asking parents to contribute towards their child’s Yr 6 Farewell, rather than fundraising. Please come along to the
next meeting and be a part of the committee. Hope to see you there.
If you are unable to make the meeting and would like to be a part of the committee, please do not hesitate to contact me on wepsyr62013@live.com.au, to pass on your ideas and if you have any questions.
I would like to be able to correspond with all parents with a child in Year 6, to keep you updated on what directions the committee is taking, what decisions have been made in regards to the farewell and the money that is required to have the farewell. For me to be able to do this, I ask that you send an email to wepsyr62013@live.com.au, so that I am able to get your contact details.
Being a part of this committee will be fun for parents and you are invited to make the Yr 6 Farewell the best it can be for the children. Regards, Lara Demito

Interrelate - Sexuality and Relationship Education for Families.
On Wednesday 20th March Interrelate Family Centres will be running two evening information sessions for parents and their children in the hall. A flyer is enclosed explaining all the details. Please finalise payments by Friday 15th March.

Friday 22nd March is Ride, Scoot or Walk to School Day
Put this date on your calendar. All students who walk, ride or scoot to school receive a special sticker. Look out for more info in coming newsletters.

Uniform Information
New stock will arrive Wednesday/Thursday this week.

SRC Fundraiser
The SRC is having a Fundraiser. Please support Stewart House and buy a high bounce ball. These popular high bounce handballs are light weight and perfect for fun in the playground while supporting Stewart House at the same time. These handballs will cost $3 each. Orders will be taken by Eammon and Harry (SRC Reps)

Kids’ Café
I am in the process of drawing up next term’s roster. If you are able to assist in the canteen next term please give me a call (see below). I especially need volunteers for Wednesday. Volunteers are also needed to keep the canteen open this term. If you can help out please contact Sharon Clements 0438 796 656

Canteen Roster
The canteen is open on Friday between 1-2pm for OVER THE COUNTER SALES ONLY.
Mon 4/3 - CLOSED
Tues 5/3 – Kristy Barney, Lindi Jones, Debbie Ephramis
Wed 6/3 – Peta Dignam, Natarlie McDougal
Thurs 7/3 – Nicole Allen, Allaie Corrigan
Fri 8/3 – Michelle Bergamini, Carmen Van Duin
Mon 11/3 – CLOSED
Tues 12/3 – Jackie Overton, Vacey Usher, Clare Morgan
Wed 13/3 – Julee Brienen, Trinette Louys
Thurs 14/3 – Tina Buecher, Shay
Fri 15/3 – Belinda Arnold, Susan Wallis

Community News

POINT TO POINT OCEAN SWIM 2013

Sunday 17th March 2013 @ 10am

Prizes for Age Categories
Come and join our ocean swim from Waniora Point to Sandon Point Surf Club.

Online registrations at www.oceanswims.com.au

All enquiries:– oceanswim@sandonpointsurfclub.org.au or Scott Lunney 0438 531 020

Mums Running Group
Come join in for some friendly exercise without obligation, contracts, joining fees and all that! No experience necessary.
No distance demands.
Go at your own pace or can walk if like.
Meeting 9.15am @ ‘One on Park’
Starting Friday 15th March
Most importantly it’s FREE!
If interested come see or speak to Carmen Van Duin (Coordinator) on 0412 970 011
Bulli Junior Soccer Club
Limited places available in the following age groups:
Under 6, Under 7, Under 9, Under 10, Under 12

Please contact Sean – bjscregistrar@gmail.com or Michelle 0401 268 801 for more information.

Community Market & Car Boot Sale
Hope Market
Sat 16th March
10am till 1pm
Bulli Anglican Church
66 Park Road, Bulli
(opposite railway station)
If you would like to book a stall, contact the church on 4284 3021 or email bullianglican@bigpond.com
A compassionate project supporting sustainable farming and education in Tonga.

Drum Lessons
Want to try something new? Drumming is a great way to get creative AND relieve stress.
Students are taught according to their needs and goals, focusing on rudiments, co-ordination, control, reading and application to live playing situations.

First lesson is free!
Competitive prices
Limited spaces available (Mon/Wed)
Call Nigel Hilton
0412 049 048

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Independent, objective advice that may enable you to find a better, cheaper and more effective home loan package to suit you and your own individual circumstances. Most types of finance available. Conditions apply

Let us take the stress out of organising a loan that best suits you. Make your life easier and support your school. Simply mention that your enquiry is a result of the WEPS Newsletter.

Every settled loan from a friend of WEPS will generate a donation back to the school in appreciation and support.