



Calendar

Fri 13 th Dec	Swimming
Wed 18 th Dec	Students last Day
Fri 20 th Dec	Staff last Day
2014	
Tues 28 th Jan	Staff Development Day
Wed 29 th Jan	1/2/3 and 4/5/6 start. Best Start Testing for Kinder
Thurs 30 th Jan	K/1 resume
Fri 7 th Feb	P&C Welcome BBQ

Music Recital

On Tuesday morning we held our annual Music Recital at the Woodville Hall. We had many students performing; They were: Shyla, Sophie, Nyah, Tom, Asher, Kimberley, Layla, Zac, Hillary, Rachael, Kyan and Gabriel with keyboard; Michael, Ty, Harry, Whyatt and Jesse for guitar; our Senior Recorder Group: Asher, Lucy, Bailea, Nyah, Jesse, Gabby, Shyla and Kimberley; our Junior Recorder Group: Layla, Hillary and Grace and our Senior Choir. We sincerely thank Ms Hamer for training our choir and recorder groups; Mrs Helen Tuyl coaching the keyboard players and Mr Eric Loi with our guitar players. It was wonderful to see so many of our students performing and demonstrating their musical talents.

Woodville Hall BBQ

Don't forget the Woodville Hall Christmas Get-together and BBQ is on this Sunday from 4 pm. Please bring a plate.

Presentation Night

Thank you to everyone for joining with us last night, celebrating our school year with our wonderful students. A sincere thank you to everyone who helped: setting up; cleaning up; preparing the students; cooking; serving and generally helping out. It is what makes this community what it is! The children did beautifully with their performances—we should all be so proud of them. Congratulations to all the award winners, especially the major award winners who were:

Jill Crow Memorial Citizenship award: Victoria
Luke Merchant Award: Luci
Evan Farley Public Speaking: Asher
See-Meehan Junior Encouragement: Rachael
Paterson Rotary Senior Encouragement: Charlotte
Rouse Junior Commitment Award: Georgia
Rouse Senior Commitment Award: Bailea
Premiers Sporting Challenge: Luci
Rob Faulkner Citizenship: Emma

- ***After such a successful evening, it is now time to review the organisation of our Presentation Night. Attached is a survey about future Presentation Nights/Days in which I would like everyone's feedback. I will presume if you don't offer an opinion, that you don't mind which way we go with our future organisation of the Presentation Night.***

School Reports and Quality Work Folders

All school reports and quality work folders will be sent home tomorrow afternoon.

Music Expression of Interest-reminder

We have attached an expression of interest form for those children who would like to be involved in drumming next year. This will cost \$10 per week, with the lessons held in our COLA one morning per week, before school starts. The full details are outlined in the expression of interest letter.

Also included with this letter is an expression of interest form for our Elective Music lessons and Senior Choir next year. These need to be returned by tomorrow.

School Swimming

This is just a reminder that our Swimming School lessons continue this week—all swimming gear is needed for tomorrow. This is our last day for swimming this year and is a fun day lesson, that all children will enjoy. There is a change of times for tomorrow, we start swimming at 12.30 pm.

Year 6 Day Out

On Monday, Mrs Murphy and I will be taking out our Year 6 children for the traditional “Year 6 Day Out”. This year we will be going Ice Skating at Warners Bay and Laser Tag at Thornton. We will be enjoying lunch at Subway at Glendale. The Year 6 children have their notes and need to return them tomorrow.

School Christmas Party

Our joint class Christmas party this year will be held on the last day of school for students, Wednesday 18th December at lunchtime. We are going to order a range of pizzas (students will be surveyed to find their favourites). Each child will also be given a can of soft drink (not Coke), an ice block and a few lollies. We are asking each student who will be present on the last day of school to bring in \$6 to cover the cost of the party. No additional foods or drinks will need to be provided for the day, except something for crunch and sip in the morning. For catering purposes, could you please let the staff know if your child will *not* be attending that day? This will be an out of uniform day, as it is the last day for students for 2013

Scripture Lessons this year

As most of you are aware, Mrs Jodie Gale has been teaching Scripture to our students throughout the year. We really appreciate her time and efforts, teaching our children, as she approaches all lessons with a very open and Christian mind, is always well prepared and has a beautiful nature with the children. This is a huge commitment each week, and we really appreciate it.

