# **Woonona High School**

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# Bulletin

# 14th August 2009

# **Coming Events:**

18 Aug - P & C Meeting

18 Aug - Out of Area Selective Class Test

24 Aug - 4 Sep Trial HSC

31 Aug – 4 Sep Metal & Engineering Work

**Placement** 

3 - 4 Sep - CHS Athletics 18 Sep - Bulletin Issued

18 Sep - P&C Music Trivia Night

22 Sep P&C Meeting

21 - 28 Sep - Yr 11 Yearly Exams

28 Sep - 1 Oct Yr 10 Exams

28 Aug Year 10 Geography Field Trip

25 Aug Yr 12 Ind.Tech marking of

projects

1 Sep Yr 12 Drama marking of

performances.

9 Sep School Disco

15 Sep Year 9 Laptop Information Night

25 Sep Year 7 to Zoo

2 Oct Yr 12 Graduation Assembly

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- **1. P&C Meeting** is to be held next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August in the Staff Common Room commencing at 7.30pm.
- 2. School Disco. (9 Sept 7-10pm) students not having discipline issues are eligible to attend. Tickets can only be purchased at school. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR on the night. Parents will be phoned to come and take home any student whose behaviour is unacceptable.
- 3. Year 11 2009 Information Night thank you to parents and students for supporting this important night. The process of forming a subject pattern for Year 11 2010 continues and is not likely to be finalised until the end of term.
- 4. Woonona High School Reinvents Trivia:

Woonona High School is introducing a new type of trivia night to Wollongong which is guaranteed to be the most fun you can have.

Inspiration for the event comes from a memorable night in Gerringong where rock and roll favourites had the trivia night crowd grooving in the mosh pit, dancing on the tables and even crowd surfing.

Organiser, Will Reynolds said, "Woonona people love rock 'n' roll and like having fun so if it works in Gerringong it will be a roaring success in Woonona. If you like watching Spicks and Specks or Rockwiz you are certain to enjoy Woonona High's Rock 'n' Roll Trivia night. "By all means come along and test your knowledge of music trivia but expect to have a whole lot of fun with your favourite songs." Mrs Reynolds said. A late addition to the fun is a moon walking contest and everyone is encouraged to come in fancy dress from your favourite music era.

The aim of the event is to raise \$4000 towards, amongst other projects, the cost of resurfacing the playing surfaces of the sports courts. This vital improvement will reduce knee and ankle injuries and enable a higher standard of sport at Woonona High School.

Tickets are available at the Woonona High School office. They cost only \$20 or \$15 for bookings made before September 5<sup>th</sup>. There are only 100 tickets left so get your friends together and book a table (tables of 10) quickly. Anyone unable to come on the night who would like to make a donation can do so through the office. For further information contact Will Reynolds on 4285 5269 or contact Woonona High School office.

- 5. Student Progress parents/carers are reminded that monitoring of student progress in Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 is done regularly. Parents wanting information on progress are reminded that they can ring for an update. In some cases I email to parents the results of the monitoring in Years 11 and 12.
- 6. Student Laptops As you will be aware all students in Year 9 will be receiving a laptop computer shortly. There is great excitement about this initiative and the benefits to student learning and engagement which can follow the introduction of 1:1 laptops into the school but there are also problems theft, damage, loss etc. Parents and students need to be aware of the procedures involved in the use of these laptops so we will be hold a Laptop Information Session for Year 9 students and parents on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall

commencing at 6:30pm. It is important that all of Year 9 and their parents attend this meeting so that we can proceed with the distribution of the Laptops. More information will come to you via the Year 9 students and our website (www.woonona-h.nsw.edu.au).

- 7. Valuables at School parents are reminded that students should not bring valuable items to school. If it is essential to do so the student must keep the item in their possession or give it to a teacher to mind. Never leave valuables in an unattended school bag.
- 8. Northern Distributor The RTA is very concerned about the number of Woonona High students who ride their bikes to school and who do not wear protective helmets. This is a safety issue and the health of our young people is paramount in trying to encourage them to wear helmets.

