Coming Events - Term 3

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**PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME:**

**SOUTHERN ILLAWARRA MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Congratulations to our wonderful choir – what an exciting night and a fantastic performance! I was very proud of you on stage, you not only sang superbly, but you looked fantastic and behaved beautifully.

Thank you to Mrs Johnson for devoting many months to training our choristers to be able to perform at such a high standard. Thank you also to the parents for presenting them so well in their uniforms – they looked so smart and we received many compliments from the audience and people from the community about how well they sang.

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**SOUTHERN STARS 2014**

Best wishes to our students who will be performing in this year’s performance of the Southern Stars spectacular show entitled “#webelieve2014”.

Wollongong Entertainment Centre will come alive next week on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 August, with over two thousand students performing to packed audiences. These students have been rehearsing for many months and the talent involved is exceptional.

A special thank you is extended again to Mrs Johnson for training and organising our choir and to Mrs Jones for training and organising our dance troupe.
Thank you also to our many parents who have been busy organising dance costumes and those parents who will be transporting students to and from rehearsals and performances next week. We could not possibly have done it without you.

I do hope many of our parents and students, will be able to attend and experience the excitement of the evening and enjoy the wonderful performance by our students.

We are certainly looking forward to some great entertainment and are delighted that our students have the opportunity to be involved.

**DESIGN A PLATE FUNDRAISER**

This term the Fundraising Committee will be providing parents with the opportunity to order a Design A Plate for their children.

Children will draw pictures on a template at school and this will be copied onto a melamine plate for them to use and keep forever.

The children love their own designer plates and will enjoy looking back on them and sharing them with their own children in 20 years’ time.

Why not get some extra as Christmas presents for the grandparents? Dad may love one for Father’s Day. They will be delighted with the children’s artistic ability.

An order form is included in this newsletter.

**BOOK WEEK 2014**

Congratulations to all the parents, teachers and students who joined in the spirit of Book Week and celebrated a love of reading and a love of books.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who joined us for our wet and rainy “picnic” lunch, it was lovely to see some families enjoying each other’s company.

Our 2014 Book Fair was a great success thanks to the support of our parents and friends. As a result of the sales, our school will have a substantial sum to buy books for our Library.

Thank you to Mrs Skarpona who has worked so hard to ensure the success of our Book Fair and Book Week celebrations.

What a great community effort.

**PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE**

Congratulations all our Stage finalists who participated in our Premier’s Spelling Bee Finals last Wednesday.

Special congratulations must go to our Stage 2 winners, Georgie and Ella and our Stage 3 winners and Tan and Ella, who will be representing our school at the Regional Spelling Bee Finals on Tuesday, 9 September, 2014 at Mount Brown Public School

We wish them all the best and we know they will try their best.

**FATHER’S DAY STALL**

We will be holding our 2014 Father’s Day stall on Thursday, 4 September. Please return the notes and money by Monday, 1 September, 2014.

I hope to see many parents at the Wrapping Morning on Monday, 1 September, 2014 at 9:00am in the Hall.

**PICKING UP CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL**

Parents are requested to ensure that their children are collected from school ASAP after 3:00pm. Most teachers have other duties, meetings or appointments to attend to and may need to also leave at 3:00pm.

Parents are also reminded that children are not to be taken home by another adult unless a written permission note has been forwarded to the class teacher.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**

Just a reminder that Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken for 2015.

Closing date for out of area enrolments is Friday, 5 September 2014, only 2 weeks away. If you or anyone you know is intending to apply for Kindergarten enrolment in 2015, please do it as soon as possible to avoid a last minute rush.

Application forms are available from the office.

Have a great week.

Christine Schnebli
PRINCIPAL
**PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE**
On Wednesday 20 August, 2014 Stage 2 and Stage 3 students were amazed by our school final for the Premier’s Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all of our competitors that participated in our school final. They did a wonderful job.

**Stage 2**
Drummond 1: Jake
Nebo 1: Georgia, Jagbir
Nebo 2: Samson, Bradley
Nebo 3: Joshua, Ella

**Stage 3**
Nebo 4: Caleb, Hannah
Kembla 1: Julian, Guy
Kembla 2: Tan, Ella

Our 4 winners will now progress to the Regional Final which will be held at Mount Brown Public School on Tuesday, 9 September, 2014.

