Term 1 Week 3

Important dates to put in your calendar.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2013 at Wadalba Community School. This will be a very interesting year and will bring opportunities and challenges. As part of the Empowering Local School National Partnerships we will have great autonomy over our decision making and our curriculum offerings.

As a result of this it is really important that we work together to establish stronger links between school home and the community. To this end the school has appointed a Communication Liaison Officer who will work to develop opportunities for us to come together to ensure that the students in our school are successful in gaining an education worth having.

As you are aware our values are RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY AND EXCELLENCE, however many students have experienced difficulty understanding just how this relates to their behaviours in class. As a result the school has formulated seven expectations and these are reproduced below.

**RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY AND EXCELLENCE**

**What is expected behaviour at WCS.**

**IN CLASS, ON TIME, DOING THE RIGHT THING**

You are expected to:

1. Attend all classes:
   a. On time,
   b. Ready to learn
   c. With all equipment.
   d. In school uniform
2. Actively participate in every lesson and complete all set work and homework.
3. Immediately comply with all instructions given by a staff member.
4. NEVER use Mobile phones, iPods, iPads or any other personal electronic devices in class unless directed by the teacher.
5. NEVER use inappropriate or abusive language or tone (including swear words) to staff or other students.

In particular please note the following:

6. At NO TIME will threatening, aggressive or bullying behaviour be tolerated.
7. Violence or criminal behaviour will not be tolerated.

Please be aware that students must comply with these expectations. I look forward to working with you to meet the needs of our students.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Sally Conn
Principal

Ready for Maths

The maths faculty are excited and looking forward to the year ahead. A reminder to all families that students require a grid book, calculator and pen for each lesson. Also a reminder to Year 12 students that your half yearly’s will take place at the end of the Term 1.

Mrs Leanne Hancock
Head Teacher Mathematics

Homework Centre

The Homework Centre was a great success last year. The Homework Centre will run again this year and we welcome students to attend. The Homework Centre takes place each Wednesday afternoon in the library after school until 3.45. During this time a dedicated group of teachers volunteer their time to support students in completing assignments, homework and study.

Mrs Leanne Hancock
Head Teacher Mathematics
Community Liaison Officer

Research shows that when schools, families and the communities work in partnership, students get better results from their education.

This year I have taken on the role of Community Liaison Officer. Within this role I will be facilitating opportunities to further develop the productive relationship between the school and its community. Communication, workshops to enable families to better support their child’s educational journey, social opportunities and increased communication are some examples of what this role will look at Wadalba.

All events will be advertised via the newsletter, email and on our official website and Facebook page. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list for any upcoming workshops or events please email your name, child’s name and best phone contact to melinda.pinkerton@det.nsw.edu.au.

• A fortnightly K – 12 newsletter will be emailed home to families. There will also be a limited amount of printed copies in the office area. Please ensure the school has your updated email address by emailing students name and newsletter in the subject to melinda.pinkerton@det.nsw.edu.au by the 18th February.

• Don’t forget to look on the website and Facebook page for important updates. Like our official school Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wadalbacom to receive important school reminders and information.

Mrs Melinda Brown
Community Liaison Officer and Year 9 Year Advisor.

Science HSC Information Evening

The Science faculty will be running an information evening for Parents and students in Y12. The evening will cover the following:

- Structure of HSC science courses
- Assessments
- Time management
- Organisational skills
- Study skills
- Support mechanisms
- ATAR estimations

This is a great opportunity for parents to get a better understanding of how they can support their child achieve at the highest level possible in the HSC. A note will come home with your child shortly, please fill it in and return the slip so we can get numbers for catering. Although the night is designed for HSC students all parents are welcome to attend.

Date: 19th March 2013
Time: 5:30 – 6:30pm

Mr Colin Harris
Head Teacher Science

You can if you think you can!
WCS Library - open daily 7.45am to 2.30pm

Mrs Taylor – Teacher Librarian
Ms Hanlon – Library Assistant

This year we have commenced Year 7 Library Information and Research Skill lessons via the school timetable which means that I will see every student on a fortnightly basis to provide instruction. I am delighted that each student has the opportunity to become an effective and independent researcher and trust that the library program will be enjoyable and rewarding.