# 9. Woonona High School Website -

www.woonona-h.nsw.edu.au Our new website is up and running. This site is hosted by the DET and therefore carries a great deal of information and links which may be relevant to students and their learning as well as parent information to assist in understanding the education world. The site will improve as more features are rolled out to schools. We are able to put photos of students on the site but we need permission from parents for this to happen. If you have not already done so we need to have a parent permission note sent to the school allowing the name and/or photo of students to appear on the website. Recently we placed information about curriculum choices for 2010 for Year 10 and Year 8 on the site.

- 10. Raising the School Leaving Age from 2010 all students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 and until they are 17 years of age they must be at school OR in approved education or training OR in full time paid employment (25 hours a week) OR in a combination of these. This will have a big impact on school enrolments in Year 11 2010 and beyond. We have begun planning for the number of students who will be returning to school and who do not wish to progress to the HSC in 2011. Parents will be kept informed of our strategies for these students.
- 11. Environmental Issues There is an increasing awareness in the community about the effects of Climate Change on our world. Our students should be acutely aware of the possible

consequences of rising sea levels and the impact on our community. I hope to establish an environment group at Woonona High with the aim of getting the students involved in projects which will reduce the carbon footprint of the school but also work to beautify the school grounds and make our school more sustainable. We have a \$50 000 grant which will be used for solar panels and water tanks and a \$5 000 grant to establish an organic vegetable garden in conjunction with Woonona Primary School. I would also like to establish a Wednesday afternoon sport group who will plan and carry out environmentally friendly projects around the school and within the wider community. Assistance from interested parents and community members would be most welcome.

12. Extended Leave - Students of compulsory school age who are taking in excess of fifteen days leave in any twelve month period need to apply for an exemption from school. Parent / caregivers can collect an application form from the school.

#### **Martin Arrowsmith**

#### **WELFARE REPORT**

#### Attendance.

Students must attend school, including sport, unless there is an acceptable reason for an absence. Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, along with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children.

There is also a growing concern in relation to students coming late to school. Lateness impacts on their learning as they are continually catching up on their learning and does not prepare them for the world of work. If you have any concerns in relation to your child's attendance at school please speak to Mrs Pickering or the Year Adviser.

# **Indigenous Students**

The next meeting of the Northern Illawarra Aboriginal Consultative Group will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 3.45pm. For NAIDOC week the whole school was involved in creating a sea of hands that was displayed outside the school hall. It looked amazing. Our Indigenous students also ran a NAIDOC assembly. Michelle Brooks from DET, members of our local Aboriginal community, parents and all of our students attended. Shantell Byrnes and Shaylea Russell were chairpersons and did a magnificent job. Other students who made valuable

contributions were Natasha Pickles, Kelsey Ryan-Agnew, Ashleigh Defrenza, Katie Lieschke, Jasmine Edwards, Maddison Webster, Tanaiah Lynch, Mathew Wright (Year 9), Matthew Fairweather, Dean Cambourn, Mitchell Hughes, Tiarne Porter and the school band.

Our Indigenous students have been issued with their own Personalised Learning Plan booklet and are returning them filled in. Please encourage your son/daughter to return theirs as soon as possible.

#### **Homework Centre**

A reminder that the homework centre is open each Tuesday afternoon from the end of period 5 until 4.30pm in the school library. Students can stay for any length of time up to 4.30pm. We now have a Year 12 student who is helping with the tutoring and afternoon tea is provided. If homework needs to be completed or if an assignment needs to be done or if you need help with any school work come along and get help. Mrs Abrahams and Mrs Pickering

### **Cybersmart School's Gateway**

Recently, the Cybersmart Schools' Gateway was launched by the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) as part of the new Cybersmart website.

The Cybersmart website represents a single access point for cyber safety advice across a range of target audiences including children, parents, libraries and schools.

The site includes comprehensive and practical advice for parents, interactive learning activities for children and information about safe social networking for teens. The website also includes a link to the Cybersmart Online Helpline for young people who have had negative experiences online, such as cyber bullying. The Helpline service is operated by Kids Helpline.

