



Crown Street Chronicle

Term 2 Week 9

Wednesday 21 June 2017

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CALENDAR

Wednesday	21 June	2:10pm Assembly – 1/2SL Item 4:00pm AECG Meeting at Holy Spirit College
Friday	23 June	Athletics Carnival K-6 9am Playgroup P & C Movie Night
Wednesday	28 June	Semester 1 reports to go home
Friday	30 June	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday	18 July	Children return to school for Term 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations Miss Bormann

Miss Bormann has been successfully appointed Assistant Principal (relieving) at our school for the duration of 2017, following an internal Expression of Interest process. She will be assuming responsibilities for our Stage 2, English an Additional Language/Dialect and Learning & Support programs. I warmly welcome Miss Bormann to our school executive team.

Athletics Carnival

This Friday our school Athletics Carnival is to be held on the top oval at our school. All families are welcome to join us for a day of sportsmanship, fun and hopefully sunshine. An agenda for the day was distributed last week.

Reports

Next Wednesday, Semester One reports will be going home to parents. This year, you will notice a slight change to the information provided in the English section of the report. Instead of giving a grade that covers the entire subject of English, we are breaking it down to give the various components of English separate grades. A note will accompany the reports home to further explain this modification. We are hoping that this additional information about how your child is achieving and growing will be valuable for you as parents.

If you have a query regarding your child's report or progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Happy Holidays

I wish all of our families a restful winter school holiday. The last day of Term Two is Friday 30 June and children return on Tuesday 18 July. I hope to see many families supporting our P & C Movie night this Friday.

Have a wonderful fortnight,

Warm regards,
Michelle Barnes
Principal (relieving)

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you Wollongong West Public School

A big thank you to our school community from Lismore South Public School for the \$235 donated from our mufti day, to support them following the floods earlier this year.

Congratulations Luis and Patrick

Both Luis and Patrick have been selected for the under 12 NSW South Coast softball team. They have also been selected to represent Illawarra baseball in the under 12 team, at the Central Coast Championships. Luis went well during his week at NSW baseball at Lismore, playing to represent Australia. Unfortunately the tournament was washed out by the rain.

They have also participated in a music competition with a band at the Town Hall last Saturday and won the first place. They will also participate at the Engadine Band Festival concert organised for Thursday, 29 June (9-4pm).

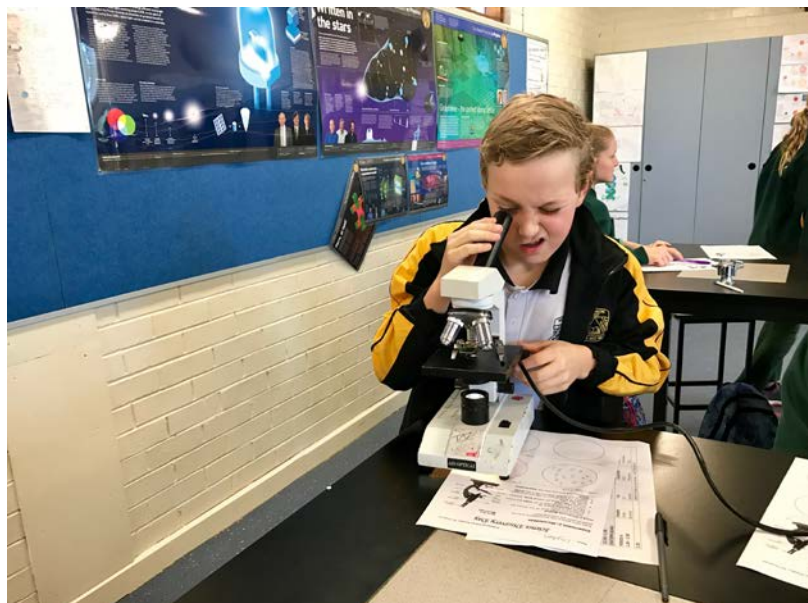
Les Misérables

On Friday, 16 June, a group of Wollongong West's senior students went to Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts. Accompanied by Miss Kandilas and Mrs Hickey, the students watched WHSPA's wonderful production of the world's longest running musical, *Les Misérables*. All students thoroughly enjoyed the show and were fortunate enough to meet some of the cast after the show. A notable and recognisable cast member, Zayden Spinelli, is a former student of Wollongong West. Zayden answered many questions about life in high school and the processes required to put on a production like *Les Misérables*. Did you know the cast have been rehearsing for 7 months?! It was a spectacular and inspiring opportunity for the students of Wollongong West, as it gave them an insight into future performing arts opportunities. Finally, a big thank you to all parents and school staff who assisted in transporting students to and from the venue.



