Hello again everyone,

The P&C are wonderful supporters of our school and have helped provide thousands of dollars in additional resources for the children through their fundraising efforts.

The first activity for 2013 will be It's A Knockout! on Friday 22nd March running from 11:00-1:00.

This will be a session of fun, action-packed activities run along similar lines to last year's Olympathon with all students involved in K-6 groups led by Stage 3 student leaders.

This year students will be grouped into community organisations such as doctors and nurses, firemen, RSPCA, Navy, Army and so on similar to the format of TV's It's a Knockout!

Activities will include physical challenges such as sack races, gumboot relays and commando crawls as well as other fun activities such as paper plane targets and 'body-part scrabble'. There will be something for everyone.

A barbecue will be run at lunchtime and the canteen will be open to buy drinks and other items.

Students will be asked to seek sponsorship from family members to complete all ten activities in the Knockout challenge.

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of the final four interactive boards for use in classrooms.

Students will receive a note today containing all the details of the day and their sponsor sheet.

Please see over for details and a message from our P&C President.

Sharyn Liddle
Principal
'It's A Knockout! P&C Fundraiser
After the success of last year's Olympathon, WEPS are hosting their own version of "It's a Knockout!". An afternoon of fun and excitement, designed to be different, and encouraging teamwork and community spirit. It will be held on Friday afternoon, 22nd of March (school time). Each event is based on a group that provides for our community such as the Surf Club, Fire Brigade, Police, Army etc. Guess which event is for which group!
Students are encouraged to gain sponsorship for having a go at each event. All proceeds will be put towards purchasing 4 more smart boards to ensure each student has access to one.
Show your support by helping out on the day, no preparation required! We need at least 30 parent helpers so contact Renee (williamsrenee@optusnet.com.au or 0431458798) or Shay (shay.macpherson@bluescopesteel.com or 0488379001).

Woonona IGA Thank You!
Many thanks to our generous sponsors, the Woonona IGA store who presented us with a cheque for over $500 at last week's assembly. This will be put towards the interactive whiteboard fund to get our fundraising off to a running start this year. Each week 'community chest' items are listed in the IGA catalogue. By purchasing any of these items you can earn points for our school which then translate into a cash donation. You can help support our school by shopping at Woonona IGA and letting them know that you would like your 'points' to be directed to WEPS.

Year 6 Farewell Committee News
The Year 6 Farewell Committee, had its first meeting on 4 March, 2013. It was a fun get together.
The next meeting will be on 27 March, 2013 at 7.00pm, Woonona Bowling Club. Hope to see more of you there.
Any ideas, comments or suggestions can be emailed to wepsyr62013@live.com.au.
Thanks you to the parents who have already forwarded their contact details, but again, we 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 us to be able to do this, we ask that you send an email to wepsyr62013@live.com.au, so that we are able to get your contact details.

Running Club – Prepare For the Upcoming Cross Country!
The school cross country carnival will be held on Friday 5th April. Interested students are invited to join the ‘running club’ on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on the oval. Please meet at the big oval gate opposite Mrs Hearn’s room.

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)

Attention All Musicians and Band Members – The MEGA BAND Is On Again!
Attention all musicians and band members: You are all invited to join the Megaband and jam with James Morrison on April 5th. The Megaband is made up of young musicians from all around the Illawarra and beyond that gets together once per year. The event is hosted by the Wollongong Conservatorium, and this year students will get to play with famous trumpet player James Morrison and his brother John Morrison on drums. For more information and registration go online to www.wollcon.com.au/megaband See Mrs Liddle for a flyer.

Woonona High School Open Night Monday 11th March
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.
University of NSW Academic Competitions
Students from Years 2 to 6 will have the
opportunity to sit for the University of NSW ICAS tests again this year. For the first time Year 2 students will be able to participate in the English and Mathematics assessments.

Sitting dates and costs for each assessment are listed below.

Children received permission notes last week and copies are available from the office.

Parents can prepare for the tests if they wish by accessing the online resources at www.eoa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation.

Parent Volunteers, Working With Children Checks and 100 Points of Identity.
Thank you to all the parents who have already renewed their forms and provided their proof of identity for this school year. 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 tomorrow night’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.

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.

Students with the primary purpose of keeping our information will of course be kept confidential.

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.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last Thursday’s assembly.

