



### **Calendar**

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Captain's Speeches
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Music Recital 9:30am
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Presentation Night 6:30pm
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir Greenhills
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Musical
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Day Out
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Students Last Day
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Staff Development Day
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Staff Return
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Day for Years 2 – 6 Kindergarten Best Start Testing
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Day for Kinder & Year 1

### **Raffle Winner**

7<sup>th</sup> place winner in our horse sports raffle still hasn't been claimed. If anyone knows Carolyn Buch can you please let either Carolyn know she has won or give her contact details to Alison in the office.

### **P&C Meeting**

We held our P&C Meeting last night. We discussed the following: the Horse Sports Day (nearly \$6000 profit); planned new storage shed, the Presentation Night; upcoming school events, Counsellor Le Mottee dropped in to seek some information about our school needs (parking was again mentioned) and the need for more parents to be actively involved with the P&C organisation, as executive moves on.

### **School Accounts**

Accounts are now overdue, please make sure these are paid within the next two weeks.

### **Costumes**

All children need to bring in their costume for the Christmas Musical by next week. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Talent Quest**

Our Year 6 students held the Talent Quest last Friday, and from all reports, we had some fantastic acts on display. The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup>: Asher (Singing) 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gabby and Lucy (acting) 3<sup>rd</sup>: Chelsie and Bethany (magic tricks). Some of the other acts included: keyboard, dancing, singing, drumming, musical theatre and gymnastics. Ms Hamer said "it brought a tear to my eye, seeing so much talent!" That says it all!

### **Clean Schools**

The "United Voice" Union, who represent our cleaners, has sent out some information about the possibility of further cleaning hours being cut. The next contract with Transfield is up for renegotiation soon, so we would like to publicly support our cleaners in ensuring we do not have any further hours lost with the cleaning of our schools. As their poster says, "Clean Schools are essential to a great education for our kids and young people". I raised this issue at last night's P&C Meeting and we readily agree that we should support this issue.

### **Leader's Speeches**

Our Year 5 children will be presenting their Leader Speeches next Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### PPA Meeting

I am attending a Primary Principal's Association Meeting tomorrow, being held in Pokolbin. The agenda includes: AECG Report ( Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group); State Council Report; Lower Hunter LAC Command (police); "The Principal Credential", Management Plans discussion; AGM and general discussion.

### Science and Technology Survey-reminder

Attached to last week's newsletter was a Science and Technology survey, devised by the school teaching staff, which will assist us with our future planning, as well as being a part of our 2014 Annual School Report. ***We would like this survey returned by Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December.***

### Parent's Collecting their children-reminder

As a means of ensuring the safety of our students, our school has a policy that all students must remain under the COLA until a parent/caregiver comes to collect them. To maintain our duty of care, students are not permitted to leave the grounds unaccompanied. Could you please support the school in ensuring the safety of all students by reminding your children that you will come into the school to collect them?

### Kidspreneur Projects-continuing

Our Year 6 students are continuing their Kidspreneur projects; chocolate making; rhubarb with menus—LGT Gardening group and card making. They will be selling some of their products over the next few weeks, so please take the time to have a look at their quality products and help them with their fundraising.

### School Swimming

Our school swimming program continues this Friday. All children are reminded to bring their swimming gear tomorrow.

### 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.

Cancer Council NSW Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...make Christmas healthy

Christmas is full of temptation: from bowls of chocolate, to puddings to pavlovas.

It's important you still aim for two serves of fruit + five serves of veg, every day.

Try and restrict your family's treats until Christmas Day, and follow these three steps for healthier choices:

1. Serve veggie sticks with veggie dips as a starter, so you fill up on healthier food first.
2. Serve a large fruit salad or fruit kebabs alongside dessert.
3. Make sure half your plate is filled with vegies (think roasted or raw salads).

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

Eat It To Beat It



### Hot Dog Day

On the last Friday of term, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December we are having a hot dog day instead of normal canteen. Hotdog and either a milo smoothie or a popper for \$5.00. All orders and money need to be returned no later than Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### Woodville Hall Meeting

At the Woodville Hall Meeting on Wednesday evening, the following was discussed: the \$30000 grant from the Port Stephens Council has now been received—Counsellor Le Mottee was at the meeting, discussing this grant, ***the Woodville Hall is seeking help with a sausage sizzle being held at the Heatherbrae Masters on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December,*** and they sent a thank you letter, to our P&C for their donation towards the hall. (I have attached this letter to our newsletter)

### Christmas 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.



**Presentation Night:** Wednesday night, 10<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.30 pm. This will be a shorter night, as we are having our musical on the following Monday. Our Presentation night includes all our class awards (everyone receives one), major awards, Leader's and Captain's inductions, P&C and school reports, Graduation awards, choir performance and a performance from K/1.

**School Musical:** This will be held in the Woodville Hall on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December starting at 10.00 am. All children are involved, and since this is the only activity happening at the time, everyone should be able to see and hear the performance more clearly this year. The performance lasts a little less than an hour.

**School Choir at Greenhills:** Our School Choir, under the tutelage of Ms Hamer are performing at the Greenhills Shopping Centre on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at a time yet to be announced.