The Cybersmart Schools Gateway replaces the following web sites.

- NetAlert (http://www.netalert.gov.au/).
- Cybersmart Kids Online (http://www.cybersmartkids.com.au/).
- ACMA's Cybersafety website (http://acma.gov.au/cybersafety).

If you have any questions about the information provided, please contact the Australian Communications and Media Authority on telephone number 1800 880 176.

#### Navigating Cyberia - Susan McLean

Top Internet Safety Tips:

- NEVER allow a computer in the BEDROOM!
- Have a Family Online Contract! Set rules and consequences for breaches.
- Filtering software is important but the most effective filter is Parental Supervision!
- Social Networking Sites such as Facebook and Myspace MUST be set to PRIVATE!
- DO NOT disclose personal or identifying information or photos!
- Make sure that you shoulder surf!
- Know where your child is in Cyberspace.... Just as you would in the real world!
- You are the parent and you should be in charge.

#### What if my child is being cyber bullied?

- Do not be angry with your child remember that they are the victim and it is someone else doing the wrong thing.
- Praise them for coming to you this is a big step as most children are too frightened to tell a parent about cyber bullying.
- Save and store the emails, chat logs or SMSs in case of police investigation.
- Help your child to block and delete the bully from all contact lists.
- Do not respond to nasty emails, chats, SMS or comments this is what the bully wants, so ignore them.
- Use the 'report abuse' button which most websites/applications have. Tell them the problems you are having and they are obligated to investigate.
- Have some 'down time' without computer or mobile (do not do this as punishment, rather as some peaceful time where they are not being bothered).
- If unwanted contact continues, consider deleting email, msn, hotmail etc account and start a new account. Only give your new details to a small list of trusted friends.
- Get a new phone number if being harassed on your phone. Report the problem to your phone company and insist on a new number for free.
- Inform your child's school. It is important that they know what is going on so that they can monitor any issues at school.
- If ongoing, report to the Police. Each state has laws that prohibit online bullying and stalking. You don't have to put up with it.

**Further Reading** 

- Real Wired Child Dr Michael Carr-Gregg
- Destroying Avalon Kate McCaffrey
- Chatroom Barbara Biggs
   For more information, visit

<u>www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au</u> or email <u>info@cybersafetysolutions.com.au</u>

### **Mathematics News**

The Staff of Woonona High School would like to announce a new initiative just introduced into mathematics. We have registered all of our students to use the teaching/learning resource at www.mathsonline.com.au . You may have seen the recent TV advertisements about this sponsored site, and it is through this sponsorship that the program which previously cost its many thousands of clients \$40 per month for access, is now FREE to our students.

Some of the features that this program has are as follows:

Full lessons for each concept with a voice over and numerous examples of varying difficulty. Every lesson has a pause and rewind facility to help students grasp concepts at their own pace. Every lesson has an accompanying printable summary and worksheet to consolidate the concept, with full worked solutions provided also.

A student's ongoing use and progress in the program is stored for their use and their teacher's perusal at any time.

The program can be accessed from any internet ready site, not just at school.

The entire Year 7 to 12 program is available to every student, not just their particular year group or course. Parents may register to get weekly updates on their child's program use and progress, by clicking on the 'Parents area' tab within their child's account. Many more features will also be made available online over coming months.

Given that the program covers many of the concepts that we teach, and as good as this resource is, the school wishes to make it clear that it was never intended by its creators to replace the wonderful work that our mathematics teaching staff already do. This program is best used as a support/supplement to the classroom teaching/learning experience. All students will be issued with their unique logins and passwords by their Mathematics teacher, and are encouraged to use this resource.

Mr A. Caldwell Head Teacher Mathematics

#### SRC

Operation Christmas Child: The school is participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. We collect small gifts and fill a shoe box with them. The shoe boxes are then forwarded to poorer children in countries around the world. Each roll call is being asked to fill two shoe boxes – these have been provided to the roll call group. Fill one box for a boy and one box for a girl. There are three simple steps to follow:

- 1) Pick the age group to provide gifts for: 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years.
- Fill the box with a simple gift ideas are below. Make sure you remove the packaging from the items.
- 3) Send the completed box to Room 22 and collect an empty box to fill.

