Hello again,

There certainly is a lot going on in our school at the moment and I can’t remember a first term that has been so busy!

The newly elected P&C are busy organising a range of events, the first being the It’s a Knockout Fundraiser this Friday. Come along between 11 and 1 to be part of the action. We still need lots of parents to help with activities so if you can help, give Renee or Shay a ring (information over).

It’s not just busy at the school level either. Education is a hot topic at the moment both at the Federal level via the ‘I Give a Gonski’ campaign upon which the future funding of Australian schools will be decided and at a state level via the ‘Local School Local Decisions’ agenda which is already underway. Under this program NSW Public Schools will undergo significant changes in the way that they are funded and managed and there will be new content and new ways of teaching it to students as the NSW Syllabuses for the Australian Curriculum are rolled out over the next four years.

WEPS will begin with the implementation of the new English syllabus in 2014 and teachers will be involved in in-depth professional learning in preparation for the changeover.

In 2014 while implementing English we will be preparing for the implementation of Maths and Science in 2015 and History the year after. Very busy times seem set to continue!

On another note, the My School website went live on Wednesday last week. It contains some interesting information about our school including academic results and financial data. You can access this site at www.myschool.edu.au/.

Have a great week everyone,

Sharyn Liddle
Principal
**'It's A Knockout! This Friday 11:00-1:00**

This Friday you are invited to come along and join in an afternoon of fun and excitement, designed to be different, and encouraging teamwork and community spirit. The 'It's a Knockout! Fundraiser will be held between 11:00 and 1:00 so come along and join in the fun with your children. Students are encouraged to gain sponsorship for having a go at each event. All proceeds will be put towards purchasing four more interactive boards to ensure all WEPS students have access to one. The children will all receive notes today recording which group they will be in on Friday. They can wear a special hat, coloured/printed shirt or costume on the day if they wish, representative of their particular community organisation.

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).

**Friday Sausage Sizzle Orders Now Due**

Orders for sausage sizzles on Friday after the Knockout are now due. Please place in the office box. There will also be extra sausages available for purchase on the day along with drinks and snacks from the canteen.

**Interrelate - Sexuality and Relationship Education for Families.**

This Wednesday 20th March Interrelate Family Centres will be running two evening information sessions for parents and their children in the hall. There are still spaces available. Please ring the office for details.

**Thank You For the Easter Egg Donations!!**

Just a reminder to get your Easter egg donations in to your classrooms. Each class has a special box for their donations. These will be used to make up the prizes for the Easter raffle.

Remember we are raising money for more interactive boards so that each class can have its own!!

Every donation, every raffle ticket sold and Hot Cross Bun ordered will make a difference. Extra raffle ticket booklets are available at the Office.

Please have your donations and raffle tickets back to school by March 25th. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the Easter Hat Parade to be held starting at 2:00 on Thursday 28th March.

Hot Cross Bun orders and payment are due back 18th March.

Stage colouring competition entries to win a box of Cadbury Favourites can be returned to the Office. Thank you for your support!!

**Easter Hat Parade**

This very popular annual event will be held on Thursday 28th March starting at 2:00pm under the COLA. As this is our normal K-6 assembly time we will give out class and Principal's awards before the parade. Now is the time to get creative with the kids and come up with the wildest, whackiest and most colourful hat you can! The raffle will be drawn after the parade.

**Cross Country Helpers Needed**

The school cross country carnival will be held on Friday 5th April beginning at 11:00. If you are able to lend a hand on the day please see Mrs Harris Cross this week.

**Parking In Corinda Road**

Please be reminded that there is restricted parking during the morning and afternoon periods in the cul-de-sac outside the school gates. If you are parked here at 8:00am or 3:00pm then you are parked illegally and even if you are in the car it will cost you a hefty fine if the traffic marshals pay a visit. They are now active in the local area. 'No Parking' areas around schools are there for a reason - to protect our precious children! Do not park in these zones during the restricted hours.

**Lost Property**

There are now two large tubs on the COLA stage where lost property will be placed. Please check here regularly for lost clothing, lunchboxes, drink bottles etc.

**P&C News**

Last Tuesday we held our AGM for 2013. The Executive Positions were declared vacant and then made open for people to nominate.