Looking for a good book? Find the fiction books you love to read and the information books that will help enhance your learning and help you to research in order to complete your school work – ask for assistance at the library circulation desk or access the library catalogue online 24/7 via the WCS website student portal to find the books you might like to borrow – you will be prompted to enter your username and password.

Your library is waiting for you to visit...happy reading always.

Mrs Taylor

Come and join the fun

Coming up in Term 1 we have the swimming and athletics carnivals. Students, it’s time to start thinking about how you’re going to best represent your house. Participating, supporting, cheering others, dressing in your house colours, it all counts.

Families if you have a spare half an hour or a whole day come down and see the sportsmanship on display.

• Primary Swimming Carnival (Wyong Pool): Thursday 21st Feb.
• High School Swimming Carnival (Wyong Pool): Friday 22nd Feb.
• High School Athletics Carnival (Warnervale Oval): Friday 15th March.

Mr Matt Riley
Head Teacher PE
Creative Arts and Performing 2013

Students in CAPA have settled into their lessons well this year and already they have been participating in a range of very creative work. CAPA Students are enjoying working in their chosen discipline and looking forward to the year. Yr7 & 8 are semesterised this year so they will study Visual Arts for one semester and then Music for the other. Yr9 have begun their new elective subjects and with so many on offer, we have a large group of Yr9 students. Visual Arts, Photography, Visual Design, Screenprinting, Ceramics, Dance, Drama and Music. Yr10’s are continuing with their 200hr electives and refining their skills learnt in Yr9. Year 11 students are investigating the relationship between themselves and their local world and creating representations using photography, drawing, painting and printmaking skills. Year 12 HSC students are well into a detailed study of how particular artists illustrate their identity and are experimenting with various form and media in preparation for their Major Work.

These interesting and engaging units are a great reflection of our talented teachers. We welcome a few new teachers this year to the CAPA staff Mrs Jones (Visual Arts), Mrs Bell (Dance).

We are planning a range of extra-curricular activities for the students this year and there will be many opportunities for parents to participate also. Our first excursion will be to view the highest quality artworks at Central Vision and Art Express.

A Central Vision is an art exhibition which showcases the best of Central Coast High School students’ artworks. It is at the Gosford Regional Art Gallery 15th February until 13th March. Thirteen of our students’ works were selected for exhibiting. Congratulations to Holly Schuebel, Jessica Williams, Andrew Lawes, Lachlan Lawes, Makayla Murray, Madison Stafford, Natasha James, Sarah Webb, Matthew Browne. Jarred Young, Tayla Alderman, Jesse Maudsley and Chloe Burgess-Jones. Go along and have a look. You will be amazed at the range in form and subject matter.

Fees for 2013 The following students taking CAPA subjects are asked to pay subject fees to cover the cost of equipment and materials. We ask that fees for Yr7, 8 and Yr11, 12 be paid by week 5 and Yrs 9 and 10 by week 9, as materials need to be ordered so students can engage in the practical components of their courses.

Fee notes will be coming home next week and will itemise each subject and the cost. Prompt payment to the front office would be most appreciated.

Please don’t hesitate to call your child’s teacher or Mr Walters (Head Teacher CAPA) should you have a concern about Creative or Performing Arts.

Looking forward to a great year Miss Melissa Norris

English News

On behalf of the English KLA we welcome back to 2013. We have some staffing changes for 2013 due to Ms Stone and Ms Redman going on maternity leave. We would like to congratulate them both on the safe arrival of baby daughters in January and also congratulate Mr and Mrs Atmore on the safe arrival of their daughter last December. Ms Coghlan has also taken leave to travel throughout 2013. They have been replaced by the very capable Ms Shannon Louie, Mr Matt Watson and Mr James Hart.

Year 12 Advanced and Standard Courses completed their first module of study in Term 4 and have now begun their Area of Study- Belonging and will work on this throughout Term 1. English Studies have commenced their year with a focus on English in Film Making. In this unit they are looking at the process of making documentaries and working towards creating their own.