Discovery Day

On Monday, 19 June, Wollongong West's year 6 students attended Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts to try high school for a day. Accompanied by Miss Kandilas, students spent the day meeting other year 6 students from local schools and trying their hand at Science, Visual Arts, TAS (cooking) and PE. It was a fun-filled day and the students are very much looking forward to further high school transition days. The state-wide orientation day for Year 7 2018 will be held on Tuesday 5 December 2018. More information will be provided closer to the day.



Respectful, Responsible and Safe Learners
Principal (relieving): Michelle Barnes Crown Street, West Wollongong

Expression of Interest - M2M CHALLENGE 2017

At the beginning of 2017, the students of the Wollongong West SRC decided that the Greenacre's Mountain to Mountain (M2M) Challenge would be their charitable project for term 3.

Starting at the base of Mt Keira and finishing at the heights of Mt Kembla, the M2M Challenge is a 13.6 kilometre run or walk past some of our region's most beautiful scenery. On Sunday, 30 July 2017, participants will tackle a series of steep ascents and dips while being rewarded with stunning escarpment views. All the money raised from the M2M Challenge will be used by Greenacres to build a new vocational training facility to support young people with a disability in obtaining the skills they need to get and keep a job.

The SRC are trying to gain interest in order to create a Wollongong West team, which would see students, parents, carers, and staff walking together to represent the school and raise money for a worthy cause.

Registration is \$55.95 for adults and children under 13 can register for free with every paying adult.

Further information about the event can be found at: <http://www.m2mchallenge.com.au>

A note will be coming home today. Please indicate whether your family is interested in participating in the M2M Challenge for 2017 and return to the office by Wednesday, 28 June 2017.

The school team will be created based on the number of responses.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,
Natasha Kandilas
SRC Coordinator

Art Classes

Art classes will be offered again in Term 3 on Wednesdays (and possibly Thursdays) at lunchtime for students in years 2-6, running from week 1 to week 10. A qualified art teacher, Violetta Strabic, will run the classes. There is a cost of \$9 per lesson and students must commit to the 10 lessons (total cost \$90). Parents will need to make the **payment will be directly to Violetta**, either through her website <http://www.voart.com.au/voart/Classes.html> or by direct deposit. A note will be going home soon.

Regards
Kylie Swainson

Robotics Update

This term Wollongong West has been very lucky to borrow a class set of Sphero Robots from the University of Adelaide.

Both teachers and students have had the opportunity to use and learn with Sphero. As a school, we have decided to purchase five Sphero robots to support our digital technology curriculum.

Stage 1 have written about their experiences with Sphero:

Cassidy 1/2SL: Today I played with Sphero and i could change its colour and make it go fast, slow normal speed. I used an ipad to control Sphero and make it change colour, speed and told it where to go.

Rafah 12T: Sphero can move to the left ,right, back and forward. Sphero is a round ball and in the inside it is full of electricity.

Ibrahim 12SL: Sphero is a sphere. You can use an iPad to make it go fast.

Porsha 12SL: We been learning about sphero in the lab. It changes colour and you can move it. It connects to the iPad.



How exciting, the movie night is this Friday!!!

Get yourself ready to come along to enjoy the fun with friends at our Movie Night. Please return the notes with correct money as soon as possible. Tickets are \$5 per child which includes a snack. Adults are free. A reminder that each child, family or group of children attending must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Soup will be available to purchase. We would also appreciate donations of baked items to sell (savoury, sweet, healthy, etc).

Garden Update

Work has restarted for our "Build the Garden" day - Sunday, August 6. Everyone is welcome and your help is greatly appreciated. No gardening experience necessary. Parents and children are welcome to visit the garden and see how it is changing. We are seeking seedlings and cuttings for the garden, as well as other supplies. If you can help, please contact us for details.

Garden Club will be meeting on Fridays from 2-3pm.

90th Anniversary

This Thursday June 22, there will be a planning meeting at 3pm in front of the school hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact the P&C through email or Facebook if you would like to get updates about planning meetings for the 90th birthday celebrations.

Thursday 3rd August:
Garden Club meeting @ 6pm.
P&C meeting @ 7pm.
All welcome.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL – IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is with regret to announce that we have come to the difficult decision to cancel the Halloween Carnival. We hope you will understand the resources required to coordinate the Carnival and while the event has strong community support, there was a very small volunteer response. This decision has not been made lightly and we understand the kids will be disappointed. Therefore, we feel it best to hold a more suitable event on the same date. Once details of the event have been confirmed we will let you know. We are sincerely grateful to those that have contributed their time and if you have been collecting or saving items for the Carnival, please keep them and we will endeavour to use them at another event.

Cheers,
Miley

OFFICE NEWS

Our back order of polo shirts have arrived. For people who have pre ordered shirts could you please pick them up.

Term Two invoices will be sent home again this week. Payments need to be finalised by Thursday June 29.

Tickets for the Choral Festival are selling fast. Come to the office to purchase tickets if you haven't already.

Brenda Gregory and Tess Trigg (Office Administrators)