There is a prize for the roll call that fills the most boxes. Deadline is September 8<sup>th</sup>. Please get behind this cause as it brings a lot of pleasure to children of the world.

#### Ideas of Items to Include:

- Something to Love Teddy Bears, Dolls, Soft toys
- Something special carry bags, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself
- Something for School Including exercise books, pencil case, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk etc
- Something to play with Tennis balls, cars, skipping rope, marbles, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, musical instruments, wind up torch etc
- Something to Wear T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, thongs, etc
- Something for personal hygiene Soap, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, scrunchies, face washer, etc

# **List of Items not to Include:**

- Items that leak or melt including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, plasticine/play dough, batteries
- Food or lollies of any kind-including medicines and vitamins
- Any used or damaged items including worn clothing and old toys
- Any breakable items including glass, porcelain, mirrors
- Any item that can scare or harm a child including knives, war-related toys, toy guns
- **Any gambling Items** including play money, playing cards, dominoes, etc.
- Anything of a religious, racial or political nature

**Mufti Day On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August.** - supporting Jeans for Genes day and Pink Ribbon Day. We raised \$717.55. We will forward a cheque for \$400 to each of the charities.

#### Up coming events:

Spring Dance Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be on sale soon.

**Year 11 Elections for School Captains -**Nominations open August 21<sup>st</sup> and close August 28<sup>th</sup>. Speeches are Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup> and Voting Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup>.

# **SRC Leadership Camp**

In the school holidays, Ammy Lewis and I had the opportunity to go to the National Leadership Camp at Collaroy Beach, Sydney. The four days, were to learn about everyday heroes of the past and present and help embark on how one day we could be come someone's hero too.

Over four days, the Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th, we spent each day from 8am until 11pm listening to inspirational speakers such as David Bassasu, a retired millionaire at the age of 35, whom helps companies and different foundations start; Rob Stokes, MP for Pittwater in Sydney; the multi-skilled communicator and the voice of the famous Blinky Bill Robyn Moore; Olympian Shelley Oates-Wilding and Sunrise host David Koch. Each speaker represented and spoke about the different qualities a leader should undertake such as passion, vision, values, resilience and service. These five qualities gave us the ability to open our eyes, and see what the ultimate leader could achieve by using them.

During these four days, we had the opportunity to meet 188 amazing, unique teenagers from different parts of Australia. Little did we think it but we quickly accepted each other, learnt about one another's life struggles, achievements and ambitions and dreams and made plenty of friendships that would last a lifetime.

On day one, we were dived into "tribes" with around 14-16 members in each and with three older tribe mentors. Each tribe spent an average of 4 hours with each other and by the second day, were like old friends.

We participated in a range of activities such a mini Olympics which taught us to work as a team, tribe idol, and best of all, 6:15am boot camp. This was to push majority of people out of their comfort zones and allow us to prove to ourselves, that if we put in the work, we can achieve success.

Overall the camp a great experience and inspired, and allowed us to realise the potential many teenagers have, and with a bit of help, we could reach that potential and do something great.

Taleeha Pomeroy

# Japanese Visit 2010.

Once again we are to host students from Furukawa Junior High School, Japan, next year. The dates for the visit are 18-23 March conclusive. Hosting will involve looking after students for 5 nights. We need families to host the students. Host students from Woonona High School must be 15years of age at the time of hosting. If you are interested please contact Ms Epton at the school (42841513)

### **MS Readathon**

Two Woonona High school students were registered for this years MS Readathon. They were Kayla Reay (Year 7) and Katheryn Rowney (Year 8). A big thankyou to the family and friends of our Woonona High School participants who have sponsored their reading during the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the MS Readathon.

As Woonona High School students begin to close their books on this year's program it is nearing time to return sponsorship funds and collect their hard-earned certificate and reading rewards.

