



Calendar

Fri 29 th Nov	NO Swimming 2014 Leaders Election Ms Tully's Afternoon Tea
Mon 2 nd Dec	Responsible Pet Talk
Wed 4 th Dec	Dungog HS Orientation
Fri 6 th Dec	Swimming
Tues 10 th Dec	Music Concert
Wed 11 th Dec	Presentation Night 6:30pm

Stop Work Meeting

Next Tuesday 3rd December we will be participating in a Stop Work Meeting organised by the NSW Teachers Federation. We will have minimal supervision available until 11:00 am. We ask that you bring your child to school at this later time, if possible. There are many issues being discussed at this meeting that could have an impact at our school, so I will be attending this meeting as well.

Speeding Cars

If anyone sees cars speeding through outside our school can they please take down number plates and let us know so we can contact the police. We have had a number of sightings of late with drivers using Paterson Road as a race track which is a real concern around our school. The safety of our children is paramount.

Clothing

There has been some reports of missing red jumpers, can you please check your child's jumper to make sure they have the correct ones.

School Accounts - Urgent

These should have already been paid, if not can you see Mrs Mahony to make arrangements

Afternoon Tea for Ms Tully

We are having an afternoon tea tomorrow starting at 3:00pm to celebrate Ms Tully's last day before she enters the world of motherhood! We are inviting all families to celebrate with us so if you could make a plate to share to help with the catering, that would help feed the children as well.

Drumming Demonstration - Reminder

We have been approached by a professional drum teacher who is interested in teaching drumming to students at our school. So that students can get an idea of what he would be doing in the lessons, he will do a 20 minute demonstration and talk about the lessons tomorrow at 9:15 in Mr Sheppard's room. Any parents who are interested in seeing what he has to offer are welcome to attend the session. We will be surveying the community later on to establish how much interest there would be in starting lessons next year. They would be held at 8:45 am before school, one day each week, at a cost of about \$10/week.

Swimming on Friday- NONE THIS WEEK

No swimming tomorrow as the pool is closed for maintenance, swimming continues as per usual next week.

Leader's Speeches

Our new leaders for 2014 will be presenting their Leader's speeches tomorrow (as there is no swimming) with the elections being carried out the same day.

Quality Work Folders

Could you please ensure your child/ren have returned their quality work folders to school so that we can start organising them for binding at the end of the year.

School Presentation Night

On Wednesday 11th December, we are holding our School Presentation night in the Woodville Hall starting at 6:30 pm. Children are expected to wear their school uniform for the formal evening. K/1 students need to bring their casual clothes to change into for their play; as do the 4/5/6 students.

We would also like everyone to bring along a small plate of food / nibblies to the hall so we can enjoy some supper together. There will be coffee / tea facilities available.

Our P & C will be able to supply some soft drink cans, but if anyone would like to, they are most welcome to bring their own for their family.

*** Very Important Information ***

As is our traditional practice, at the end of the evening, we will also be having a visit from a jolly old man in a red suit. Parents are asked to supply a gift (\$15.00 value maximum), for their own children, to be placed under the Christmas tree for our special visitor to hand out to each child. These can be secreted with Mrs Mahony or a teacher before the night.

- ***We will be collecting a gold coin donation on the night as our contribution towards the maintenance of the Woodville Hall. Please support this cause as we do use the hall quite a bit during the year.***

School Reports

We are planning to give out all student reports on Friday 13th December (with their bound Quality Work Folders). We have been using a new reporting format (Sentral School Reporting) which is much the same format as our previous reports. However, the effort gradings are slightly different with 5- outstanding; 4- very high; 3- high; 2- satisfactory; 1- low. As you can see, to achieve a 5 is much harder than before; whereas a 2 is satisfactory. We will be reviewing these assessment marks next year.

Christmas Hamper:

We need some food for our hamper!

P & C has once again provided a collection basket for contributions to our "Christmas Hamper" which is generally presented to the Salvation Army each year. The basket will be placed in the entry foyer of the Admin area where it will be convenient to receive your most welcome donation.



Responsible Pet Talk

The Responsible Pet Education Program is a NSW State Government initiative and is fully funded for K/1/2 children. The program commenced 3 years ago and its focus is on keeping children safe around dogs. 80% of dog attacks on children under the age of 9 are by their own dogs or a dog the family trusts to be with children unsupervised. Our program teaches children when not to touch a dog, what to do if approached by an unknown dog and how to meet a dog in a safe manner.