Year 11 Advanced and Standard Courses have commenced their senior English course with the Area of Study- Relationships. Students are required to look at a variety of texts and analyse how composers convey ideas using a variety of techniques. The English Studies Course has commenced with a focus on the Australian Sporting Culture and its impact on our society. It is important that students are undertaking a course appropriate to their interest and ability. Students who wish to study at university level should be studying Advanced or Standard English. Students not wishing to gain an ATAR should select English. If you are unsure please speak to your English teacher.

Year 10 students have commenced the year with an in-depth study of the concept of Power. They will study a variety of texts including novel and film to show how this concept is conveyed.

Year 9 students will focus on the
concept of *War* through poetry. In this unit they will revise and develop skills for their Naplan assessment in early Term 2.

Year 8 students are focusing on the concept of *Challenges* through the specific focus of a novel study. They will further develop their essay writing skills as part of this unit of work.

All English classes commence their lessons with DEAR (Drop Everything and Read). Students are expected to bring a novel or borrow one from the Library to participate in this program. Students must return overdue books to be eligible to borrow both Library and English textbooks. Could parents/carers please check for school textbooks at home and ensure they are returned. At times we are left short of text books for classes because students have not returned overdue books.

All students should have an English workbook. A five subject book is not appropriate as it interferes with the marking process for individual subjects. All classes have commenced book work and it is important students come to class with the correct equipment for every lesson.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress in English please contact your child’s English Teacher or the Head Teacher on 43925000.

Michele Spinks  
Head Teacher English

**Middle School**

My Name is Mrs Beverly Partridge and I am the Head Teacher Teaching and Learning responsible for Middle School, Library and Teacher Professional Learning.

**Curriculum Overview**

This is the fourth year WCS has adopted a middle school model of education for Year 7. The primary purpose of Middle School is to support students in their transition from primary to high school by catering to the needs of students in early adolescence. The transition from primary to high school is one of the biggest challenges young adolescents face and we are dedicated to supporting students with this change through our highly successful Middle School program.

In Middle School we teach an integrated curriculum where subjects are combined into strands. This enhances the relevance of the learning by enabling students to see connections and linkages between subjects. If students can see the relevance of what they are learning, they are much more engaged. The strands taught in Middle School are Humanities (English, Geography and History) and Measuring Physical Space (MPS) (Maths, PDHPE and Science).

**Year 7 Advisors – Ms Karen Bellamy and Mr Rob Gorton**

Our ten Year 7 classes were structured with two academic classes and eight mixed ability classes. These academic classes were formed by a combination of results received from Primary Schools and scores in the High School Admission test conducted last year. Students who consistently perform well have the opportunity to gain a spot in these classes. Classes have been named after colours.

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**Classroom Management**

Our rules at Wadalba Community School are reinforced in the classroom:

- Show and Earn RESPECT
- Accept RESPONSIBILITY
- Strive for EXCELLENCE

Part of my role as the Middle School Head Teacher is to deal with students who are persistently failing to comply with instructions, consistently causing distractions in the classroom and preventing the teacher from educating others. We will not accept or tolerate this behaviour. I will notify you if your child is not complying with school rules and procedures to seek your support in motivating your child to get back on track.

**Measuring Physical Space (MPS)**

The focus across each KLA involved with MPS this term is based on the essential skills required to gain a basic understanding of all aspects across the Science, Mathematics and PDHPE KLA’s.

**Mathematics** classes will focus on: whole number, fractions and
decimals - that is recognising the properties of special groups of whole numbers and applying a range of strategies to aid computation, performing operations with whole numbers, fractions, decimals and mixed numerals and exploring other number systems.

**PDHPE Theory** classes will be focusing on: ‘A Fair Go’ by encouraging positive experiences and relationships for students in competitive and non-competitive situations. As part of this they will also undertake lessons focusing on anti-bullying and look at the Internet site “Wotz Up Wadalba”

**Practical:** Minor games and athletics to improve gross motor skills, sportmanship and cross country running. It is compulsory for students to bring their sports uniform to school for PE Practical lessons. A hat and a bottle of water are highly recommended.

