Community Support

The strength of a community is in the people within that community. How fortunate we are to have such committed and caring individuals and organisations within our Peel Valley, who show great generosity towards supporting our small schools.

A Huge thank you to the Ogunbil and Dungowan Valley Garden Club for their generous donation to our school. The garden club kindly donated $200 to help beautify our school grounds. This money will go a long way to supporting some projects to make Woolomin School a beautiful place for students and staff to work and play.

Community Defibrillator

Also a HUGE thank you to the John Holland Crew, who are working on Chaffey Dam for their very generous donation of $500 towards the upkeep and maintenance of the community defibrillator machine which is located at Woolomin Store. This money will go to make sure the machine and its equipment is kept up to date in case it is needed. Your contribution to the Woolomin community is greatly appreciated.

Zone Carnival

Congratulations to Samuel Lee and Miriam Csanki on their outstanding efforts at the Zone Swimming Carnival last Friday. Both swimmers proved to be in fine form on the day and achieved outstanding results. In the 50m breaststroke race Miriam’s time qualified for the next level of competition which is the Regional Swimming Carnival in Armidale on the 3rd of March. Best of luck, Miriam! We will be cheering for you!
Animal Nursery Organisation Meeting

The Animal Nursery sub-committee of the Woolomin P&C met on Monday afternoon to collate the roster, organise animals and distribute jobs. Thankyou to those people who were able to attend this meeting and to the families who sent in RSVPs for rosters or made a commitment to the event in some way. A draft roster will be forwarded home soon. It will have some gaps that need to be filled and a list of equipment that is required. Any loans of shovels, buckets etc. is greatly appreciated. Please ensure all loaned equipment is labelled with your family name to enable its speedy return after the nursery. If you are able to support the nursery (and therefore Woolomin students) by offering transport of either animals and/or equipment to and from the show please contact the school. We will need workers with trailers to pack up the nursery on Sunday. Experience has shown that the more people and trailers that are able to help on the pack up day, then the quicker everyone gets home for some well earned rest.

Circus Excursion

Woolomin School has been invited to Dungowan School on the 5th March to attend a performance of Solid State Circus. Transport will be by bus. Students and staff will leave Woolomin School at approximately 10.45 to join Dungowan School for lunch. They will then have the opportunity to participate in ‘circus themed’ workshops with Dungowan students before viewing the Solid State Circus performance. Students will return to school via bus at approximately 2.30pm. For families on the Nundle Rd bus route, please check the permission note if you would like your child/children to be dropped off on the return trip. All other students will return to school for normal transport home arrangements. If you check this option please come to the bus for collection of your child/ren. No students will be allowed to alight the bus without a parent being sighted. The subsidised cost of the excursion will be $3 per student. Please return the attached permission note.

Solid State Cup Circus

Solid State Circus began in 2011. Since then, SSC has performed in every state and territory in Australia, with travelling school shows, festivals and corporate events. Notable performances include the Darling Harbour Hoopla Festival 2013, the NRL Rugby Grand Final and the Thunderbolt Festival - the only festival in Australia sponsored by Harley Davidson. Solid State Circus made a recent appearance on GO!’s morning cartoon show, WB Kids. Solid State Circus works with a range of talented young performers from around the country (many are graduates of the National institute of Circus Arts), to present a fresh blend of Australian acrobatic performance.

Personalised Learning Plans

Thankyou to the families that have either returned their child/ren’s Personalised Learning Plan or have made an appointment to complete the plan with staff. I am very happy to sit down with parents and students to discuss how we can support their academic, behavioural and social goals. Please contact the school for an appointment if you would like to discuss these plans further. Both myself (Mrs McMahon) and Mrs Fletcher (Learning and Support Teacher) are available. Mrs Fletcher is available for appointments in the afternoon during school time if that suits some families.

Leadership Conference

Our Year 6 leadership team (Miriam, Samuel and Emma) will have the opportunity to attend the GRIP Leadership conference at the Tamworth War Memorial Town Hall on the 4th May 2015. More information will follow about this exciting opportunity however it is aimed at developing leadership qualities and skills in young leaders. Student Leadership is highly valued at Woolomin School and this program will be subsidised through the school to enable all students to attend this amazing event.
School Assembly
A school assembly will be held this Friday at 2.30 pm. Parents and members of the community are very welcome to attend.

A call for help!
In our strive for academic excellence we are asking for the help of our school families and community to assist with the production of a quality newsletter. We are asking for people to read the newsletter very carefully and let the office know if there are any spelling or grammatical errors. The first response will be rewarded with a block of chocolate. One per week, any week that errors are spotted. This is not a ploy to read the newsletter, nor will errors be deliberately slipped in. It is a collaborative effort to present a professional and well written document from a school striving for all round excellence.

Skill for the week
The skill for this week focuses on some strategies to use to hold good conversations. These strategies will help students learn when to have conversations and how to have positive, enjoyable conversations with others.

Behaviour Expectations
Skill for the Week
Good Conversations

1. Is this a good time and place to talk?

2. Use good volume

3. Use appropriate words

4. Take turns listening and speaking.

5. Use positive talk

I will learn to have appropriate conversation with others.
MONDAY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

K-2 Class Award: Evie Walsh
Demonstrating Leadership.

3-6 Class Award: Brooke Douglas
Commitment to completing
Quality Work in all Subjects.

Principals Award: Bladen Steel
Doing the right thing without at all making a fuss.

Merit Cards
Emily Milo, James Sampson, Evie Walsh, Ravyn Steel,
Marley Holden, Bladen Steel, Maddison Humphries,
Corbin Steel

K-2 Class Award: Cody Friend
Mature approach to Learning.
Uniform—Hats

Woolomin School uniform includes the option of wearing a yellow bucket hat or a wide brim blue hat. Some students have been wearing base ball style caps with logos. These are not part of the uniform and actually deter from the smart appearance of the rest of the uniform. Students have been asked not to wear these hats to school. Hats are available from the clothing pool however we are waiting for a delivery of small sizes. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled.

Shake A Leg Program

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in the Shake A Leg Program. The program will be delivered at school in stage appropriate groups. K-2 will have a lesson at 9.30–10.10am, Years 3-4 from 10.30-11.15 and the Years 5-6 from 12.00-12.40. The program will run for five consecutive Wednesdays commencing Wednesday 29th April, 6th May, 13th May, 20th May and the final lesson on 27th May. An information note and permission slip for your child/ren to attend is attached to this newsletter. Please return the permission slip as soon as possible.
FEBRUARY

20th February  Zone Swimming Carnival
23rd February  P&C Special Animal Nursery meeting 3:10pm at the school
27th February  School Assembly Primary Classroom.

MARCH

3rd March  Regional Swimming Carnival at Armidale
5th March  Solid State Circus Excursion (Dungowan School)
12th-13th March  Mrs McMahon in Sydney at Early Action for Success School Program Training
13th –14th March  Tamworth Show Animal Nursery P&C Fundraiser
19th March  SRC Fluoro Theme Disco 6.30-8pm

APRIL

4th-5th April  Nundle Go For Gold Festival– Animal Nursery
26th April  Anzac Day March at Nundle
29th April  Shake a Leg Program commences (PDHPE) and runs for five consecutive Wednesdays

MAY

4th May  Year 6 leadership Conference Tamworth