Appreciation:
Last Thursday 21st March we celebrated Harmony Day. This is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we came to learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Throughout the day students took part in a range of cultural activities and some students from stage one even shared a multicultural picnic lunch. In the afternoon we celebrated this important day with a special assembly. Our special guest for this year’s assembly was Mr Oliver Sililo. Oliver was born in Zambia, but has spent his life living abroad in The United Kingdom, South Africa and now he calls Australia home. Oliver is also a prince of the Royal Sandwe House in Zambia. The students were delighted to meet Oliver and have the chance to ask him some questions, including; “Is being a prince just like it is in the movies?” Oliver loved the opportunity to meet our students and staff and felt very welcomed by our school community and he hopes to return again to visit soon. We’d like to extend a very special thank you to Oliver and his wife Louise for taking time to come and share their story with us. We’d also like to thank the entire school community - staff, students and parents for their support of this year’s Harmony Day events and we look forward to celebrating Harmony Day again with you all next year.

Many Stories - One Australia.

It's Time Again to Go Cross Country
The annual Cross Country will be held on Thursday 4th April at school.
• Juniors (8, 9 & 10 yrs) will be in the morning session from 10am.
• Seniors (11, 12 and 13 yrs) will be after lunch from 12.15pm.
The start and finish lines will be on the top oval, and all parents are welcome to attend. Please do not park on the school grounds, as the children will be running through the car parking areas within the grounds which will be cordoned off to the public. Parent help will be required on the day to assist with supervision at some areas of the course. If you would be happy to help, please write a note to me letting me know if you would like to help with the Junior, Senior or both sessions on the day.

Monica Hercok
Having a Go @ University Competitions

This year, as in the past, we will be participating in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). If you would like your child to participate in one or all of the competitions, please see Mrs Hercok for an application note. The competitions, dates and costs are:

- Science Wednesday June 5th $8.80
- English Wednesday July 31st $8.80
- Mathematics Tuesday August 13th $8.80

All applications for entry must be to Mrs Hercok before the end of Term 1.

Monica Hercok

Learners Leading Learning—Captains Lesson

Our school captains give a weekly captains report at the 3-6 assembly. The words of wisdom are wonderfully inspiring and relevant to all within the school community. From time to time these 'lessons' will be shared with you. Please encourage your child to be a teacher as well as a learner.

PLEASE
THANK YOU
EXCUSE ME
SORRY

These four words are some of the most important words in life and should be said by EVERYONE.

When saying please you are asking for something in a nice manner and it is very polite. People are more likely to help you by saying please than not saying please.

Saying thank you means you are grateful to others for the things that they have done for you. Every day there are small things that you can say thank you for.

Saying excuse me is also very polite. You are respecting people around you and it means you are not interrupting people in a rude manner.

Saying sorry if you hurt someone or have done the wrong thing is a good way to make up for what you’ve done. It also makes the person that you have hurt know that you are sorry and you care about their feelings.

If students at WPS use more and more of these words on a regular basis, relationships in our school will be more positive.

EXCUSE me everyone, would you PLEASE try and use as many of these words over the next week. THANK YOU. Oh...... SORRY about that last bit. (Kai)

This week’s article regarding the new curriculum looks at what students will be learning in English and Mathematics.

What will my child learn at school based on the new syllabuses?

The new syllabuses build on the strength of the existing NSW curriculum. Many features of the new K-10 English, Mathematics, Science and History syllabuses are retained. Literacy and numeracy remain important areas of focus in K-6, where essential foundation skills are developed.

The syllabuses identify the knowledge, understandings, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to develop in each learning area.

**English**

Students develop their language skills through **speaking**, **listening**, **reading**, **writing**, **viewing** and **representing**.

Students learn about language and literature through working with a range of print, spoken, visual, media, **multimedia** and **digital texts**.

They interpret and express their views on what they hear, see and read.

They create **written** and **digital texts** and deliver **formal and informal presentations**.

There is a requirement that students experience a range of texts including **Australian works**, **multiculturalism**, **Aboriginality** and **Australian identity** as well as **Asian perspectives**.

