



# Weekly Newsletter

## Woy Woy South Public School

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Term 1 – Week 1

Principal: Matt Barr  
Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Relationships**

Upcoming Events	
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Kindergarten 2020 starts – 9am – 2.40pm (FIRST WEEK ONLY)
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Information Evening
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Carnival

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Week 1, Term 1

Hi everyone and welcome back to Woy Woy South PS for another big year! I hope you all had a good holiday period and managed to spend some relaxing time with your families.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to families who are new to our school who are starting the school year at Woy Woy South for the first time. We are very excited to have you with us and know that you will enjoy your time at our school. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or queries regarding school information or procedures.

#### 2020 Classes Update

Fortunately, our student numbers are very good and we've been able to avoid 'holding' our students in their 2019 classes. As of midday today all of our students are now in their 2020 classes. Due to tricky numbers in some grades, we have had to form composite classes, across years 3-6. This is for no other reason than to ensure smaller, manageable class sizes, which is better for the learning of all students. Further details regarding these arrangements will be given at the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Please be assured that extensive planning (starting last November) has gone into the arrangement of these classes and they have been very carefully arranged using a variety of information.

#### Early Year Tension

As we all know, the beginning of the year can be a nerve-wracking time for all concerned. New classrooms, new teachers and new procedures may cause some students to feel temporarily uneasy. Please reassure your children that feeling uncomfortable in new surroundings is a normal part of returning to school and that everybody experiences it to some degree – including me! With ongoing support from school and home, these feelings will quickly subside and the new arrangements will feel normal in a matter of days. Your support, patience and understanding in these early stages of the year is greatly appreciated.

#### Staffing Update

There have been some changes to the staff for 2020. Please refer to the 2020 Staff Directory and school map (attached) so that you can familiarise yourself with the staff roles and new locations. We have four new staff to WWS this year and we would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Coleman (1MC), Mrs Eastgate (1E), Mr Webster (3/4W) and Mrs Mathews (School Counsellor). Mrs Lappan will be continuing in the Deputy Principal position. Sadly, Miss l'Anson has left our school, taking up a permanent teaching position at Cooranbong PS. We wish her all the very best in her new role.

### Parent Information Evening

A note regarding parent information sessions on **Tuesday 11th February** will be sent home shortly. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and learn more information about the specific requirements and routines of the classrooms. These sessions have staggered starting times to ensure that those with students in different grades can attend multiple sessions.

### School Uniform

This morning our students looked great in their school uniforms! A big thanks to all families for preparing the children so well for the beginning of the school year. A reminder that all WWS students are requested to attend school in full summer uniform during Term 1, which includes a red WWS school hat and black shoes. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the requirements as this contributes significantly to ensuring a positive start to the year and maintaining ongoing positive school pride and culture.

### Coronavirus Details

No doubt you'll be aware of the details surrounding the outbreak of the Coronavirus overseas. While our school is in an area of extremely low risk, please take the time to read the media release included in this newsletter.

Wishing you all great start to the year,

**Matt Barr**

**Principal**



## ***Kindergarten's First Day of School***

***Kindergarten's first day of school will be Monday 3rd February 2020. Please bring your child straight to their classroom between 9:00am and 9:30am.***

***The rest of the first week of school Tuesday 4th February to Friday 7th February will start at 9:00am at your child's classroom and finish at 2:40pm at your child's classroom.***

***From Monday 10th February normal school hours will commence: start 8:55am and finish 2:55pm.***

### Woy Woy South PS Swimming Carnival 2020

Please note that the Woy Woy South PS Swimming Carnival will be held on ***Wednesday 12th of February*** at the Peninsula Leisure Centre. Like last year, all 3-6 students are expected to attend the carnival and Year 2 students who are turning 8 years old this year and can confidently swim 50m are invited to attend. Permission notes will be sent home over the next few days.

**Mr Waight – Sports Coordinator**



**Brad Hazzard**  
Minister for Health and Medical Research

**Sarah Mitchell**  
Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Tuesday, 28 January 2020

### **UPDATED ADVICE AHEAD OF SCHOOL RETURNING**

The NSW Government has today requested that children who have visited China in the last two weeks not attend school or childcare services until 14 days have lapsed from their date of departure from China.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard and Education Minister Sarah Mitchell said although the risk to children is very low, the NSW Government has taken this step as a precautionary measure.

"I've been advised that it's not medically necessary, but the NSW Government has acted in line with community expectations to ensure the safest possible environment for our students," Mr Hazzard said.

"The internationally recognised incubation period for the coronavirus is 14 days, so this is the logical timeframe to ask students to refrain from attending school. After this time, there is no risk.

"Advice about not attending school has already been provided to any close contacts of confirmed cases."

The Commonwealth Department of Health has confirmed that all passengers disembarking from planes from China are being given comprehensive information about coronavirus in both English and Mandarin.

NSW Health has been contacting passengers who were on the same planes as confirmed cases to provide appropriate advice and has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia.

Ms Mitchell said the Department of Education has issued guidance to schools and childcare services across NSW on protocols in the event of a child becoming sick.

