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#### Year 7 - 10 Exams

- 28th May, 2015

#### Year 12 Ancient History & Coog Excursion Sydney

- 15th June, 2015

#### Sec. Zone Athletics Prim School Athletics

- 22nd June, 2015

#### Last Day Term 2

- 28th June, 2015

#### Holidays

- 29th June, 2015

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**Readers:** This newsletter is supplied free with the help of the advertisers. Please support them.
At the heart of our school plan and strategic directions for 2015 – 2017 is our belief that our students deserve to live empowered lives with passion and purpose. This is central to what we do and how we do it, both inside and outside the classroom. We believe in our students and the roles they will play in the future. To help students find their passion we provide them with a range of experiences and learning opportunities. We also need to assist students develop their talents through persistence, hard work and the development of a growth mindset.

Student beliefs and expectation top the list of influences on student outcomes. That is if a student believes they can succeed or they expect to do well or they can do the work generally they do well. Conversely, students who don’t believe they can do well or they can’t do the work don’t perform well. This is why the development of a growth mindset is important. Students with a growth mindset know that intelligence or ability is generally not fixed: that they can improve through hard work and perseverance. A growth mindset coupled with specific feedback helping the student improve can influence student beliefs and expectation regarding their ability. This in turn results in student improvement.

As I mentioned last week, we have revised our sports selection policy at Woodenbong Central School. There are many reasons for our students to participate in school sport. These include the promotion of healthy lifestyles, good sportsmanship, and great ambassadorship for the school and our community. Selection in school sporting teams at WCS is therefore structured around inclusivity, opportunity, equity and participation. This policy makes it explicit that in the first instant older students will be selected for our open teams. Younger students will be selected only if there are available spaces and it is safe for them to compete in an open competition. Feedback so far has been very positive and the changes are welcomed.

Reflection is a tool that enhances learning by helping the learner to think more deeply, allowing self-assessment and can provide a path for further improvement. Reflection provides time for anyone to stand back and think of a situation, gain a new perspective, make sense of their experiences and to construct meaning and knowledge that guides actions in practice. We need to help our students learn to reflection by providing them with the skills of reflection as well as opportunities for our students to practice these techniques.

Our school canteen provides our students with a wide range of healthy food options. It runs on very slim margins. The canteen will only operate if it is supported by the students and parents. If students purchase food from the canteen we will know there is a need for this service. If they do not then we know there is no need for the school to continue the service in its present form.

Over the next few week parents might be contacted regarding the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) for students with disabilities. Last year we were part of the trial program in 2015 it is a requirement of all school to participate in the program. The aim of the program is to provide State and Federal Governments with an overall picture of what school do and what they need to support students with disabilities. This will reflect how we have made adjustments to support your child’s learning. The collection of data is anonymous and no data can be released that either identifies a student or the school. The information is used to allow governments to plan and provide resources to where they are needed. Woodenbong Central School does an awful lot, with limited resources, to support our students learning. When contacted parents will have the option to allow or not allow the information for their child to be included in the data collected from Woodenbong Central School.

As in previous newsletters: I once again reminded all members of our community that under no circumstances should a student bring a knife to school. The laws relating to the carrying of knives especially for those under the age of 16 changed several years ago. Woodenbong Central School is a safe place for our students; we work hard to ensure our school remains a safe place. I ask for your assistance in keeping our school a safe place, by ensuring knives are not brought to school. If you believe your child needs to bring a knife to school, for example to cut a sandwich or peel a piece of fruit, please contact the school and we will make arrangements.

The next meeting of our P&C will be Tuesday 9th June at 3:45pm in the Community Room. As mentioned a couple of weeks ago the P&C has a new Executive with Tanya Fleming President; Angela Burley Secretary and Wendy Fletcher Treasurer.
NB: this date/time has changed to P1 & 2 Wed

NB: Students involved in Regional X Country on Friday 5th, will sit their 9/10 History exam at some other time during exam week.