"Our educators are accompanied by their own dog that has been specifically tested for its role in the session." ***Our K-3 children*** will be attending this presentation next Monday 2nd December from 12:15 until 1:00.

Music Concert

Our guitar, keyboard, recorder and choir students will be presenting a concert on Tuesday 10th December at 9:30 am in our School COLA . We'd love to see as many families and friends as possible supporting our music students.



Lotus Festival Weekend
Community Information & Market Day

1 December, 9am – 4pm

Woodville School of Arts is hosting a special community information & market day on Sunday, 1 December. The Albion Farm Lotus Gardens, opposite our hall, is in full bloom and will also be open for viewing.

The purpose of the community day is for all of us to learn about the local enterprises and community activities happening in our district. Come and meet your community and learn who's doing what in the Woodville district.

Or, if you'd like to let people know about your enterprise, hobby, community group or sports club you can take part by booking a space for as little as \$10 to show your wares or set up your soapbox.

- You can sell fresh produce, arts and crafts.
- Exhibit information or material, by renting a display board or space.
- A free community noticeboard will also be available to display local information, so you can post photos, flyers or business cards (max. one A4 page per person).
- Community information will be left on display for a few weeks; it can also be included in the new community noticeboard section of our website. Find application form here:
- Hot and cold drinks, Devonshire teas, light refreshments and a sausage sizzle available.
- Buy lotus blooms;
- Donate books, plants or memorabilia to the WSoA stall. Drop-off details: 2-4pm Saturday 16 November and Saturday 23 November. Plants: 2-4pm Saturday 30 November.

Contact us: Email: woodvillesoa@gmail.com
Phone: 02 4930 3440 0408 660 638
See the dazzling display of massed lotus in bloom at Albion Farm Lotus Garden:
Entry via southern-most gate of Albion Farm, on Paterson Rd, Woodville.
Entry fee: gold coin donation. Lotus blooms on sale.
Plus a raffle of lotus inspired artworks. Raffle tickets at Woodville store, & WSoA hall on the day.
Funds raised will support the Woodville School of Arts maintenance fund.

We are holding an African Aid stall at this event all day on Sunday, so if anyone can help us out throughout the day, we would greatly appreciate it



World Day—Playdough making



World Day—Dance



World Day—Drum making



World Day—Mask making

Nutrition Snippet

 **The simplest way**
to increase your fruit and veg intake

Myth: Frozen and canned fruit and vegetables don't count towards your recommended daily intake of fruit and vegetables.

The facts:

- Frozen and canned fruit or vegies are great alternatives when fresh varieties are out of season, unavailable or more expensive
- Frozen and canned vegetables are usually packed shortly after picking, so few nutrients are lost
- Varieties with no added sugar or salt are the best choice, so check the label to make sure you're making the best choice!

Hint: Look for tinned fruit in natural juice rather than syrup, and serve with a reduced fat natural yoghurt and honey for a sweet afternoon snack!

For more information visit
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A pair of Grey Wolves ☆

By Andrew Parkinson Nov. 21, 2013, 4 a.m.



GREY WOLF AWARD: Cameron Brosie and Billy Ptolemy. Picture by MARINA NEIL

Two members of the 1st Paterson-Bolwarra Cub Scouts have been awarded the highest honour achievable, the Grey Wolf Award. The badge is often the final one awarded before Cubs graduate to Scouts with recipients required to fulfil a range of criteria.

Eleven-year-old Billy Ptolemy and Cameron Brosie, 10, reached the milestone earlier this year, having joined the Cub Scouts four years ago.

A gold boomerang badge, participation in four outdoor activities in 12 months,

attendance at two pack councils, completion of four level-two achievement badges and the development of a resource for their fellow members are all prerequisites to receiving the Grey Wolf.

Paterson-Bolwarra Cub Scouts leader Melissa Brosie said the award was a great achievement.

"The Grey Wolf is the highest badge you can achieve in the Cub Scouts," she said.

"The boys had to do several things to get there and work very hard.

"It is difficult to achieve but if the children are driven enough they can get there."

Mrs Brosie said both boys had contributed to the community and looked forward to graduating to the scouts.

"Billy has already moved up to Scouts and Cameron has started the linking process," she said.

"The special interest badge is usually something like local history or land care, both the boys have been involved with Anzac Day parades and Remembrance Day ceremonies as well as part of their community activities."