



### Calendar

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	P&C Meeting 2.00pm
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Music Recital 9.15am
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Presentation Night 6.30pm
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Day Out
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Party Day Last Day of Term

### Canteen Roster

We need at least one other helper in the canteen next Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December.

This Week	Jo	Karen
Next Week	Jo	

### **\* Very Important Information\***

As is our traditional practice, at the end of the evening on **Presentation Night**, we will also be having a visit from a jolly old man in a red suit. Parents are asked to supply a gift (\$15.00 value maximum), for their own children (including pre-schoolers), to be placed under the Christmas tree for our special visitor to hand out to each child. These can be secreted with Mrs Mahony or a teacher before the night.

### Thank You Afternoon Tea for Parent Helpers

We would like to thank the wonderful parents, grandparents and caregivers who have supported the school so fantastically this year. Please join us for afternoon tea on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45 in the library. You just need to come along so we can show our appreciation. Don't bring a thing.

### Christmas Hamper

P & C has once again provided a collection basket for contributions to our "Christmas Hamper" which is generally presented to the Salvation Army each year. The basket will be placed in the entry foyer of the Admin area where it will be convenient to receive your most welcome donation.

### P&C Meeting - report

We held our P&C Meeting yesterday with about ten attendees, a much better roll up than our night time meetings. At this meeting, amongst other things, we discussed the School Presentation Night, some upcoming school events, school planning that has occurred this term in readiness for 2016, the school canteen, and executive positions for 2016. Please seriously think about your involvement with the P&C as we will need some new executive, going forward, into 2016.

### Leader's Elections-results

Our Year 5 students spoke very well on Monday, presenting themselves as excellent School Leaders for next year. Each Year 5 student will be a School leader, with the various roles to be discussed by the end of term. Congratulations to the following who were elected into their roles for 2016-

**School Captains:** Gabby and Kimberley

**Student Council President:** Leila

Congratulations to these students, it's such a great achievement.

### PBL- Positive Behaviour Learning-weekly

***On our school website I have added some information about our PBL program. The information comes under the "Curriculum and Activities" section at the top of the school web page, and within that there is a special section for "Positive Behaviour Learning-PBL". The program is explained in this section with an outline of the lessons we are targeting this term. Each lesson taught to the children will also be attached to this section. We ask that you have a look at this PBL section and familiarise yourself with the values we are targeting at our school within this program.***

This week's lesson was "I keep the toilet area clean." In this lesson we focused on our responsibilities around the school toilets; how dirty toilets are unhealthy; how does handball around the toilets or noisy toilet areas affect us? ; and the cleanliness of our toilets.

### Upcoming Events - Reminder

We have these dates in the Calendar section of the newsletter, but I would like to further emphasis the following dates and activities;

***Musical Recital:*** 9.15 am in the Woodville Hall on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December for all our musicians— drummers, recorders and keyboard players. Students who are performing may bring a plate to share with parents and fellow performers for morning tea after the concert.

***Presentation Night:*** Wednesday night, 9<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.30 pm. Our Presentation night includes all our class awards (everyone receives one), major awards, Leader's and Captain's inductions, P&C and school reports, Graduation awards, choir performance and short performances from each class.

- ***We will still be collecting a gold coin donation on the night as our contribution towards the maintenance of the Woodville Hall. Although our P&C contribute to the hall, every little bit helps, so please support this cause as we do use the hall quite extensively.***

### Class Party Day

Our joint class Christmas party this year will be held on the last day of school for students, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at lunchtime. We are going to order a range of pizzas (students will be surveyed to find their favourites). Each child will also be given a can of soft drink (not Coke), an ice block and a few lollies. We are asking each student who will be present on the last day of school to bring in ***\$5 to cover the cost of the party.*** No additional foods or drinks will need to be provided for the day, except something for crunch and sip in the morning. For catering purposes, could you please let the staff know if your child will ***not*** be attending that day? This will be an ***out of uniform day***, as it is the last day for students for 2015. We would like children to bring a gold coin which is donated towards Stewart House.

### Year 6 Day Out

On Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December Year 6 will be enjoying a day out together with Mrs Murphy and myself. They will be enjoying Spring Loaded at Charlestown, lunch at Charlestown Square before spending some time at Timezone, then stopping at Laser tag in Thornton on the way home. It is a great way for our Year 6 children to spend the day together before going their separate ways at the end of term.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

7pm Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Largs School of Arts

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- ❖ Free Entry
- ❖ Choir
- ❖ Orchestra
- ❖ Community Singing
- ❖ Visit from Santa
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#### Bookings and information

For all tours: Please remember to wear closed shoes, and bring water, sunscreen, and weather protective clothing, such as a hat or raincoat. Children under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Bookings for all NPWS Discovery Tours are essential.

Book online following the links below, or phone 13000 PARKS (13000 72757).

For more information on tours, such as meeting points, please follow the web links or ask on booking. For general enquiries, phone Sue Olsson on (02) 4984 8210, or email [suzanna.olsson@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:suzanna.olsson@environment.nsw.gov.au)

#### Tomaree's WilderQuest treasure trail

Thursday 7 January 2016, 9am-11.30am

Discover the sights, sounds and heritage of Tomaree as you step back to the time of World War II.