**Science** classes will look at:

- Separating Mixtures. They will learn how to separate mixtures using appropriate equipment and safe procedures whilst demonstrating an understanding of the differences in everyday material. It is compulsory that all students have fully enclosed shoes with solid uppers to participate in practical lessons in Science Laboratories.

Assessment for this term in MPS - There will be a common test in each KLA, along with a major group assessment conducted during class lessons combining the three KLA areas. A take home assessment task has been given for Maths based on the History of number. The students will also experience a range of practical assessments in Science Labs and PE Lessons.

**Humanities**

The focus of Humanities this term is ‘A Hero’s Journey’

This unit explores the concept of the qualities and attributes of heroes. This is done through the study of the novel Ranger’s Apprentice which is set in Medieval times.

Students will also be developing their literacy, historical and geographical skills.

Lessons are developed to incorporate the outcomes of the English, History and Geography syllabus in an effort to enhance student comprehension of concepts and skills required for success in these courses.

The development of students’ reading, comprehension and vocabulary skills is viewed as an important requirement of the Humanities course and this topic builds upon these skills. It is expected that all students will read the novel that has been set as part of this unit of study.

The assessment task for this topic will be issued to students shortly. They will be required to write an essay. In addition there will be class quizzes to assess students understanding of the historical and geographical components of the unit.

**Homework**

Homework is set by each teacher at their discretion. It can range from set tasks to completion of activities which were not completed in class. Much of the MPS homework is completed on line via MOODLE. Students in Year 7 should be reading for at least 20 minutes a night. To assist with numeracy, rehearsing times tables up to 12 will help students with the concepts being taught in Maths. We encourage students to use their diaries so we can use this as a form of communication to allow parents to see what is happening with regards to homework and behaviour. We would appreciate if parents and carers supported us in this area to reinforce the line of communication between homes and the school.

**Year 7 Camp**

All students who have displayed satisfactory behaviour will be given the opportunity to participate in a three day Outdoor Adventure Camp in Morisset during Term 2.

**Contact with the School**

If you have any concerns about the welfare of your child or would like to talk to one of your child’s teachers the Year Advisors Mr Gorton or Ms Bellamy are the people you need to contact. For any discipline concerns you can contact me, Mrs Beverly Partridge.

If you have any questions that you would like us to answer then please do not hesitate to contact us. Information about what is happening is regularly updated on our school website.

Mrs Beverly Partridge
*Head Teacher Teaching and Learning* responsible for Middle School, Library and Teacher Professional Learning

**Free lower limb assessments**

The University of Newcastle Podiatry Clinic at Wyong hospital is offering children age 0-17 free lower limb assessments. 

Appointment times: Mondays from 2.15pm to 4.15pm from 4th March till 27th May 2013. Children will be assessed by final year students, supervised by two podiatrists. Advice can be offered on footwear, normal development and foot, leg and knee problems. For more information, or to make a booking, please call 4394 7280
Welcome back to all students. We especially welcome those who are new to our school and some who have returned to us after being in other places. We hope that you find Wadalba Community School to be a happy place and one that provides a broad range of activities to cater for all interests. The class structure this year will be as follows:

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Reading Recovery and RFF

Library Mrs MacDonald (M/ W)

Assembly

Assemblies will continue to be held on Fridays commencing at 11.00am. Each week one class is responsible for organising and conducting the assembly. Parents are welcome to attend on any Friday.

Assembly Roster

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Swimming Carnival

This will be held on Thursday, February 21 for all students in Years 3 – 6.

Home Reading

Home reading will recommence as soon as possible. Please check your child’s bookshelves at home as there are still some books outstanding from 2012.

Canteen

At present the Primary canteen is open on Mondays and Thursdays at lunchtime and Fridays at recess and lunch. Help is always needed. If you are available to assist between 1.00pm and 1.45pm on any day please ring Vicki, the canteen supervisor, and give her your name. Under OH&S regulations children are not permitted in the canteen.