"Although the risk remains very low for children, we believe it is the right thing to do to take this extra step and will continue to update the community with advice," Ms Mitchell said.

There are currently four confirmed cases of novel coronavirus in NSW. All cases had travelled to Wuhan, China or had contact with a confirmed case in China.

Parents with concerns can contact their local Public Health Unit on **1300 066 055** for advice or visit the dedicated NSW Health information page at:  
[www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx)

Anyone who develops a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath within 14 days of travel to Hubei or contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus, should immediately

isolate themselves from other people, contact their GP or local emergency department or call the healthdirect helpline **1800 022 222**.



## Woy Woy South Public School P&C

Yesterday at 8:53 AM · 🌐

Our Uniform Shop will be open for back to school trading from 8.45-9.15am on the following days.....

Wednesday 29/1

Thursday 30/1

Friday 31/1

Monday 3/2

Tuesday 4/2

Wednesday 5/2

Thursday 6/2

Friday 7/2

Thank you to our volunteers!!



## Outdoor Learning

Education beyond the classroom

Central Coast Health Promotion would like to invite you to a **FREE** teacher and educator outdoor learning evening.



Guest Presenter

**Dr Amanda Lloyd**

Amanda has 19 years experience as a teacher, outdoor practitioner, professional development facilitator, researcher and outdoor education consultant. She is currently the Executive Officer of Outdoors NSW. Amanda completed her PhD focused on the advantages of outdoor learning for Primary School students.



\*Click Amanda's Photo to find out more about the evening and RSVP by the 13th of Feb 2020

Thursday Feb 20, 2020  
5:30pm for 6pm start- 8pm

**Wyong Art House**  
19-21 Margaret St, Wyong 2259

Food and Drinks provided



or RSVP using the web address below.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/outdoor2020>

## 2020 Map





# STAFF DIRECTORY

Term 1 2020

## EXECUTIVE STAFF

<b>Principal</b>	Mr Matt Barr
<b>Deputy Principal</b>	Mrs Sandra Lappan
<b>Assistant Principal ES1</b>	Miss Phillipa King
<b>Assistant Principal S1</b>	Ms Madeline Moy
<b>Assistant Principal S2</b>	Mrs Michelle Reid
<b>Assistant Principal Rel. S3</b>	Miss Margaret O'Brien

## TEACHING STAFF

<b>KJ</b>	Mr. Beau Jarrett	<b>2M</b>	Ms Madeline Moy
<b>KK</b>	Miss Phillipa King	<b>3/4A</b>	Mrs. Kirsten Shearer & Mrs Michelle Reid
<b>KS</b>	Miss Karina Swan	<b>3/4M</b>	Mr Mark McKinnon
<b>KP</b>	Mrs Jennifer Parker	<b>3/4N</b>	Mrs Natalie Fullagar & Mrs Jenny Nuttall
<b>KW</b>	Mrs Debbie Webster	<b>3/4T</b>	Miss Tara Mulligan
<b>1E</b>	Mrs Rebecca Eastgate	<b>3/4W</b>	Mr Scott Webster
<b>1MC</b>	Mrs Michelle Coleman & Mrs Georgie Morgan	<b>5/6A</b>	Mr Luke Ansell
<b>1R</b>	Mrs Megan Rigas	<b>5/6G</b>	Miss Ashleigh Goder
<b>1W</b>	Mrs Hannah Watson	<b>5/6O</b>	Miss Margaret O'Brien
<b>1/2B</b>	Mrs Tanya Burke	<b>5/6P</b>	Mrs Kate Poulson
<b>2G</b>	Mr Michael Gilshanen	<b>5/6W</b>	Mr Declan Waight
<b>2K</b>	Mrs Kayla McNeill		

## SUPPORT TEACHING STAFF

<b>Teacher Librarian</b>	Miss Rebekah Nelson
<b>Literacy &amp; Numeracy Program Teacher</b>	Mrs Sian Watson (Wednesday)
<b>RFF K-6</b>	Mr Mark Young Mrs Maree Cullen Mrs Katie Silvia - Thursday
<b>Stage 2 Curriculum Support</b>	Mr Mark Young
<b>Technology Support</b>	Mrs Yvette Campbell
<b>LAST</b>	Mrs Vicki Ross ISTH Ms Ingrid Stevens Mrs Jenny Nuttall – Mon, Tues, Wed
<b>School Counsellor</b>	Mrs Skye Mathews

## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT STAFF

<b>Administrative Manager</b>	Mrs Jennifer Formston
<b>Administrative Officers</b>	Mrs Gina Cameron Mrs Kim Rasmussen Miss Georgie Formston (Casual)
<b>Learning Support Officers</b>	Mrs Pat Rodier Miss Ella Rasmussen Mrs Lisa Vaughan
<b>General Assistant</b>	Mr Lyndsey Chalker Mr Richard Handley

## CLEANING STAFF

<b>Cleaner in Charge</b>	Mrs Raelene Jasper Mr Steve Green Brooke Kennedy
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