[www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-tomaree-treasure-trail](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-tomaree-treasure-trail)

#### WilderQuest wild world of rockpools

Friday 8 January 2016, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Explore amazing rockpool creatures on Boat Harbour's headland.

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#### Spooky night walk

Wednesday 13 January 2016, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Experience stories by dusk, the haunting ambience behind the scenes of Tomaree's World War II gun emplacements, and then return by dark.

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#### WilderQuest bush to beach family discovery

Thursday 14 January 2016, 3pm-5pm

Enjoy nature with fantastic family activities. For the young and young at heart.

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See over page for more tour information



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Discover the sights and sounds of Tomaree as you step back to the time of World War II. Visit the sites of the torpedo, fort and guns. Taking off our defence hats, we get close to nature as we explore the summit and take in spectacular views. Stay to create your WilderQuest bags.

**Cost:** Adults/children (6-16 years) \$15 per person. Not suitable for children under 6 years. Family \$45 for 2 adults and 2 children.

**Meet:** At the eastern end of Shoal Bay Road, on grassy area adjacent to lower Zenith Beach carpark.

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#### WilderQuest wild world of rockpools

Friday 8 January 2016, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Don't miss this great introduction to the complex world and amazing creatures of the rockpools on Boat Harbour's headland. You'll see animals that don't move, and others that look like plants.

**Cost:** Adults/children (6-16 years) \$12 per person. Not suitable for children under 6 years. Family \$36 for 2 adults and 2 children.

**Meet:** Boat Harbour, near the toilets off Kingsley Drive, at the southern end of Boat Harbour Beach.

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This dusk event promises interesting stories, a moody setting and perhaps even a spooky thrill or two. Experience the haunting ambience behind the scenes of Tomaree's World War II gun emplacements. Returning by dark, we'll listen for the eerie sounds of the bush. If we're lucky, we might spot a nocturnal animal or two.

**Cost:** Adults/children (6-16 years) \$12 per person. Not suitable for children under 6 years. Family \$36 for 2 adults and 2 children.

**Meet:** At the eastern end of Shoal Bay Road, on grassy area adjacent to lower Zenith Beach carpark.

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#### WilderQuest bush to beach family discovery

Thursday 14 January 2016, 3pm-5pm

School holiday fun packed with fantastic activities exploring nature for the whole family. Discover hidden bush places, bush colours, create your own micro trail and be part of an exciting WilderQuest beach hunt. For the young and young at heart.

**Cost:** Adults/children (4-16 years) \$12 per person. Family \$36 for 2 adults and 2 children. Children under 4 years free.

**Meet:** At the far eastern end of Shoal Bay Road from lower Zenith Beach carpark, turn right uphill to reach the Zenith Beach picnic area, adjacent to the upper Zenith Beach carpark.

[www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-bush-to-beach-family-discovery](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Guided-tours/wilderquest-bush-to-beach-family-discovery)

#### Group tours

For more information on group tours for these programs, other dates, more events, and school tours, please contact Sue Olsson on 02 4984 8210 or [DiscoveryLowerNorthCoast@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:DiscoveryLowerNorthCoast@environment.nsw.gov.au)



## STREET PARTY AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 13TH

**STREET PARTY 4:30PM // CAROLS 7:30PM**

**MAITLAND GROSSMANN HIGH SCHOOL**

**JUMPING CASTLES // LAWN GAMES**

**FACE PAINTING // \$2 DINNER**

**LIVE MUSIC // BYO PICNIC RUG OR CHAIR**

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## WOODVILLE SCHOOL OF ARTS

Your local community-owned Woodville School of Arts Hall needs some new energy and enthusiasm to maintain the momentum and achievements of the past few years. Through major fund-raising and government grants we have upgraded the kitchen to commercial standards, polished the floors to a beautiful finish, renovated and painted the outside, replaced the kitchen veranda and beautified our front boundary with plantings. Managing the regular hirings takes many dedicated volunteer hours and we really need some help. The more volunteers, the lesser the load on individuals.

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting to be held at 6.30 on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - at the Hall. In addition to accepting reports, the meeting must elect the new Committee. The Committee can have a maximum of 7 members, of which 4 are office-bearers. We have two major vacancies on the Committee - the Secretary has left the area and the President is stepping down. We also need a Treasurer (the incumbent is offering herself for re-election), a Vice President and at least one but preferably three non-office bearing members of the Committee.

We would love to see members at the meeting, even if they aren't able to stand for election. If committee work is not your thing but you have ideas or can help with some fun community events we'd love to hear from you. We also desperately need volunteers to help with periodic maintenance or working bees. If you'd like to offer a small amount of your time for this rewarding community contribution please contact us: woodvillesoa@gmail.com, 4930-3440, Or 0408 660 638, or by post to WSoA, care of Woodville General Store, Clarence Town Rd, Woodville, 2321. Please include name and contact details and indicate a particular skill you can offer, or just general help.

The AGM will take about an hour, and will be followed a brief Committee Meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Nomination forms for the Committee will be available on the night or can be requested by reply email.

Look forward to seeing you on the night,.

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