Our Stage 2 winners are Georgia and Ella. Our Stage 3 winners are Tan and Ella.

The Regional Final times include:
Junior: (Stage 2) 9:30 – 11:30am
Senior: (Stage 3) 12:30 – 2:30pm

The finalists need to be at Mount Brown P.S. half an hour prior to the starting time. A permission note will be sent home early next week.

We wish our finalist all the very best in the Regional Final.
*Mrs Gillis – Spelling Bee Coordinator*

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**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS - 2015**
Applications for enrolment are now being taken for children to start Kindergarten in 2015.

Both LOCAL and NON-LOCAL applications are very welcome.

Local applications require 3 pieces of documentation proving residential address.
*The closing date for all applications is Friday, 5 September, 2014*

If you, or anyone you know is intending to apply for Kindergarten enrolment in 2015, please do so, as soon as possible.

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**STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL**
Collection day is 3rd September, 2014

A Stewart House Clothing Appeal bag has been sent home with your child today. Please make time to clean out all those unwanted old clothes, fill the Stewart House bag and return it to the school office by Tuesday, 2 September, 2014. The clothing bags will be collected from school the next day, WEDNESDAY, 3 September, 2014.

*Thank you*

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**MOUNT ST THOMAS PUBLIC SCHOOL**
**LOCAL AREA FEEDER STREETS**

BYARONG AVENUE
DRUMMOND STREET
EDNEY LANE
GLADSTONE AVENUE – 143 and above
248 and above
GRASMERE AVENUE
HEASLIP STREET – 69 and above
60 and above
HILL STREET
HICKMAN STREET
HOLMDEN STREET
IRIS AVENUE
KIRALA AVENUE
KIRRANG AVENUE
MASTERS ROAD
McARTHUR PARADE
MARCEAU STREET
MILNE CRESCENT
MORAN PARADE
MOUNT STREET
OCEAN STREET – 29 and above
24 and above
PHILLIPS CRESCENT
PRESTON STREET
PRINCES HIGHWAY [eastern side between The Avenue and intersection of Freeway & Highway at West Wollongong]
PROSPECT STREET
ROBERTSON STREET (Nos.67,68,88.90)
ROBWALD AVENUE
SEDDON STREET
ST JOHN’S AVENUE – 58 and above
35 and above
TARONGA AVENUE
TELEVISION AVENUE
THE AVENUE
TOORACK AVENUE
VALE STREET
WALDRON STREET
WALTERS STREET
WONSON AVENUE
SOUTHERN STARS MATINEE PERFORMANCE
FRIDAY 29 AUGUST, 2014
YEAR 2 to YEAR 6
All tickets have now been sold and there are a few students’ names on the waiting list. A Matinee Excursion note will be sent home next week to the children attending the show.

CANTEEN NEWS:

CANTEEN NEWS
CANTEEN CLOSED: Every Monday & Tuesday
TRADING HOURS: 8:30am to 2:00pm
Wednesday to Friday

SUSHI ORDERS
Wasabi Figtree NO LONGER require Shushi and Rice Paper Rolls to be PRE ORDERED.
Orders can be taken directed to the Canteen each Wednesday morning.

FREE RANGE EGGS
Now available at the Canteen - Free Range Eggs $5.00 per dozen. Each box (15 dozen) that is sold, a $5.00 donation will be given to the P&C Association.
Due to food ALLERGIES, it’s a MUST that only parents pick them up from the canteen.

Cheers,
Gail – Canteen Supervisor

P&C NEWS:

SOUTH COAST ENTERTAINMENT BOOK!
We are excited to be selling the NEW South Coast Entertainment book again! Not only is it filled with $15,000 worth of fabulous discounts and vouchers from businesses all up and down the coast, but with each book sold $11.00 goes towards fundraising for Mount St Thomas Public School.

Books are available now available from the school office. Call Cindy 0407297081 for more information.

Cindy
On behalf of the Fundraising Committee

UNIFORM SHOP
The school uniform shop is open every:
WEDNESDAY - 8:30am – 9:15am

HOW TO RAISE AN AGENDA ITEM AT A P&C MEETING
If you have an item that you would like to raise with the P&C at a meeting, then use the following procedure:

1. Put the item or concern in writing along with your name and contact details.
2. Leave at the front office with Denise. Similarly, you can email the written agenda item to mstpca@gmail.com.
The written agenda item must be in 1 week prior to the next P&C meeting.
Please note: Contact the P&C committee on the email above if you would like to discuss the agenda item or any other P&C matter.

