ANZAC Day

The commemoration of ANZAC Day is an important part of our school year as we honour those servicemen and women who have fought with courage for our freedom.

**School ANZAC Day Commemoration**
This will be held on Friday, 8 April at 12:15pm under the hall COLA. All members of our school community are invited to join with us for this special ceremony.

**Community ANZAC Day March and Service**
All Windang PS students are invited to take part in this year’s commemoration events. Children participating in the march will need to meet at Lake Illawarra Hotel on Monday, 25 April at 7:30am, with the march to commence at 7:45am. All students should be in school uniform.

As this is a community rather than school event, parents and caregivers are reminded that they responsible for the supervision of their children.

### Parent/ Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews are being held across this week. I wish to thank the school staff who have given up much of their own time to conduct interviews out of school time to accommodate parents and caregivers.

Bookings have now closed. If you haven’t booked a time but would still like to attend an interview, please contact your child’s teacher directly.

### ANZAC Art Entries

All ANZAC art entries should be submitted to the school office by Wednesday, 6 April, 2016.

### WHAT’S HAPPENING @ Windang PS

#### Week 9
- **Wednesday 23/3**
  - Easter Hat Parade 12:30pm
  - Parent/teacher Interviews 3 – 7pm

#### Week 10
- **Life Education Week**
- **Friday 1/4**
  - Cross Country K-6 9:30am
  - P&C Sausage Sizzle

#### Week 11
- **Tuesday 5/4**
  - ICAS Entries close
  - Special Assembly – 2:15pm – 5/6G and 1E
- **Wednesday 6/4**
  - Stage 3 Rainforest excursion
  - ANZAC entries close
It’s Bunny Season!

It seems that wherever you look this week at Windang Public you will see evidence of Easter.

Yesterday afternoon we had a Easter Hat making frenzy, with children making hats for Wednesday’s hat parade. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend or donated materials to make our hats look beautiful.

On Wednesday, our Easter Hat Parade will commence at 12:30pm in our hall. Draws for the raffle prizes will be held throughout the parade. Parents and caregivers will also be able to collect their Hot Cross Bun orders prior to the parade.

Everyone is invited to attend our Easter Hat Parade. We look forward to having you join in the fun.

Library Borrowing Days

Due to changes to the school timetable, library borrowing days have changed.

The new days are:
• Kinder - Monday
• 1E – Thursday
• 2PM – Tuesday
• 3M – Friday
• 4M – Wednesday
• 5/6L – Wednesday
• 5/6G – Thursday

A reminder for the fridge is attached to the end of this newsletter.

Scenes from Week 8
Illawarra Sports High School at Berkeley is holding trials for entry into the Talented Sports and Development Program on Thursday, 31 March. **All applications for the trials must be submitted by Thursday, 24 March.**

Any year 6 child who is interested in this program must collect an application form ASAP from Mrs Tolhurst.

**Can You Help?**

We have been lucky over the past few years to have Jill change the message on our school sign each week. Unfortunately, she is now unable to continue with this role.

If you are able to change the message each week, please contact the front office. It usually only takes 10 – 15 minutes once a week.

**Staff Professional Learning**

For teachers to maintain and develop their skills, they must engage in professional learning. The staff at Windang Public School give much of their own time to continue to learn and grow as teachers including staff meetings every Wednesday afternoon.

Language, Literacy and Learning (L3) is a professional learning initiative that both Mr Ellis and Mrs Dimoski will be involved in this year. The training for L3 is conducted in school hours. Mrs Dimoski will be participating in training for one half day per term, with Mr Ellis participating in training more frequently. All of their training will be held for half a day on a Friday.

Ms. Papesch also participates in ongoing professional learning in her role as our Reading Recovery teacher. Ms. Papesch will be absent for 2 half days per term.

As our new timetable has staff professional learning built into our weekly program, instances where staff will be absent from school should be minimised across the rest of the year.