### Upcoming Events

We have these dates in the Calendar section of the newsletter, but I would like to further emphasize the following dates and activities;

**Musical Recital:** 9.30 am in the Woodville Hall on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December for all our musicians—drummers, recorders, keyboard and guitar players

## A SNAPSHOT FROM DUNGOG HIGH - NO. 3 - Week 8

Hello Year 6,

Orientation Day is coming up next week on **Wednesday the 3rd of December**. The year 9 and 10 peer support leaders are looking forward to meeting you and showing you around the school. The day will be a chance for you to check out Dungog High, pick up your book pack (\$37), purchase uniform items that you will need, meet some of the teachers and even try out some classes. You will be able to utilise the school bus service on this day if that is easier. The day begins at **9:15am** in the MPC and will be a FUN day for all! I look forward to seeing you all again.

Dungog High School has adopted the POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR for LEARNING reward and behaviour system, otherwise known as PBL. You will hear and see these three key terms: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST quite a lot whilst moving around the school and during lessons. Students who demonstrate these core values will be rewarded for their efforts and will receive a merit certificate. Each subject area has a coloured merit e.g. English merits are pink and Maths merits are blue. Students collect these merits and when they have five different coloured merits they will receive a Year Advisor's Award which provides benefits such as first choice in Sport. Three Year Advisor's Awards will result in a Deputy's Award and two Deputy's Awards will result in a Principal's Award. There is a useful behaviour matrix in your handbook to give you an idea of what our three core values actually look like in practice.

Mrs Judd ☺

## P&C News

Last night we held our last meeting for this year where we discussed the following: -

The horse sports event was a great success raising over \$6000 for the P&C. Thankyou to everyone involved from its' organisation to the help we received on the day by our volunteers. These funds will contribute to future projects including the purchase of computer aids for students and the construction of a storage shed in the school grounds.

The P&C has be asked for help from the Woodville Hall committee at a fundraising BBQ on Sunday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at Masters, Heatherbrae. See me for more details.

It is timely then to express my thanks to everyone who has assisted throughout the year. Whether it be on the executive of the P&C or parents through the year at various events.

This will be my final year as P&C President, as the tenure is limited to three years. During this time, I have met and worked with many parents and students, which has been both a great experience and extremely rewarding. Having said this, I remind everyone that for the P&C to continue next year and into the future executive positions need filling.

We have over 40 families at our school, but less than half of the parents of these families regularly attend meetings and/or assist with the P&C. The benefits of the hard work of these parents is not limited to their children but ALL students who attend our wonderful school. I accept that some parents cannot help due to work and/or family commitments, but for most, we offer enough flexibility with meeting times etc. to allow participation.

I would ask everyone to take time to consider how he or she can contribute to the P&C next year. The positions of President, Vic-President and Treasurer will be open for nomination at next year's AGM, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

I look forward to seeing plenty of new faces next year and will continue to assist the P&C in the great work they do.

Thanks

Pat Lannen

- Your community hall since 1877 -

# WOODVILLE SCHOOL OF ARTS



1 August, 2014

Mr Pat Lannen,  
President  
Iona Public School P & C,  
Woodville NSW 2321

Dear Pat,

The committee of the Woodville School of Arts was thrilled to receive the P & C's recent donation of \$2,000. This is very generous support indeed, and a very serious amount of money for our ever-challenged balance sheet.

On behalf of the committee and membership, please accept our grateful thanks. To say your donation lifted all our hearts is an understatement! Thank you, too, to your members for all their help and support in our past events, and for your expressions of support for the future. The mutual support we share is greatly prized.

The relationship between the hall and school goes back more than a century, to the 1870s. At one time the hall *was* the school for two years when there was no school building. For thousands of children since that time, the school and the hall are powerful and enduring memories of their lives growing up in Woodville. Nothing could be more important than that to our committee.

All good wishes and kindest regards,

Elisabeth Smark  
President

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### Bush Skills Adventure

Wednesday 14 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years

Tuesday 20 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years

Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.



Cost: \$20 per child

Bookings Essential

Ph: 02 4951 6466

### Wriggly Wetlanders

Wednesday 14 January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years

Monday 19th January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years

Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.



Cost: \$20 per child

Bookings Essential

Ph: 02 4951 6466

### Bring the Family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre - a fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!

Opened every day

(Closed 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st December 2014, 1st January 2015)

#### Access

Car/mini-bus parking available onsite. Public Transport :Train - easy 15 minute walk from Sandgate Station. Bus – 107 & 106 buses go past the Wetlands. 10 minute walk from stop at Marton St & Sandgate Rd

#### Cost

\$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). \$5 general entry

#### Activities

Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm

Try dipnetting from the jetty

Follow the trail and become a "Wetlands Explorer" - go into the weekly draw for a prize.

Playtime at Discovery Playground

Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre

12 noon - Tank Talk (30-45 minutes) – opportunity for children to learn about reptile behaviour and care and actually handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre.

#### Facilities

Toilets available in Visitor Centre

Undercover picnic tables and shelter

Cafe – meals, chips, icecreams, drinks

Shop – gift shop



Hunter Wetlands Centre Off the roundabout, 1 Wetlands Pl, SHORTLAND NSW 2307  
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# Hot Dog Order

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotdog with:

tomato sauce                  BBQ sauce                  no sauce                  (please circle)

Milo smoothie                  or                  popper                  (please circle)

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