The 2013 Executive are as follows:

- President – Shay Macpherson
- Vice President – Vacey Usher
- Vice President – Ann Burbrook
- Treasurer – Janine McGuinness
- Secretary – Tina Buecher
- Uniform Shop Co-ordinator – Renee Williams
- Uniform Shop Treasurer – Janine McGuinness
- Canteen Co-ordinator – Sharon Clements
- Canteen Treasurer – Lara Demito

Please note all information is subject to change.
Fundraising Co-ordinator – Shay Macpherson
Following our AGM we held our general meeting for March.
We discussed a variety of items including our fundraising calendar, results from our Parent Survey, ChiME music program, and the commencement of Ethics classes.
‘Working with Children Check for School Volunteers’ forms were also distributed and are available from the office for anyone else who volunteers at WEPS. This has to be renewed every year.
It was decided that our April 9th meeting will be held in the School library at 7pm. Remember it’s only $2 to join if you would like your vote to count!!
Also please be aware that if a form is attached to a School or P&C email and you’re unable to print it, a paper copy is available from the School Office.
Enjoy your week,
Tina

P&C Supporting Our Students Participation in Sport
Many thanks to our P&C for their generous payment of the PSSA Sport Levy of $1115. This allows our students to participate in district carnivals and trials, pays for teachers to be released to organise and run these events for North Wollongong District and contributes towards the cost of ground fees. This is just one way that the P&C works to support our students at WEPS.

P&C/Class ‘Link’ Parents
We are looking for parents to act as a ‘link’ between the P&C and each class. These parents would let their class know when special events or initiatives were happening and help promote the events with their class. If you think this could be a job for you please speak with your class teacher.

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.
The canteen will be open for purchases on the day. If you are able to donate a cake, slice or cupcakes to sell on the day, please see Sharon Clements or ring on 0438796656. Thank you in anticipation!

CHIME
Thanks to the 68 Stage 1/Early Stage 1 parents who returned their blue EOI slips regarding the CHIME program. We need everyone to give their opinion before a judgement can be made so if you haven’t done so already please complete and return the slip which your child will bring home today. Thank you.

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. For more information and registration go online to www.wollcon.com.au/megaband.

Woonona High School Enrichment Class Test
The assessment for entry to the enrichment 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.

Scripture
Scripture has begun for the year. Religious Education teachers are teaching classes from Kindergarten to Year 6.
Easter is a most significant time of the year for Christians. To celebrate Easter there will be a Scripture Assembly at 9am on March 26th in the school assembly hall.
Quiz Worx will be present with their puppets. They will bring an entertaining, fun Easter message of Jesus’ love shown through his death and resurrection. We would invite parents to be present at this Scripture Assembly.
Scripture Teachers
Mrs Dubowec, Mrs Keers, Mrs Marrott, Mrs Miller, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Sharman and Mrs Webb.

Uniform Shop News
All orders that have been placed for the mint polo’s are in. Please collect as soon as possible. Thank you.

Kids’ Café
Kids’ Café always needs volunteers to help keep this valued service operating in our school. If you can help on any day next term please give Sharon Clements a ring on 0438 796 656.
**Canteen Roster**

Mon 18/3 - CLOSED
Tues 19/3 - Amanda Gripton, Christie McLeish
Wed 20/3 - Sharon & Kylie
Thurs 21/3 - Renee Williams, Alaine Corrigan
Fri 22/3 - Nicole Allen, Trinette Louys
Mon 25/3 - CLOSED
Tues 26/3 - CLOSED NO VOLUNTEERS
Wed 27/3 - CLOSED NO VOLUNTEERS
Thurs 28/3 - Kylie B, Simone Bruckner
**EASTER HAT PARADE**
Fri 29/3 - GOOD FRIDAY

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**Community News**

**Mums Running Group**

Never too late to start!

Don’t be afraid of the ‘Run’ word & come join in.

We cater for all levels.

Fridays 9.15am @ ‘One on Park’

Don’t be shy & give it a try!

Will be back in time for ‘Knockout’ this week too.

Carmen Van Duin 0412 970 011

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**Northern Illawarra Uniting Church**

Corner of Point Street and Princes Hwy, Bulli

**Together @6**

Friday 22nd March 6-8pm

**Easter Celebration – featuring**

Steve Chard and his puppets

Games, dinner, Easter Craft & Easter Egg Hunt

Come along & join in the fun!

ALL WELCOME

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**Avoiding traffic congestion around the school**

- Allocate enough time to get your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
- Always observe the parking signs outside the school. They are designed to keep children safe.
- **NEVER PARK ILLEGALLY:**
  - In the school driveway.
  - On or near the school crossing.
  - In the school bus bay.
  - In the ‘NO PARKING’ zone.
- **NEVER DOUBLE PARK:**
  - Blocks the vision of other drivers.
  - Forces children onto the road.
  - Obstructs the flow of traffic.

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**Offence and penalty when committed in an operating school zone**

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*These values are for provisional drivers and are doubled during designated holiday/long weekend periods.*

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**Move Ahead with Street Sense** is a road safety education program delivered as part of the PDHPE program in all NSW primary schools.