KB - Abigail I. for settling well into Kindergarten.
KB - Kai M. for settling well into Kindergarten.
KB - Noah W. for settling well into Kindergarten.
KT - Jorja S. for settling in well to Kinder.
KT - Hayley A. for settling in well to Kinder.
KT - Lachie M. for settling in well to Kinder.
1/2C - Claudia R. for great work in Maths.
1/2C - Nicholas M. for consistent effort in all areas.
1/2C - Henry H. for creating an outstanding environmental poster.
1/2L - Cara B. for fabulous writing.
1/2L - Dakota S. for great effort in class.
1/2L - Lewis S. for excellent bookwork.
2M - Joshua A. for great work in Reading Groups.
2M - Ellie B. for excellent effort in all areas.
2M - BJ R. for excellent effort in all areas.
3/4H - Summer S. for always striving to do her best.
3/4H - Alexander S. for superb focus in all tasks.
3/4H - Tahlia G. for always working quietly, quickly and accurately.
3/4P - Joel M. for excellent listening skills
3/4P - Kasey B. for being an enthusiastic learner.
3/4P - Dylan G. for being a helpful, caring and hardworking class leader.
3/4S - Nic B. for making a great start in Stage 2.
3/4S - Joseph P. for his application to school work despite a broken arm.
3/4S - Torey C. for his application in Maths groups.
5/6C - Ruby T. for beautiful bookwork & presentation.
5/6C - Kyra L. for great listening skills & always following directions.
5/6C - Fletcher J. n for his positive ‘can do’ attitude in all areas.
5/6E - Kyel B. for excellent participation and results in online learning.
5/6E - Majenta C. for outstanding application and effort across all subjects.
5/6E - Cooper W. for exceptional academic results and discussion involvement.
5/6H - Tamsyn B. for success in Spelling.
5/6H - Ryan F. for being well organised balancing sport & work commitments.
5/6H - Jade B. for consistent effort.

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\text{Computer} & 3-6 & \text{Tuesday 21st May} & \$8 \\
\text{Skills} & 3-6 & \text{Wednesday 5th June} & \$8 \\
\text{Science} & 3-6 & \text{Monday 17th June} & \$17 \\
\text{Writing} & 3-6 & \text{Tuesday 18th June} & \$11 \\
\text{Spelling} & 3-6 & \text{Wednesday 21st June} & \$8 \\
\text{English} & 2-6 & \text{Tuesday 31st July} & \$8 \\
\text{Mathematics} & 2-6 & \text{Tuesday 13th August} & \$8 \\
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Library Awards
1/2C – Layne M. for being an “Ooey Dewey” champion.
2M – Claire W. for regular borrowing & her effort with library activities.
3/4P – Casey W. for completing quality work in the library.

Book Club
Thank you so much to the families who ordered books through the first issue of book club for 2013. Through your purchases we managed to order new books for the library to the value of $199.00. Thanks also to all the students who have already returned their blue bags to the office.
A big thank you to the lovely people who folded this issues magazines!
There are eight or nine issues of Scholastic book club each year. Generally two issues a term. Magazines for the second issue for 2013 go home this afternoon. Please note all orders are to be back in the office by MONDAY 18th MARCH. Unfortunately we are no longer able to process late orders.
There are some great books in this issue for both emerging and advanced readers.
Don’t forget, if you ever want to order a surprise for your child just pop a note in with your order and we will leave your books in the office for collection.
Happy browsing.
The Book Club Team – Ann, Belinda and Linda

Uniform Shop
All orders have been processed.
Any outstanding orders please pay at the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Kids’ Café
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
Mon 18/3 – CLOSED
Tues 19/3 – Amanda Gritpton, Christie McLeish
Wed 20/3 – Sharon & Kylie
Thurs 21/3 – Renee Williams, Allaine Corrigan
Fri 22/3 – Nicole Allen, Trinette Louys

Community News
Mums Running Group
Well done to the keen early starters last week! We had runners, walkers & some did a bit of both.

Most surprised themselves!
A reminder we will be meeting again
Friday 15th March @ ‘One On Park’ 9.15am
Pull out the shoes and see how you go!
No experience necessary.
No expectations made.
This is a group based on motivation & support.
Bring a pram if you like.
Carmen Van Duin 0412 970 011

POINT TO POINT OCEAN SWIM 2013
Sunday 17th March 2013 @ 10am
Prizes for Age Categories
Come and join our ocean swim from Waniota Point to Sandon Point Surf Club.
Online registrations at www.oceanswims.com.au

Warehouse Book Sale
50 to 90% off EVERYTHING!
Thursday 14th March -8am to 5.30pm
Wollongong City Surf Life Saving Club
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