Kind Regards
P&C Executive

Wednesday 10th September 2014
1. FUNDRAISING MEETING 6.30PM
2. P&C MEETING 7.00PM
All welcome to attend one or both meetings.

FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS 2014
DON’T FORGET
The P & C Association would appreciate parents paying their Voluntary Family Contributions of:
$30 per single child and $10 for each additional child.

The P&C has decided not to increase this amount at this point in time. Help us provide your school with much needed resources that will enhance your child’s learning opportunities.

By working together we can really make a difference.
Many thanks for your support.

Shellie Eastley
Mount St Thomas PS P&C Association President
ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS:

Our Wednesday working bee volunteers have been working very hard this year and our beautiful environment is a testament to their hard work. Thank you to all of our wonderful workers, the gardens are looking great.

Mike Blake, one of our volunteer garden helpers, has been busy potting lots of healthy plants and they are available for sale at only $2.00 or $1.00 each.

Money raised from the sale of the plants will go towards further improving our school environment.

Thank you Rosemary Bowden

THANK YOU WOOLWORTHS!

Woolworths Wollongong has kindly donated left over books and stickers from their recent Jamie Oliver promotion to our school. The books will make a fantastic resource for our students, but we need all the stickers be placed in the books. The stickers come in packets of 4, and need to be opened and sorted in order from 1 to 128, before they can be put into the books.

So we will be holding a STICKER WORKING BEE next THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST 2014 from 9:00am to 11:00am in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to come along and help separate and sort the stickers and if time, we will start compiling the books.

Never been to a sticker working bee before? This is your chance! See you there!

Thank you
Rosemarie Bowden

STICKER WORKING BEE

I am able to attend the Sticker Working Bee next Thursday, 28 August from 9:00am to 11:00am in the staffroom.

NAME:___________________________
CHILD’s NAME:___________________________
PHONE:___________________________

IMPORTANT
Managing ANAPHYLAXIS in our School

We currently have 7 students in our school with severe food allergies (anaphylaxis) to combinations of all types of nuts, eggs, dairy and seafood.

In order to minimise the risk in our school, we request that parents not send peanut butter on sandwiches or any nut products to school in your child's lunch box, especially, if a class member is Anaphylactic, in early primary years.

Please check below to see if there is an anaphylactic child in your child’s class.

Bringing Food to School:
Also check with your child’s teacher if you are bringing in a Birthday Cake or other food, as steps must be taken to ensure that the anaphylactic child is not exposed to an allergen via this food source.

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*All Nuts include:
- Cashews
- Walnuts
- Pecans
- Almonds
- Hazelnuts,
- Brazil
- Peanuts
- Macadamia
- Pistachio
- Pinenuts
- Sesame Seeds.

Many thanks for your support to ensure the safety of our students.

Thank you
Rosemarie Bowden
LEAVERS IN 2014

As all families would be aware, applications for Kindergarten to Year 6 enrolment in 2015 are now being taken. In 4 weeks’ time the decision will be made as to how many of the non-local applications can be accepted.

To do this as accurately as possible, we need to determine how many Year 6 students will be leaving, as well as how many other families will be leaving the school and NOT RETURNING IN 2015.

Please help clarify next year’s numbers! If you know or expect you will be leaving our school before the commencement of the 2015 school year, except for the current Year 6 going to High School, please complete and return the form below, as soon as possible.

We would be very grateful of your prompt advice, so we can more accurately estimate our enrolments for 2015.

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 2015??
[Please complete and return to the school office]

If you expect your child will not be attending our school in 2015 (except Year 6), please complete the form below and return as soon as possible.

CHILD’S NAME:____________________ CLASS:____________
REASON:_____________________________________________
________________________________________________________________
CHILD’S NAME:____________________ CLASS:____________
REASON:_____________________________________________
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COMMUNITY NEWS:
September school holiday soccer skills development

23rd, 24th & 25th September
• Improve soccer skills
• Regular program 3 hours per day over 3 days - $100
• Mighty mites program for under7’s 1.5 hours per day over 3 days - $60

Locations - Wollongong & Shellharbour
See website for more details

WOLLONGONG CITY LITTLE ATHLETICS
Registrations open on the 1st of August 2014
Costs:
Season 2014/2015 Registration Fee $130
Early-Bird On-line only $115 (Early Bird closes at 5pm on Tuesday 19th August)
On-line registration commences August 1
Wollongong City LAC encourages all new and returning athletes to register and pay on line.