Payment of Money

When money needs to be paid for excursions or other activities parents / caregivers are requested to give the payment to the class teacher in a sealed envelope with the permission note. Parents / caregivers are asked not to take the payment to the office unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Reminder

Teachers are not able to talk to parents once the bell has gone at 8.30am. If you need to speak to your child’s teacher for any reason please see them before bell time or make an appointment for a time that is mutually agreeable.

Helping at School

We greatly value the help given to us by parents and caregivers. We must remind you, however, that if you help at school in any way you are requested, on arrival at the school, to report to the school office to sign the volunteer helper’s visitor’s book and receive a visitor's badge. (This is for your own protection should you have an accident and for the safety of all students in the school.) A 'prohibited employment declaration' form must also be filled out by any person who works in the school.

Banking

School Banking takes place every Friday morning. As well as promoting the importance of regular saving with students, it is also a way of raising funds as a proportion is given back to the school.
Netball Players
Wanted

All ages and all abilities
catered for

Limited places still
available

Final Registration &
Grading Day

Saturday 16th February
2pm @ Oasis Centre
Wyong

Fees

Modified $100
Junior    $120
Senior    $150

For more details please
contact
Kay Johnston – 4353 2846

Wyong lakes Australian Rules
football club prides themselves
on providing a fun family
atmosphere for players of all
ages and their families.

We are hosting our annual
registration days at Don Small
Oval, Tacoma, on the 24th
of February, hoping to increase our
player numbers for the 2013
season, we welcome players of
all ages, new and old, to join our
family orientated club. Some of
our senior players and committee
members will be available from
12pm – 3pm to take your
registration and answer any
questions you may have on the
day.

We are also welcoming any
volunteers to help in coaching
roles, team assistants and
canteen staff (on game days).
This is a great opportunity for
parents and guardians, to become
actively involved in their
children’s team.

For more information phone
Wyong lakes on 0439828116 Or
e-mail wyonglakes_secretary@hotmail.

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Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister

Give your children the
wonderful opportunity to have
an international big brother or
big sister by hosting one of
our exceptional international
students arriving in Australia
in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or
10 month programs.

Our international students
from France, Germany, Italy,
Sweden, Norway, Denmark,
Finland, Japan, and Spain
will live as a local, attend a
local secondary school, arrive
with their own spending
money and comprehensive
insurance cover – all
arranged by Southern Cross
Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at
www.scce.com.au,
e-mail scceaust@scce.com.au
or call us toll free on
1800500501, request our
international student profiles,
and capture the spirit of family
and friendship.
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Principal: Mrs Sally Conn
Deputy Principals: Ms Carol Furey  Mr Nathan Towney  Mr Cameron Dusting  Ms Jane Harris

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Wadalba Community School

Presents

Additive Free Pantry and Cut Out The Crap

Children’s bodies today are full of colours, preservatives, flavour enhancers and carcinogens. Our children’s little bodies and brains are designed to grow, develop, learn and play. Eliminating harmful food additives allows the child to grow and develop as nature intended.

Come along for an information session presented by Tanya Winfield from Additive Free Pantry and Collette from Cut Out The Crap who will shed some much needed light on food additives and their effects. They will give you lunch box and dinner ideas as well as tips in reducing the risk of developing additive associated health issues such as behavioural and learning difficulties, concentration, asthma and headaches.

Lucky door prize up for grabs.

Where: Wadalba Community School

When: 19th March 2013

Time: Two sessions will take place 11am and 7pm both will go for approx 2 hours

Cost: $10 per person.

Payments method: Payments can be made to Wadalba Community School by cheque, cash at the office or by using credit card over the phone. Please include the below slip when making your payment. If you are paying over the phone you can email, fax or post your slip.

Enquiries to Melinda Brown on 02 43925000 or melinda.pinkerton@det.nsw.edu.au

RSVP by 26th February to secure your spot as places are limited.

Name: ______________________  Childs name if a WCS student: ______________________

Number of attendees: _______________  Time slot you would prefer: 11am or 7pm

Payment method: Chq  Cash  Credit Card  Phone number: ______________________

Email address: ______________________

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Progress with Pride

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