



NEWSLETTER

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Industrial Action

Following the industrial action taken by teachers last Friday I would like to warn parents that there could be more stop-work meetings to come. I would ask all parents of children in public schools (or all who care about public schools) to support teachers in their current campaign. We hate industrial action as much as you but we have the long term interest of your

children in mind. This is not about us. The government's new policies have already taken specialist teachers from our schools. There is no longer funding available for children with mental illness (anxiety, depressions, emotional problems) or for children with autism and Asperger's. Specialist behaviour and reading teachers positions have gone. We will now

have to 'head hunt' each one. The permanency of new teachers is also under attack - how will we get people to enter the profession?

This is too serious to ignore and the government will only paint a glossy picture in the media. Please consider the other side, teachers do not ruffle feathers for no reason. Children and their education and needs are our first priority. Please support us.

District Cross Country

Last Friday was our district cross country at Wollondilly PS and the weather could not have been nicer. The sun was just warm enough for the spectators yet the day wasn't too hot for the competitors. All our students did a terrific job and they came away with these results:

8/9 years

Jaiden M	41st
Sebastian L	60th
10 years	
Adonis K	41st
Liam M	46th
Emma dR	39th
Tanisha W	45th
Emily C	46th

11 years

Jacob B	24th
Damien H	26th
Temia H	35th

12/13 years

Michelle dR	18th
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A very big thank you to Mrs Deb Headland for washing the shirts and also to Ms Chantelle Williams for collecting them from the runners.

Returned Student

We have been fortunate enough to have a previous student return to us to complete a work experience. Samantha Brown who finished year six here in 2008. Sam

has been working with all students across both classes. Sam, it has been an absolute pleasure having you here, we hope you've enjoyed your time.



School Calendar

- **Wednesday 30th May** - GCoPS Mass Choir rehearsal at GNPS for 3-6
- **2nd and 3rd June** - Nit Buster Weekend
- **Wednesday 6th June** - Year 5 & 6 Soccer Gala Day at Cook Bundoon

• **Monday 18th June** - P&C AGM in the library @ 3:30

• **Wednesday 20th June** - Posters and flags for the CWA day are due back at school

• **Wednesday 27th June** - CWA International Day



Participation



Responsibility



Respect

Mixed Bag

Several of our students went in to Hudson Park yesterday for the District Athletics Carnival. We will have to wait for the results to be sent out to us before I can put them all in the newsletter. Mr McCartney and I spent the day learning how to run the carnival so that we can host it next year.

As some of you may know, Miss Vaughan will be leaving us in two weeks time to travel and teach in Europe for a while (although we know that once they've seen her we won't get her back!).

Thank you to the families who have paid school fees so far this year. Your contribution is most appreciated and goes towards paying for things like books, pencils, etc. as well as going towards buses for excursions.

Before you start to panic that the information about the CWA poster competition is new to you and your child/ren that is because this is the first mention in the newsletter and students will be given more information as of Monday. There is still a month to complete this work and as usual, only students who take part in the competition will be

allowed to attend the day of fun and information put on by the ladies from the local CWA. PS. Our country of study is Timor Leste.

Coming up next week is our first rehearsal for the GCoPS Concert. Students will be getting their own copy of the music on a CD tomorrow as well as words to take home and practice the songs with.

We will be holding a Nit Buster Weekend the first weekend in June. We ask that all families take part to ensure we can get rid of the nits once and for all.

Items of Interest

Kids' winter camps

Bookings are now open for Kids' Winter Camps run by the NSW Office of Communities (Sport and Recreation). Camps are a great way to boost children's confidence, help them make new friends and encourage shy children out of their shell. Camps are offered around the state, including snow camps, fishing camps and cooking experiences. Camp packages include activities, accommodation, 24-hour supervision and nutritious meals. Supervised transport is also offered to and from most camps.

For more info go to:
www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/.

Healthy habits start young

Finding a sport or activity that your child likes to do is a great way to keep them active and motivated and in doing so, keep them healthy. Play for Life – Join a Sporting Club – is supported by the Active After School Activities Program. You can browse sporting clubs by location and type of sport and find one that suits your family. With over 70 sports to choose from, you're sure to find something that will appeal. For more info and to check out other great tips go to:
www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/play-for-life-join-a-sporting-club.aspx.

Need Help?

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/>

When you're feeling out of your depth or just want to check that what you are saying regarding homework or issues at school is correct, simply go to the School A to Z site. There's great ideas on a whole range of subjects from bullying to boys body image, lunch boxes and even those difficult conversations that we need to have with children,

PBS Free Time Winners

Week 3 Winners

- Isaac T
- Liam M
- Jaiden M
- Gemma S
- Cheyanne B
- Anthony S
- Amy M
- Sebastian L
- Tanisha W
- Crystal D

Week 4 winners.

- Given the outstanding

behaviour we had last Friday, all students present were awarded with free time!

Stay tuned next week for an absolute bumper crop of certificates. It's going to be huge!