Staff Development Days

On Thursday, 19th December and Friday, 20th December, we will be having our Staff Development Days. (the children finish on Wednesday, 18th December). During this time we will be —“Disability Standards for Students” online course; “Corruption Prevention” online course; analysing Naplan results; developing 2014 school plan , updating ASR; Planning for 2014— literacy policy (now ready to implement); Live Life Well policy (ready to implement) and develop new Maths scope and sequence to be used during term 1 (must be implemented in 2015


Cancer Council NSW Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

to drink the right amount of water

Summer is rapidly approaching, so we need to remember to keep drinking water regularly.

We should all aim for 2 litres a day, which may sound like a lot – but remember you get water from both drinking and eating the right foods.



Here's some tips to help you and your family stay hydrated:

- Carry a water bottle with you wherever you go
- Mix 125mL of 100% fruit juice with sparkling water for a treat
- Add tinned or fresh fruit pieces to ice block moulds for a snack

Getting the right amount of water is important all year round, but crucial as it starts heating up!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

Eat It To Beat It



Escape the pre-Christmas stress at the Woodville & district community

Christmas Party

Sunday, 15 December – from 4 pm

All welcome

Kick back in the cool shade underneath our beautiful Cape Chestnut trees

No charge, no agenda - just bring a plate and enjoy the company

WSoA BBQ provided.

Tea/coffee, soft drinks for sale.

Woodville School of Arts hall and grounds
870 Paterson Rd, Woodville.



Birthdays:-

Fang-Chiao turned 6 on 8th December

Bailea will turn 11 on 27th December

Parent's lunch day

The last day of school Wednesday 18th December is fast approaching.

As with past years we are inviting parents to get together for lunch and a final catch up before the Christmas break.

We will most likely go to the Largs Hotel around midday before heading back to school pick up the kids and farewell our year six students.

All parents are invited, so anyone who is interested let me know by Friday 13th so we can book a table.

Pat Lannen – P&C President



School Presentation Organisation

Our School Presentation Nights have been successful for many years, but we need to review our practices for our future planning. Many of our Presentation Nights have been very hot with a lack of air conditioning in the hall, so we do have the opportunity to change this (if we want). So please indicate your preference below:

Our School Presentation Night should remain as it is

We should hold our Presentation during the day from 9.30 am (to avoid the heat)

Any comments:

MUSIC EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Next year we intend to continue with our music program, possibly with drum lessons as an additional option (if there is sufficient interest). The drum lesson expression of interest is a separate document – lessons will run BEFORE school, once a week, from 8:45 – 9:15am. Cost will be \$10/lesson.

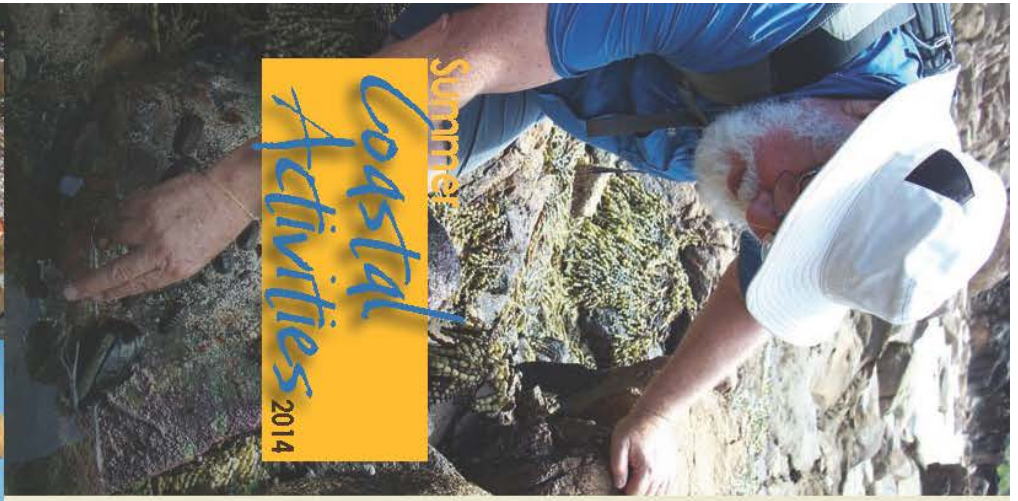
Students will also have the option of participating in:

- Guitar lessons with Mr Eric Loi - \$10/week for 30 minute group lessons, \$20/week for 20 minute individual lessons – held during class time on Thursday mornings – Year 2 and above
- Keyboard lessons with Mrs Helen Tuyl - \$10/week for 30 minute group lessons – students may need to purchase a Keyboard text book which Mrs Tuyl will organise – held during class time on Tuesday mornings – Year 2 and above
- Senior Choir with Ms Hamer – held during afternoon recess once a week – Year 2 and above
- Senior Recorder – (preparation for Opera House performance) – 30 minute lesson with Mrs Tuyl on Tuesdays during class time until the performance, then fortnightly lessons with Ms Hamer on Thursday mornings during class time for the rest of the year
- Junior Recorder - fortnightly lessons with Ms Hamer on Thursday mornings during class time. Year 2 and above

Could you please complete the form below and return it to school before the end of the year, so that lessons can be organised ready to begin as early as possible next year.

My child/ren are interested in the following lessons: (please insert student's name under appropriate instrument).

Keyboard	Guitar	Recorder	Choir



Summer Coastal Activities 2014

Book today for these exciting summer activities in Port Stephens

Rockpool Rambles

Bookings Essential

Sat 4 Jan, 5 – 7pm, Fishermans Bay
 Tue 7 Jan, 11.5 – 9.15pm, Fishermans Bay
 Fri 17 Jan, 3.30 – 5.30pm, Boat Harbour
 Mon 20 Jan, 5 – 7pm, Fingal Bay

As the ocean retreats, discover the creatures that inhabit rocky shores in our area. Our local experts will help you find and identify these fascinating plants and animals, and explain how we can minimise our impacts on these fragile beings.

Sensational Seagrass

Bookings Essential

Mon 6 Jan, 8.30 – 10, Bagnall Beach
 Wed 15 Jan, 5 – 6.30pm, Bagnall Beach

In an idyllic setting of sun, sand and seagrass come along to explore the importance of this “nursery of the sea”. Discover hidden inhabitants that you never knew were there such as baby squid, fish, prawns, crabs and more.

Wanda Wetland Walk

Bookings Essential

for women

Tue 7 Jan, 8.30 – 10.30am, Salamander Bay

Walk with a traditional owner around Wanda Wetland, an Aboriginal women’s sacred place. Learn about Wirimi and colonial history as well as plants and animals of the area. Hear local oral stories from Carol and the struggle to save the site. Females only and ages 8 – adult.

Beachcombing

Bookings Essential

Wed 8 Jan, 8.30 – 10am, Fishermans Bay

Fri 17 Jan, 4 – 5.30pm, Fishermans Bay
 Explore the beach for beautiful shells and other remnants of sea creatures left stranded by the falling tide or washed up on the shore. Learn to identify some of the shells and find out more about those creatures.

Kids Fishing Clinic

Bookings Essential

(\$30 per child)

Fri 10 Jan, 10am – 2pm, Taylors Beach

Run by DPI’s fishcare program, each child will receive a rod and reel, shirt, hat, tackle kit and snow bag. Kids 8 – 14 years will learn about responsible fishing practices and the value of our marine environment, as well as gain practical fishing skills.

Tangler Bins – have your say

Drop by anytime

Sat 11 Jan, 9 – 11 am, Lemon Tree Passage Boat Ramp

Fri 24 Jan, 9 – 11 am, Soldiers Point Boat Ramp
 Lost and discarded fishing line and tackle poses a problem for marine creatures and the environment. Local community group Ocean and Coastal Care initiatives is seeking advice from the whole community on the best locations around the Port to install Tangler Bins (bins specifically for fishing line/tackle). Drop by the boat ramp to find out about the project and offer your suggestions.

Volcanic Shores Walk

Bookings Essential

Sun 12, 8.30 – 10.30am, Boat Harbour

Find out about past volcanic eruptions and the rocks that made up our Port Stephens coastline from Geologist Roz Ken. Come and see how the sea has carved amazing shapes in these rocks. Ages 8 – adult. Held in conjunction with NPWS What’s in the Water at Night?

What’s in the Water at Night?

Bookings Essential

Tue 14 Jan, 8.30 – 10pm, Soldiers Point

Animals that live in the estuary come out to feed at night. Join our night time spotlighting adventure with coastal ecologist John Simpson to see animals like cuttlefish, prawns, squid, fish, rays, eels & crabs. Be prepared to get wet.

Barramundi Farm Tour

Bookings Essential

Wed 15 Jan, 9 – 10.30am, Bobs Farm

Wed 22 Jan, 9 – 10.30am, Bobs Farm
 Taylor Made Fish Farm is the only land-based barramundi farm in NSW. Come along for a tour of this modular fish production system that is growing fish and hydroponic vegetables in a sustainable manner. Ages 8 – adult.