Registration Days:
Wednesday August 20th (4:00pm-6:00pm) and Sunday August 31st (10:00am-3:00pm)

Wests Illawarra Junior Cricket Club
Registration Time Again
Wests Illawarra Junior Cricket Club registration days will be held on Saturday August 16 & 23 between 1 – 3pm and Wednesday August 27 (4.30 – 6pm) at the Wests Illawarra Leagues Club.
Wests Cricket caters for boys and girls within mixed teams, with or without experience, between the ages of 9 and 15 in U10 to U16 competitions.
The Club will again be running a MILO In2Cricket program this season for the younger players aged between 5 & 8 (must have turned 5 at 31st August) and an area wide program T20 Blast program will also be conducted midweek (Friday afternoons) for players 7 & 8 years.
For enquiries, contact the registration coordinator Paul King 0422976026 or email jadmin@wicc.com.au

Figtree Heights OOSH
After School Care
3pm – 6pm
Vacation Care 8am – 6pm
Figtree Heights Public School Hall
St George Avenue, FIGTREE NSW 2525
• Phone: (02) 4227 2515 • Fax: (02) 4226 5061
• Email: centre@fhoosh.net
• ABN: 55 782 160 086

Do you need someone qualified and caring to care for your children in the local community?
Then come on in and visit our wonderful out of school hours care service!
We offer care for children 5-12yrs of age and comply with Education and Care National Services Regulations
We are a not for profit community owned business run and operated by Figtree Heights Public School P & C!
WOLLONGONG JUNIOR OZTAG SUMMER COMPETITION

STARTS: 7TH OCTOBER 2014 TO FEBRUARY 2015

REGISTRATION: MONDAYS 1st and 8TH SEPTEMBER
- 4-6.30 pm at JJ KELLY PARK, WOLLONGONG
- TUESDAYS 26TH AUGUST and 9TH SEPTEMBER
- 4-6.30 pm at GUEST PARK, FAIRY MEADOW
- SATURDAY 13TH September
- 9 am – 12 mid at GUEST PARK, FAIRY MEADOW

FEES: $70 PER PLAYER FOR THE SEASON

VENUES: MONDAY AFTERNOONS – JJ KELLY PARK, WOLLONGONG
TUESDAY AFTERNOONS – GUEST PARK, FAIRY MEADOW

AGES: 6 TO 16
ENTER AS TEAMS OR INDIVIDUALS
BOYS & GIRLS FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ROSS THOMAS
on 0412 703481 or visit
www.wollongongjunioroztag.com

Southern Stars #webelieve2014
There are only two more weeks until Southern Stars hits the stage at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday August 29 and Saturday 30 and there are still tickets available to all four shows, with Saturday night selling quickly.

The Saturday matinee is a great opportunity for families to attend and with a family ticket at $140 dollars (two adults and two children) it’s great value too. Friday night tickets are also still available.

If you don’t have a child involved in the show this year don’t let that stop you from getting a ticket to biggest arena style show to take place in Wollongong each year.

The show has something for all ages and musical tastes, and the little ones in particular will love seeing the segment on their childhood heroes – both the traditional ones and new ones like Elsa from Frozen. Let them go!

The show is a celebration of all that we believe in, from our earliest memories right through to adulthood. We believe that you will be amazed by the talents of our public school children and that you will really love the show.

Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who have taken on our challenge to find 100 Friends of Southern Stars in August. We have nine so far including Mortgage, Peoplecare, Dion’s Buses, Danz Gallery and individuals Rae Mitchell and Jeannette and Stan Warren, Lynn and Norman Saad, and Jacqui McGee. We are still looking for more to secure the show’s future so if you or your business would like to become a friend of the show contact Sharon Buikstra 0419 402 033 or email sharon.buikstra@det.nsw.edu.au

Please support Southern Stars by getting along to the show. Buy your tickets today through Ticketmaster.