Year 8 Science: 60 minutes. Tues 2nd June
Year 9/10 Food Technology: 60 minutes Thursday 4th

Commence: 40 minute exam
Year 8 Hist: 40 minute in class exam on Monday 1st June
Year 8 Maths: 80 mins in class exam periods 1/2 Thursday
Year 7 Maths: 80 mins in class exam periods 1/2 Wed

9/10 Avg: 50 minutes

Year 7/8 Exam and Year 9/10 Elective Exam Information 3rd June - 5th June 2015

June, 2015

Monday, 1st June to Friday 5th

General Notes:
1. It is 7.15am to 10am the property of their local exam centre. Please arrive on time
2. Please adhere to all exam rules and regulations
3. Students to stay in exam room for the entire exam, unless the exam ends. If a student needs to leave the exam room, they must inform their teacher
4. If students are not in exam they are to be in another class, or supervised in the library or office
5. If students do not wish to eat, they can enter a school cafe, but they cannot eat in the exam room
6. There is 5 minutes of reading time for each exam

9:05 to 10:05 9 Maths
10:15 to 11:15 9 English
11:15 to 12:15 10 Maths
12:15 to 13:15 10 English

Sports

22.10 300 Metres
10 Geography

9 Geography
In the event of a fire, please ensure that you have two emergency exits from every room, with a smoke alarm on every floor.

1. Install more than one alarm. You should have one in every room where people sleep. As well as having

2. Test them by depressing the button labeled TEST. If it doesn’t light, test the unit and then test it.

3. Clean them, as dust and bugs can accumulate and prevent them from working correctly.

4. Change the batteries.

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Primary Newsletter  
Week 6

Upcoming events

May 27th – Public Education Day  
June 19th – Athletics Carnival

Emergency Contacts
Primary are in the process of updating emergency contact details for all students. You will be contacted shortly to see if the contact for your child/ren has changed.

Picking children up on time
Please ensure that you are on time to pick up your children. This is especially important for after school activities. If there is an issue with arriving on time, please notify the school front office or the supervising teacher beforehand.

Primary Profiles

Name: Jeremiah Williams  
Age: 7
What do you like to do for fun? I like to play football.
What do you think you will be doing in 10 years from now? I will be at school playing with my friends.
What is the funniest thing you remember? When I was in Kindy and Miss Clothier showed us the turtle.
What is the best part about being a student at WCS? Mrs Shaw teaching us.

Happy Birthday to:  
Jamal Cowan 6 years  
Isobel Wernowski 8 years
Congratulations to the 7 primary students who competed at the Northern Rivers PSSA Cross-Country Carnival at Corndale last Friday, 22nd May. In most races there were around 80 competitors! Our Woodenbong students all tried remarkably hard and made us proud with their efforts and results. Although we were unsuccessful with advancing anyone onto the next carnival our students should be very proud of themselves too!

Stacey Shaw
Co-Sports Coordinator
Woodenbong Tennis Club

Thanks for a great night of tennis on finals night.

Jimmahl Williams, Jaimee Claydon, Robert Pehi and Clinton Williams won a tight final against Warwick Shaw, Stacey Shaw, Keiron and Chantell Hickling. It was 24 all at the end of the night and Jimmahl’s team won in a tie break. Well done.

Thanks for the support of this comp.

Woodenbong Tennis Committee

Biggest Morning Tea

People can still donate money at nab until Friday. Results from the morning tea will be advised next week.

Also there is a size 12, black ladies ski suit available for anyone to have a look at. Make an offer and the funds go to the Cancer council as well. Enquiries to the front office at Woodenbong Central School.
Woodenbong Golf Club News

Trivia & Pizza Night
6th June - 7pm
$10/person (team of 6)
Food Available

BILLY CART DAY

4th July
10am start

EVENTS
- Junior (anyone under 12 yrs old)
- Fastest Cart
- Slalom Race
- Sword Race
- Best Presented Cart & Driver
- Relay Race (1 adult, 1 junior)

Entries:
- $10 / adult
- $5 / child (12 & under)
- $20 / family

Kids, get your dad & mum involved in making a cart...

Represent your business with a cart in the Business Cart Race

BEWARE THE STIG IS COMING.
Some of us will remember a popular song, titled “Try a Little Kindness.” What a difference kindness makes! No matter what we are doing or where we are, if we try a little kindness, a situation can be transformed and we know that what we put out returns to us, so showing kindness is a win win, i.e. both parties win!

Take care
Gail Watson

What a lovely visit we had from the Watoto Children

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