Garroowa Discovery

Bookings Essential

Fri 17 Jan, 8.30 – 10.30am, Nelson Bay

Walk with a traditional owner and learn about the significance of this coastal sea country to the Aboriginal community. Hear stories about Wirimi and colonial history of the area. Discover canoe trees, shield trees, and the significance of plants and animals to Aboriginal people. Ages 8 – adult.

Presentation – Science of the Surf

Just come along

Sun 19 Jan, 7 – 8.30pm

An entertaining and award winning visual multi-media presentation about how our beaches work and behave, from the massive swell that rolls in during storms to how to spot a rip current. This talk is for anyone who is interested in the beach, and has a beach safety theme throughout. ‘Rip Current Survival Guide’ posters will be available free, and ‘Dr Rip’s Essential Beach Book’ will be available for purchase. Location: Tomaree Library and Community Centre, Town Centre Circuit, Salamander Bay.

Fisheries Institute Tour

Bookings Essential

Mon 20 Jan, 9.30am – 12pm and 1 – 3.30pm, Taylors Beach

Ever wondered what goes on at the Port Stephens Fisheries Institute at Taylors Beach? Then join us on a tour of this research facility and hear about aquaculture research, aquatic biosecurity and aquatic ecosystems research. Teenages to adults.

Crabs and Koodas

Bookings Essential

Tues 21 Jan, 6 – 8pm, Tomilba Bay

Join our knowledgeable guide John Simpson for a walk along the foreshore and discover how this bushland habitat interacts with the coastal environment. Look for crabs and other estuarine creatures on the exposed sand flats and koodas in the hees.

Planet Ocean Screening

Just come along

Sat 25 Jan, 6 – 8pm

Tim Siverwood from Take 3 presents an engaging evening of film and discussion. Story in incredibly high definition, Planet Ocean beautifully explores the world’s oceans and the pressures facing it. This film will leave you captivated and amazed at the complexity of our sea and will provide the perfect back drop for a discussion about what we can all do locally to make a positive difference. This is a must see film for all ages and a great way to finish the Summer Coastal Activities!

Location: The Chris Working Theatre, St Philip’s Christian College, Port Stephens, 182 Salamander Way, Salamander Bay



For bookings phone 0447 673 669 or email melinda.anderson@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

- All activities are free except the Kids fishing Clinic • All activities suitable for ages 5 years to adult, unless otherwise stated • All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult
- Meeting locations will be provided upon booking.
- Due to popularity, we ask that you only book three activities per family, unless vacancies exist. This does not apply to the two evening presentations.

Port Stephens Great Lakes Marine Park

Drum Program

2014

Expression of Interest

www.drumcorp.com.au

Benefits	Requirements	Commitment	Cost
<p>★Physical Benefit - The most obvious benefit to drumming is the physical aspect to it. The cardio muscles are a lot more developed in drummers as well as enhanced motor skills.</p> <p>★Mental benefit - helps to develop fundamental skills in channeling a students mind, whilst focusing on a sole activity.</p> <p>★Musical Benefit - Being in a band or other music group will aid in increased confidence and meaning that other activities just cannot give you.</p> <p>★Improves co-ordination, concentration and co-operation within a group</p>	<p>★One pair of Drumsticks @ \$15 pair</p> <p>★I recommend parents "do not" go out and buy a drum kit straight away, as I encourage my students to make "rhythm stations" made from recycled household items and junk.</p>	<p>★We like all everyone in the program to be with us for the year so we can make an entertaining end of year performance. Some of the more advanced tricks taught can take a while to master</p>	<p>★\$10 per week</p> <p>★It is preferred the term payment is made up front at the start of the term however a weekly payment is also accepted (If the weekly option is chosen, you must pay at the office on the morning of the drum class)</p>

More Information

★There are plenty of videos on youtube.com of Col Hatchman playing with the **Screaming Jets & Nathan Cavaleri in Nat Col & the Kings**, as well as his **Drum Corp** programs with students.

★Col is the certified Guinness World Records "Loudest Drummer in the World"

★www.drumcorp.com.au



I am interested in the Drum Program

Student Name: _____

Student Class: _____

Parent Name: _____

Contact Email: _____@_____

Contact Number: _____



Please return this form to school by Friday 13th December