#### **Southern Stars**

'Just for the Fun of It' is the title of Southern Stars this year and Woonona High is again well represented, with over 30 dancers appearing in the mass dance items. We also have Micaela Jordan appearing in the ballet company. The performances are on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September and tickets are available from Ticketek now.

### Miss Sharp

#### Year 7

Year 7 are now over halfway through their first year of high school, and it was my pleasure to read the wonderful report comments about their achievements so far this year. I would like to thank all of the parents who took the time to attend parent teacher interviews. This is a valuable way for parents and teachers to communicate about their child's learning and I encourage parents to ring the school if you have any further queries. As you may be aware, Year 7 2009 will be the first cohort to select electives in Year 8 and I know most students have already chosen their favourite subjects. If you have any further questions about this process, please call or email me at school.

Miss Sharp Rhiannon.Sharp@det.nsw.edu.au

#### Year 8

I had the opportunity last week of personally giving out the Year 8 reports and interviewing many students on their progress. A large number of the reports were outstanding and this reflected how engaged and productive students have been during their lessons. There were a handful of students who negotiated a set of goals they wish to achieve for their yearly reports. These students need to improve their efforts during classes.

As a follow up to these interviews, I have referred a number of students to the Learning Support team. I was able to meet with many parents during the Parent / Teacher Night on Thursday 6th August. The issue of greatest concern raised during these

interviews was a need for stronger communication between parents and teachers about student progress and behaviour. Please assist us in this endeavour by ringing teachers during school hours or writing messages in your child's school diary. We will try our best to follow up with your concerns.

Students have been selecting their electives for 2010 over the past two weeks. I have been very encouraged by how excited and organised students have been when filling out their selections. I will be announcing classes for these electives after all the selection forms have been collated.

Finally, as many of you are already aware, I recently got married. My new name is Mrs Whiddon. If you see this name on any notes in the future, it is me. Mrs Whiddon (Landrigan)

#### Year 9

Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to attend parent teacher interviews last week. It is great to touch base with you all and keep up to date with what is happening with your children. Reports were issued in week one this term to all year nine students. I spoke to all the students in small groups about their reports and the importance of them. It was great to have a group of twenty five students who had outstanding reports, this is a larger number than at the half yearly last year. Most students had shown improvement from last year in their attitude and the positive comments received by teachers. If you have any concerns about your child's report please contact the teacher or myself. There seems to be an increasing number of students wishing to change electives since the reports were issued. It is difficult to change electives at this time of year as the amount of work students will be expected to catch up on is not realistic.

Also congratulations to David Krowka who has recently been elected to the SRC.

Mr Buswell

#### Year 10

After a busy Term 2 it was great to see such enthusiasm and interest amongst year 10, as we began the process of choosing subjects for Year 11 2010. Year 10 have been divided into small groups where the process of selecting subjects for Year 11 is discussed and the subject choices explained. Each group's teacher will act as a mentor and they will make themselves available to answer any questions or offer advice.

This term year 10 will sit their yearly exams in week 10. Most students should be staring their revision programs as these exams are an assessment of year 9 and 10 work and form part of the school certificate assessment. Please inform the school

early if you are planning to be away during the examination period.

Mr. Laidler

#### **Year 10 Citizens Committee**



This year the Year 10 citizens committee is organising the 40 hour famine in the school. If you wish to participate we will be distributing famine kits from the canteen counters during recess and lunch times on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of August. If you take a kit it must be returned even if you did not raise any donations or take part in the famine.

Year 10 citizens committee.

#### **Sport**

Our athletics season is well underway with our school carnival, the zone carnival and the area carnival having already being held.

Congratulations to the following students who were our age champions at our school carnival.

Boys Girls
12 yrs Ryan Taylor Khalia Rasch
13 yrs Caitlin Williams
14 yrs Cassandra Lieschke

15 yrs Lachlan McPherson

16 yrs Liam Vuik !7 yrs Ben McGinnes 18 yrs James Berriman

Congratulations also to the following students who were Northern Zone Age champions.

13 years girl Caitlin Williams
14 years girl Cassandra Lieschke
15 years girl Aimee Burzacott
17 years girl

The area carnival was held last Friday but at this stage no official results are available.

