



Woolbrook Public School News

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Presentation Night— Monday 14 December

Our annual presentation night is on Monday week, 14 December in the Woolbrook Hall. Whether you have a direct connection with Woolbrook School or not, you are invited to join us for an evening of entertainment and celebration at the Woolbrook Hall. The presentation night will begin at 7pm.

You can expect lively plays, committed singing and a number of impressive musical items. This is not an occasion to be missed. I look forward to seeing you there.

School s' Spectacular—Very Spectacular

Our five marimba children who went to Sydney last week had a wonderful experience. They played to the public in the Oxford Street Mall, visited the likes of Government House, the NSW Art Gallery, the War Memorial, Luna Park and Manly, and performed at, and watched the Schools Spectacular. A highlight for the Woolbrook children was climbing the arch of Sydney Harbour Bridge.



Upcoming Events

- **Fri 11 December**—Last day of swimming campaign
- **Mon 14 Dec**—Presentation Night, 7pm.
- **Wed 16 Dec**—Last day of the year for children
- **Thurs 17 Dec**—School Development Day

Not to be underestimated, was the social experience of mixing with and getting to know children from five other small schools from various parts of the state. Many friendships were formed in a very short space of time.

The marimba group performed before the main Spectacular program and during the intermission. Our children represented five of the total group of 44 who performed.

ABC TV will be broadcasting the Schools' Spectacular on 13th of this month. Check your program for details.

Hall Visits

Next week we will be visiting the Woolbrook Hall to prepare for our presentation night. You will recall giving permission for you child to go on

excursions around the local area, such as to the hall. If you do not wish your child to go to the hall, or if you have questions about the excursion, do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Swimming Campaign

Today is only our fourth day at the Walcha Pool, but already we are seeing some impressive progress. I expect that our proud record of achievement over the past few years will be well and truly exceeded.

After the tragic drowning of a student in Sydney last year, the Department has implemented a new system to help make unstructured swimming activities safer. This involves children having their water skills tested to determine where each child can swim during “free time” in the pool.

Children who pass the test, are given a blue wrist band and are permitted to swim anywhere in the pool. Children who do not pass the test are given a yellow wrist band and are restricted to the shallow end of the pool during free swimming times. These restrictions only apply to free swimming and not to swimming lessons.

Although it was not intended to be so, the test is proving to be a major motivation for our children to develop their swimming skills.

Transport Help Needed Next Week

Janelle has been helping to take those children to the pool who could not fit onto our bus. Next week she won't be able to do this, as she will be doing the library stocktake. We need one parent each day to get everyone to the pool. If you can help on one day next week, please let me know as soon as possible so swimming can proceed..

Student of The Week

Belle Williams



Belle is this week's award winner for her outstanding attitude and application to her work. Her reading is progressing at a great rate of knots, her spelling is outstanding and her writing is very impressive indeed. Her teachers have to frequently remind themselves that Belle is in Year 1 and not Year 2 or higher. She is a very clever and confident girl.

