

Woolbrook Public School News

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Drama, Dance and Musical Preparation in Full Swing

The term is fast becoming a creative arts term. With the presentation night and Schools' Spectacular fast approaching, we have been very busy preparing the necessary items. It was the demands of this preparation and the desire to maintain as much focus on literacy and numeracy as possible that today's mid term assembly was cancelled. I was very reluctant to do this, but felt it was the only thing to do.

Thanks to the ever hard-working Janelle, the children going to Sydney in two weeks time are quickly learning their new tunes.

In the musical department, children are working beautifully to refine a number of impressive items. I am sure the children will surprise you with their range of musical skills.

Then there are the two short plays for presentation night. The skills being exhibited during play practice, especially by the younger children, is quite surprising.

Schools' Spectacular Excursion

We received the itinerary for the excursion yesterday from Mr Spillane at Kentucky. What an excursion it will be! Apart from performing at the matinee and evening shows of the Spectacular, children will be visiting Government House, Luna Park, Taronga Zoo, and Manly among other places. It promises to be an exciting, tiring but rewarding experience.

Children attending Sydney will have itineraries,

Upcoming Events

- Mon 16 Nov—John Williams is doing work experience at school for the week
- Wed 25 Nov—Marimba children leave for Schools' Spectacular in Sydney
- Fri 27 and Sat 28—Schools' Spectacular in Sydney
- Mon 30 Nov—Beginning of ten day swimming campaign
- Mon 14 Dec—Presentation Night, 7pm.
- Wed 16 Dec—Last day of the year for children
- Thurs 17 Dec—School Development Day

permission notes and costing details sent home Monday next week.

John Williams Come to Help Out

John Williams, Belle's big brother, will be in the school next week doing work experience. He will be gainfully employed on a range of tasks with the children. Maybe this could be the start of a career in teaching down the track.

School Swimming Campaign

Next week I will be sending home permission notes for our annual

swimming campaign. Our campaign aims to teach children to swim who can't, and refine the swimming style of children who can.

It will take place over ten days beginning Monday 30 November. We generally operate three swimming groups each day, two small groups for children with the most need, and a larger group for those focusing on refining their swimming skills and safety knowledge. The school employs two Austwim trained instructors for the campaign.

On swimming days, we will have an early lunch and be on the bus heading to Walcha pool by 12.30pm. Our swimming session will take place between 1 and 2 pm. We should be back at school by 3pm each day.

Marimba Practice

Final practice with Kentucky School will take place at Kentucky next Thursday 19 November. A permission note is attached for those involved. Please return by next Monday 16 Nov. November.

Student of The Week Emily Squires

Emily receives this week's award for her maths in particular and her progress generally in writing, handwriting, reading and singing even. In maths Emily stunned everyone by getting all of her Year 3 multiplication tables correct—and she's only in Year 2. She is a very clever person. Her general knowledge in HSIE and Science is very unusual to say the least. Well done Emily on your excellent work.

REMINDER:

Library is now on THURDAYS so please bring in books to be exchange on that day.

Congratulations To Our Last Week's Award Winners

- Emily—Outstanding multiplication knowledge
- Heidi—Wonderful Reading
- Charles Uren—Outstanding Writing, Spelling and Maths
- Sophie—Pushing through the pain barrier to attend school