

# Woolomin Public School

## Newsletter Week 6 Term 1

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Wednesday, 8 March 2017

## Regional Swimming

Congratulations to William, Riley, Luke and Tyler who competed against 19 teams in the Peter Dobson relay at Regionals in Armidale on Monday. They were able to shave a whole 20 seconds off their Zone Swim time! This highly commendable effort meant that each swimmer completed 50m in under a minute. We're all very proud. Thanks to our wonderful parents who assisted with transport and to Mrs Summers who has done a good job as team manager poolside and Mrs Bromfield for the extra training and tips.



## Peel Valley Swimming

Well done to every swimmer who participated in the Peel Valley Carnival in Nundle last Friday. The weather was beautiful and it was great to see our Woolomin students competing in many of the races. Thank you to Nundle School for co-ordinating the carnival and parents who attended and cheered our students on.

## 2017 P&C Executive

Congratulations to the following people who were nominated for and accepted a position on the Woolomin P&C executive team for 2017.

**President:** Jo Meredith

**Vice president 1:** Terri Fisher

**Vice President 2:** Natalie Austin

**Secretary:** Helen- Mary Jones

**Treasurer:** Nina Douglas

**Uniform Pool Co-ordinators:** Mishalee Stewart and Kirsten Sampson.

Thank you to these people who are willing to take on a parent and citizen representative role in our school community. I am sincerely excited and looking forward to working with the 2017 team, to make a difference in the opportunities and support our great school provides.

## Animal Nursery Meeting



The sub-committee is holding a meeting next Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15 in the school library. Come long and get involved in this fantastic fundraising opportunity for our school. Many hands make light work!

# School Grounds After Hours

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A reminder that the school grounds are covered by the enclosed lands act after hours. This means that only persons with permission are permitted on the grounds without supervision. It is not a safe place for children to be unsupervised. On Monday, we had to remove chewed gum that had been left on the handball court over the weekend.

# Senior Debating Workshop

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Today (Wednesday), our senior students who have expressed an interest in debating and public speaking are attending a workshop at Nemingha Public School. We look forward to hearing about the activities and new learning they participated in when they return.

# Special Assembly

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Commences at 2pm on Friday. The swimming carnival medallions for the age champions will be presented this day. Everyone welcome.

# SRC Friday special

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This Friday 10th of March the SRC will have Soup with Bread available for \$2.50 as part of the SRC Special Friday Lunches.

Just a reminder that toasties are not available on Fridays.

# Old Gumboots

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If any parents have any old gumboots at home that no longer fit their children we welcome them at school. The students are keen to start one of these in our garden. Please give to Miss Miles



# Bottle Lid Request

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Can parents please collect bottle lids from home for our kitchen garden program. We are aiming to make one of these. Please give to Miss Miles.



# Old Shirts and Shoes

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Please send in some old shirts and shoes that your child/ren can change into when the kitchen garden program is running. The clothes will be kept at school. ENSURE YOU LABEL ALL CLOTHES.

# Dates for Your Diary

## Week 6

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Teddy bear hospital
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Special assembly – 2:00pm

## Week 8

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Tamworth High School taster day. Years 4 and 5
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	SRC disco – Space theme
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Tamworth show – Animal nursery
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Tamworth show continues

## Week 10

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Tamworth High School taster day. Years 4 and 5
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Debating & public speaking day. Tamworth High School

# Premier's Reading Challenge



This year our school is participating in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is an initiative of the NSW State government. It aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature.

It is not a competition but a challenge to each student - to read, to read more and to read more widely. The competition opens on the 6th March. Information on competition rules, book lists and student reading logs have been sent home.

More information can be found at the PRC website  
<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

# Online Payments

On Monday a letter was sent home to all families about the 2017 school contributions. Information about paying online was included and this method can now be used to make all payments to the school for any future expenses. It is hoped this will make it easier for parents. Cash and cheques are still accepted if this is your preferred process.

