From the Principal’s desk….

Term 1 is well underway and students are involved in many activities. Congratulations to all our swimming competitors at the District carnival last week. There were even some records broken and of course fabulous support from our spectators. Well done Wollondilly P.S.

Fantastic Focus Group

Thank you to the 7 parents who volunteered for the Welfare Focus Group. They were joined last week by 5 teachers and several student leaders and some very valuable discussions occurred. All members went away with lots of information and future meetings will consider what needs to be reviewed and/or changed, in our procedures and policies for Wollondilly Public School. The group will meet again on Thursday 17 March at 2.15pm.

Later this week copies of our welfare policies and procedures will be available in the office foyer, if you would like to be involved, but you cannot make the meetings. There will also be a suggestion box for your comments/ideas. These will all be considered by the group. Minutes of meetings will also be made available to anyone interested.

There is also information in this newsletter about a ‘Tell Them From Me’ survey that students will be asked to complete later this term.

Staff News

I will be on leave from tomorrow Thursday 3 March until Thursday 17 March. Mr Martin will be relieving in my absence. These opportunities to relieve as Principal, are invaluable for Assistant Principals, in developing their skills, for leading and managing a school. I know when I am away the school is in capable hands and programs continue as usual.

Teachers in Kinder and Stage 1 are continuing or starting their training in L3 (Language, Learning & Literacy). This involves travelling to Jerrabomberra Public School a few times each term. This week Mrs Reitano completed the first two days of her training in Focus on Reading for Stage 2. Ms Tilley trained last year and both teachers will deliver learning modules to other Stage 2 & 3 teachers, at staff meetings and on Staff Development Days throughout the year.

I attended a Principal’s Network Meeting last Thursday & Mr Martin, Mr Armstrong and Mrs Spillane attended an Executive Network Meeting on Friday, both held at Gunning P.S.

As you can see, our staff are lifelong learners too.

Marvellous Multi Lit training

We had a wonderful response to our call for volunteers to train as MultiLit tutors and on Monday last week 12 parents undertook their training at Goulburn South Public School. We look forward to seeing them in the school assisting our students.

If you would also like to train, then let Mrs Cameron know and when we have at least six more volunteers we can organise another training day.
Botswanan Dance Group wows Wollondilly P.S. audience

On Monday 22 February our students were entertained by a visiting dance group from Botswana. They were in our area to participate in the Multicultural Festival and we were delighted to accept their offer to come along and perform for us.

The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Monday 14 March**. Frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

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**Need to speak with a teacher ???**

If you need to speak with a member of staff then the easiest way is to phone the office and leave a message for the teacher concerned. The teacher will receive the message and return your call as soon as possible. If the teacher cannot answer your query then they will organise a mutual time to meet with you. Alternatively, you can write a note for your child to give directly to the teacher.

If the teacher you need to speak with is not at school for some reason, then you are able to speak with the Assistant Principal responsible for that stage – Mrs Spillane (Stage 1 K – 2), Mr Martin (Stage 2) & Mr Armstrong (Stage 3).

If they are not available then ask to speak with the Principal Mrs Bradley. Teachers are very busy before and after school with meetings and duties and they cannot be distracted whilst they are on any playground duty. Thank you for your support and co-operation with this matter.

**Mrs Susan Bradley**  
Principal
Music News

The students have been very excited about the arrival of new musical instruments for our school. With help from the money raised at our book stall at the recent Meet and Greet we have purchased a class set of Ukuleles, 12 Djembes (African Drums), 3 sets of Boomwhackers and accompanying teacher resources. I’m sure students will be very keen to show off their excitement for music in the coming months with the many new skills they are acquiring.

To start the term all primary students have been exploring tuned and untuned percussion instruments, learning about beat and developing an understanding of musical notes and how they are written. Students also discovered how closely Mathematics is related to music when they used their understanding of fractions to help them write a bar of music.

Mrs Dunn

Monday Helpers Group

Thank you to the lovely ladies and young children who have come along to share a friendly chat and help out on a Monday morning. This week we enjoyed preparing our school’s new musical instruments for use, doing some laminating and cutting up sight words for K1-AC. If you can spare an hour occasionally we would appreciate your company at 9:30am in the BER room.

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PSSA Update:

Congratulations to all Wollondilly students who have attended a PSSA trial so far this year. The following students have all been successful in making it to a regional trial this year in their selected sport. We wish them all the best of luck!

Makayla Jones – basketball, cricket
Nikea Casey Swan – basketball
Nic Marshall – basketball
Mikaylah John – tennis, cricket
Meg Baxter – cricket
Patrick Craig - cricket

Mr Scott Fagan
Sports Organiser

Science in the Library

As a teacher, I have many interests and one of my special loves is Science. Each month I will be setting a science challenge for students from Years 1-6, with a book prize for the most interesting entry.

As all of the Stages are currently studying a ‘living things’ topic, the first challenge is to find the most interesting life cycle. You can chose from any of the living kingdoms and the only real rule is that it must be REAL, not imaginary (so no Wookie life cycles or Dalek life cycles).

You cannot hand in prints from the internet, although you can cut out pictures and glue them onto your sheet. All entries must be on A4 paper and include an explanation, written in your own handwriting.