An exception was yesterday where a number of staff completed the second day of their course “Peer Coaching in the Classroom”.

Thank you for all of your generous donations to our raffle.
Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Gold Award at the next Special Assembly on Tuesday 5th April:

Matilda Carter
Thomas Hoyland
Bryce Wells
Logan Goodger
Spencer Stephenson

There were no Silver Award recipients this week.

Congratulations, the following students will receive their Bronze Award at Thursday morning’s assembly (Good Friday Public Holiday):

Riley Giles
Charlotte Giles
Summa Dupille
Tilly Harkness
Savannah Hinksman
Chole Riggs
Matilda Watson
Imogen Blacka
Ava Brislane
Keaton Cavanough
Emma Dilevski
Riley Gillett

Life Education

The Life Education van will by visiting our school next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. So that your child can attend, the “Life Education” permission note that has been sent home must be signed and returned with $5.00 per child, if school fees have not been paid.
YEAR 6 SPORT TRIALS

Illawarra Sports High School will be holding the Year 6 Sport Trials for YEAR 7 2017 enrolment in the Talented Sports and Development Program.

Date – Thursday March 31st, 2016
Time – 8.30am to 12.30pm

Transport Arrangements – Private transport.

Sports to Trial for –
- Rugby League & Union
- Girls All Codes (RL, RU, Touch, Oztag)
- Netball
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Surfing (no surfing at trials, fitness and skills test only)
- Tennis
- Cross Codes (athletics, fitness, mixed sports)

Student Registration -
Students must register their attendance at the trials no later than Thursday March 24th. Primary schools can send through a list of students attending or parents can contact Illawarra Sports High School front office.

If a child is unable to attend the trial due to other commitments, please still register and return the permission form.

Information and Permission Note –
See your primary school for the information and permission note.
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Starting 14th March 2016
Mother’s Day Fundraising meeting Friday 1st April after Cross Country pack up approx 1.00pm @ Club Windang.

Please Note our Next P&C meeting will be on THURSDAY 28th APRIL 6.30pm

CROSS COUNTRY BBQ will be pre orders. Order forms sent home today.

HOUSE SHIRTS available at the Uniform Shop on Tuesday 29th March or leave order at office

EASTER Hot Cross Bun orders will be delivered to the children on Wednesday prior to the Easter Hat Parade

EASTER RAFFLE IS DRAWN TOMORROW!!! Please return ALL SOLD and

UNSOLD books TODAY! We have lot’s of yummy prizes to be given away. Thank you for your donations and a BIG thank you to the ladies who helped with the wrapping; Tara, Melissa W, Kelsey, Jenny & Crystal

Entertainment Books

FLYERS/ORDER FORMS going home today

Memberships will be available 4th April. Digital and Books are available. We will be selling these again this year and would love you all to spread the word please to all your friends and family

Clink on link below

www.entbook.com.au/280k925

We’re fundraising with entertainment

BANK BOOKS DUE IN THURSDAYS

UNIFORM SHOP - Cash, Cheque or EFT - Sorry no Cards accepted. Orders with payment can be left at the office anytime, also Lay By’s are welcome.
Wollongong Botanic Garden

**Dinosaurs IN THE GARDEN**

**KIDS CAN ENJOY**

the amazing outdoors these autumn school holidays as they participate in some engaging and educational activities that will focus on dinosaurs and some of the rare and extinct plants and animals.

**Activities suitable for children aged 3 to 12 years**

- Children must be accompanied by an adult
- Cost: $10 per child
- $20 for family of 2 or more children
- Bookings only required for large group

Food and beverages available from the Lion's Club Stall.

**MONDAY 18 APRIL TO FRIDAY 22 APRIL 10AM TO 1PM**

**DAILY ACTIVITIES**

- Dinosaurs Treasure Hunt
- Waste Wise Crafts including Ancient Fossil Hunting and Making
- No More Dodos Garden Show

**Wollongong Botanic Garden Discovery Centre**

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