## Did you know that you can make payments to your child's school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

### What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

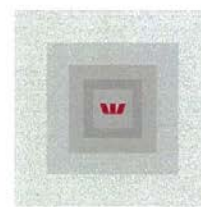
### When?

This payment method will go live on 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### How?

Log onto School site at:  
[www.woolomin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.woolomin-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.







Department  
of Industry  
Resources & Energy

# Support to Pay Electricity and Gas Bills\*



Help is available to pay  
your energy bills.

For information on  
rebates and emergency  
assistance go to:

[www.resourcesandenergy  
.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates)

or phone Service NSW  
on 137 788

\* eligibility criteria apply

## YOU COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE OR MORE OF THESE REBATES/ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

**Family Energy Rebate\*** – \$150 or \$15 per year – If you are the electricity account holder in your household, have dependent children and receive a DHS payment called Family Tax Benefits (Part a or B), you could qualify for this electricity rebate. Information on application deadlines is available from our website.

**NSW Gas Rebate\*** – \$90 per year – If you have natural gas or use LPG for cooking, heating or hot water, you could qualify for this gas rebate. To be eligible you will also need to be the gas account holder and have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card marked with WW, TPI or EDA.

**Medical Energy Rebate\*** – \$235 per year – You could qualify for this rebate if you, or someone living with you, have an inability to self-regulate body temperature which is often associated with medical conditions such as Parkinson's disease and Multiple Sclerosis. The electricity account holder in your household must have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card.

**Low Income Household Rebate\*** – \$235 per year – If you are the electricity account holder in your household and have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card marked with WW, TPI or EDA, you could qualify for this electricity rebate.

**Life Support Rebate\*** – If you are required, or have someone living with you who is required, to use approved energy-intensive medical equipment at home, you could qualify for this electricity rebate. Information on approved equipment and rebate rates is available from our website.

**EAPA\*** – Energy Accounts Payment Assistance Scheme – helps people experiencing a short term financial crisis or emergency to pay their electricity or natural gas bill. The scheme helps people stay connected to essential energy services during a financial crisis. EAPA is not means tested and you do not need to hold any DHS or DVA concessions cards to access this scheme.

## HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION AND WHERE DO I APPLY?

The Department of Industry website has all the information you will need to determine if you are eligible for an energy rebates or emergency assistance. Go to [www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates) for further information.

If you do not have access to the internet you can call Service NSW on 137 788 and talk to a customer service officer about your circumstances. Service NSW can also post you application forms.


If you have an electricity or natural gas account with an energy retailer you can call them to apply over the phone for the Low Income Household Rebate and NSW Gas Rebate. Your retailer can also provide you with application forms for other rebate programs.

## REMEMBER

If you have a DHS (Centrelink) Health Care Card you could qualify for the  
Low Income Household Rebate and/or NSW Gas Rebate.

ST. LUKES  
Holiday Kids' Club  
"The Road to Life"  
Loomberah Hall  
Tues 18th - Wed 19th April  
8:45 - 12:30pm

**FREE**  
Games, Craft and stories  
from Guest Cartoonist



RSVP 30th March  
Janelle 0428 421 206  
janelletongue@gmail.com

**Tuesday 18th April**  
8.45 Singing, craft, games, talks  
and morning tea supplied.  
12.00 - 12.30 Parent's welcome for close  
of session.

**Wednesday 19th April**  
8.45 Singing, craft, games, talks  
and morning tea supplied.  
12.00 - 12.15 Close of Holiday Kids' Club  
followed by sausage sizzle  
for families.

**Guest Speaker:**  
Phil Watson, illustrator and cartoonist.

**Music:**  
Howard Barnes

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Health  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

## Does your child receive regular, high quality dental care?

Hunter New England Oral Health provides comprehensive  
dental care for all children, at no cost. We are a non-profit government  
organisation dedicated to providing the best care for your child.

**Make a dental appointment today!**

**Call 1300 651 625**

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Moree • Muswellbrook • Narrabri • Nelson Bay • Newcastle • Raymond Terrace • Scone •  
Singleton • Tamworth • Taree • Toronto • Wallsend • Windale