**Mathematics**

Students develop their mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding through a range of learning experiences across:

- **number** and **algebra** (eg whole numbers, fractions and decimals)
- **measurement** and **geometry** (eg length, area and time)
- **statistics** and **probability** (eg data and chance)

Students develop their **problem-solving** skills, mathematical reasoning and communication.
WPS Band Program -
A new Percussion Tutor will be Teaching at Wamberal PS as of next week. His Tutorials will take place at 11.30 Fridays but obviously this week this will not happen due to Good Friday. This new arrangement will begin next week.

Instrumental Festival - All Recorder players please return your notes and return the participation fee as soon as possible and definitely by the end of Term.

School Choir - Choir members are reminded that permission notes and the participation fee for the Central Coast Choral Festival is payable by the End of This Term. These were distributed last week but if you missed out on receiving one please see Ms Ford as soon as possible.

Easter Guessing Competition

Some really FANTASTIC Easter hampers will be yours to win, in the guessing competition. Hampers will be displayed in the library Thursday morning and ready for collection once drawn (announced at Easter hat parade). P&C will contact all the winners and hampers can be collected from the school.

Spring Fair 2013

A Spring Fair meeting is planned Monday 8th April at 7pm (staffroom). This will set the frame work and an understanding of what made last spring fair a success. If you want to be part of something VERY EXCITING and rewarding, please come along and bring a friend.

Answers

How much did P&C raise 2011 Spring Fair?..............................over $34,000

How many volunteers did it take?..........................Around 300

Be a part of the 2013 committee

MOTHERS DAY

What better way to say “I love you Mum” than with flowers. Mother’s day stall will be Thursday 9th May. I know it’s a bit early but we do have school holidays coming up, more details as we get closer (put it in your diary).

Note from P&C minutes:

National Solar Grant
We were successful in our solar grant and installation is planned for the first week of school holidays by Lend Lease. The installation is managed by the DEC. Gary confirmed that the grant is for the full amount of $30K.

Shade Sails - P&C agreed with shade sails installed from Sue Callan’s old room to the library, over the steps where stage 2 meet and the steps up to the oval. There was quite a variance in quote prices as some contractors wanted to install new poles while others would use the existing structures. P&C agreed to donate funds to cover costs $22K.

P&C agreed to donated $2,000 to school library
For full minutes visit www.wamberalpandc.org.au

Uniform Shop
Wamberal Public School is very proud of its high quality uniform and has worked hard to maintain this while keeping costs down as much as possible. Unfortunately, after many years of absorbing continuing rising costs from our suppliers, we have had to increase some uniform items. The new price list can be viewed and printed from the school website under ‘our school’ - WPS Uniform Shop, price lists are available at the front office and the uniform shop. These prices will be effective as of Term 2—May 2013. We wish to thank everyone for their understanding and continual support.

Sale Items—Sloppy Joes—Now $28 (limited stock)
- RazzaMataz Navy Tights (opaque—40 denier) 1 pair = $3.50 or 2 pairs for $6 (limited stock).

Secondhand Items Sale
These items will be on SALE Thursday, April 11th near the canteen—2.30pm to 3.30pm—$5 each—cash sales only and as per policy no refund or exchange,

WHAT’S NEW—As per feedback from parents in 2012, WPS along with the P & C, a NEW Polar Fleece Zip Jacket at $45 will be available and will replace the current Sloppy Joe (Sloppy Joe is still acceptable school uniform).

Thank you to parents for volunteering in the uniform shop. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated!
School Holiday Intensive Swim Programs

★ 5 day courses
★ Learn to Swim
★ Stroke Correction
★ Breaststroke 5 Day Clinics
★ One Day Butterfly/Breaststroke Clinics 16th & 17th April
Kincumber Swim Centres 102 Avoca Drive 4369 1321
Kerara Road 4369 2422

Inflatable Fun
15th—26th April 2013—Closed Pub Hol.

Community Noticeboard

"Community News" is provided as a community service. Wamberal Public School’s endorsement should not be assumed.

The Fun way to become bilingual!
FRENCH CLUB Enrolling Now for Term 2
Wamberal Public School
Every Monday before school in the music room
- lots of fun activities, drama, music & games!
- French native teacher
- First lesson is free so Hurry
Book your FREE TRIAL NOW!!
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Before School Care 7 - 9am/After School Care 3.30 - 6.00pm
Vacation Care 7am till 6pm