Don’t forget to include your full name and class.

PS Thursday 3rd March is World Wildlife Day!

Sciencerely,

Ms Tilley
P B PARADE
Positive Behaviour in the Classroom

Term 1, 2016

Wed 2 March
11am Combined Choir Rehearsal GCOPS at Bradfordville School. P & C Meeting commences at 7.30pm in the staffroom. A great venue to learn more about your school.

Fri 4 March
3-6 Assembly, commences at 12.30pm in the school hall. Hosted by class 5-6A. All welcome. Swimming Carnival ribbons will be presented at this assembly. Clean Up Day.

Tues 8 March
Regional Swimming Carnival.

Wed 9 March
PSSA District Netball trials. Goulburn High School Open Night 5.30pm to 7pm.

Fri 11 March
K-2 Assembly, commences at 12.30pm in the school hall. Hosted by class 1F. All welcome.

Wed 16 March
Wollondilly’s Athletics carnival at Hudson Park, Bradfordville.

Thurs 17 March
Mulwaree High School Info Night 6-7pm

Fri 18 March
3-6 Assembly, commences at 12.30pm in the school hall. Hosted by class 3-4MC. All welcome.

Thurs 24 March
School Photo Day

Fri 1 April
K-2 Assembly. Commences at 12.30pm in the school hall. Hosted by class K-1AC. All welcome.

Fri 8 April
K-6 Harmony Day Assembly commences at 12.30pm in the school hall. All welcome. Last day of term 1. Term 2 resumes for students on Wednesday 27 April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE
“Make a payment”

2016 BOOK PACKS $45 NOW DUE

CHANGE OF DATE
Mulwaree High School

Year 6 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 17 March 6pm-7pm

Mulwaree High School would like to invite students and parents/carers of Year 6 to an information evening. Guests will be able to meet staff and current students, discuss the transition from Year 6 into Year 7, and tour key facilities of the school.

Available to speak to on the night will be:

Principal
Deputy Principals
Head Teachers of each faculty
Careers Adviser
Year Adviser 2017
current Year 7 students

For further information, please contact the school on 4821 4499.

No RSVP required.

Mrs Meegan Menzies
Year 7 Adviser 2017

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A sneak peek inside KDV

In KDV we are settling in very well to primary school. We are very busy learning new skills and information. We have lots of fun learning with hands on activities. One of our favourite activities is writing in shaving cream! It is very messy but we enjoy writing words and letters in it.

We have learnt a lot of letters already, one was the letter m, we even drew monkeys that day in visual arts to match our letter of the week.

On Thursdays 5-6F come to visit us to do peer reading. It is lovely when they come to visit. We have made new friends and it is so nice to sit outside under the trees with our new friends and share a good book.

These are just a few of the fun things we do in our class. We hope you enjoyed seeing a few photos and reading a few of the activities that we have been doing in the first few weeks of school.
News time in KEH is always very informative.

It’s not OK to be away
It’s not great to be late
A reminder that school commences at 9.25 am and concludes at 3.25pm

KEH have learned how to sit in the courtyard in a row.

MultiLit
Please let the school office staff know if you would like more information on the MultiLit program.
2016 School Clean Up Day

This Friday (March 4) all our classes will help clean up our school grounds with their classes. Your child could come equipped with sturdy gloves, a collection bag and (if available) a pick-up tool or long tongs.

Children are also invited to wear a fun sun hat for the day.

Please advise your child’s teacher if you do not wish your child to be involved in this activity.

Come and play the World Game

Football!!!

Register for
Wollondilly Soldiers Football Club
Teams from Under 6 to Under 17
All age Women
All age Men
For more information
We will have a stall at the Lilac Markets
Saturday March 5 2016
or
www.wollondillysoldiersfootball.com
Facebook: WollondillySoldiersFootballClub
wsfcinc@gmail.com
Registrations needed by 14 March

Register online at
myfootballclub.com.au
click on Player Registration
**School Photo Envelopes**

**School Photo Day is on Thursday 24 March.** The photo order envelopes are being sent home with students today. Please read the photographer’s information enclosed before making your selection. Advancedlife is the school’s photographer for this year, their email address is enquiries@advancedlife.com.au, please contact them for assistance with your order.

Please note the following:-

- All students are to be in **full summer uniform**.
- **Order envelopes are to be returned on the day of photography only, eg 24 March**
- Sibling envelopes are available from the school office, on request.
- Late orders received after the day of photography are subject to reorder prices and can only be placed online.
- **DO NOT RETURN THE ORDER ENVELOPE IF YOU HAVE ORDERED ONLINE.**

Please contact advancedlife if you require any further information.

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**The Wollondilly Wag**

Our school newsletter “The Wollondilly Wag” is published on a Wednesday in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 of each school term.

The Wollondilly Wag is available for viewing:

- By downloading the “**Skoolbag**” mobile app that communicates directly with iPhone and Android devices.

If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter sent home with your child each fortnight, please complete the slip below and return it to the school office.

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**Wollondilly P S Newsletter Reply Slip**

Name of eldest child attending WPS ______________________________ Class___________

I/we require a hard (paper) copy of the school newsletter to given to my/our child.

Signed______________________________ Date______________________________