#### **South Coast Teams**

Gymnastics - Congratulations to Samantha Tatton and Kate Maslowski on their selections in the South Coast Gymnastic team. These students are at Hunter Region this week for the state Carnival.

#### **State Team**

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in NSW Teams:

Girls Cricket Jemma Lieschke Boys Open Hockey Heath Ogilvie Boys 16 years Hockey Flynn Ogilvie and Scott Govers

**Grade Sport** - Our grade sport has only 4 more weeks to play and then the finals. At this stage we are coming second in the Northern Illawarra Zone

#### **Summer Sport**

When our grade commitments are completed students will be asked to choose a sport for our summer sport season. Summer sport runs for Term 4 this year and Term 1 next year. The summer sport season has a recreation basis and at this stage will include the following sports:

lap swimming, surfing (students need special qualifications), learn to surf, paddle tennis, girls fitness, games at school (bocce, handball, frisbee, cricket etc), golf, school fitness, lawn bowls, dance, musical production, bike riding, fishing, beach games, ten pin bowling, walk and talk, cricket skills, softball, volleyball and touch rugby.

As usual, students will need to consider the cost of the activity and transport costs to the activity (these will be issued to students prior to choosing). Year 10 will choose first, followed by Year 9, then Year 8 and lastly Year 7. As many of these sports are very popular, students should have at least 4 options that they would like to do as some students will not get their first choice.

Margaret Sim (sports organiser)

# **Library**

#### **Book Week 2009**

Book Week 2009 was celebrated with an African flavour in the library to tie in with this year's Children's Book Council of Australia's theme Book Safari. During Book Week Australia's best books for various categories are judged with the winners being announced on August 21st.



We are also holding a competition closing August 21<sup>st</sup> for Book Week with some great prizes to be won. Please encourage your children to enter.



# LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Last meetings Book Club guest speaker was Mr Cullen Head Teacher English. He shared one of his favourite books "Piggy in the Middle" by Catherine Jinks.



Next meeting is on Friday 21st of August at lunchtime. We are reading the E Book – The Cash Boy by Horatio Alger .This book can be found on <a href="http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/296">http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/296</a>

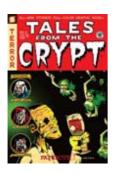
Come and join us and tell us what you think about this book.

#### **HSC RESOURCES**

With the HSC Trials coming up and the HSC just around the corner I would like to remind senior students about the many HSC resources available in the library for borrowing. There are study guides on all subjects offered at Woonona High and also guides on how to study and write essays.

# **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

The Library has added a range of graphic novels to its collection. These include the following titles:





#### **CAREERS NEWS**

#### **TAFE COUNSELLING & CAREERS SERVICE**

School leavers who are thinking of TAFE and would like to receive advice about courses, entry, application and enrolment procedures plus have a career assessment done. The Wollongong Campus of TAFE will offer a School Leaver Information Night on Tuesday 18th August or Thursday 3rd September for interested students. It is advised to take a parent along. Call 4229 0535 to book.

#### **APPRENTICESHIPS 2010**

A number of larger businesses are now advertising for apprentices for 2010. These include - Integral Energy, Country Energy, Energy Australia, Caltex, Transgrid, Rai etc. Visit the websites of these companies to go through application process. Closing dates vary.

#### **ROAD & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY TRAINEESHIPS**

Earn while you learn! The Roads and Traffic Authority (NSW Government) is recruiting for traineeships commencing in January 2010. There are various positions available, so for more information and to apply, visit: www.skillsroad.com.au/RTA

ILLAWARRA GROUP TRAINING is advertising their apprenticeships. Students who are interested in the following trade areas: Fitting and Machining, Electrician, Boilermaking, or Marine Craft Construction. Students will need the following to apply - covering letter, resume, last 3 years reports, SC and HSC results (if applicable). Closing date for applications is 28th August. Apply to: 2010 Apprenticeships, Illawarra Group Training, P.O. Box 1043, Unanderra. N.S.W. 2526.

Closing date for applications: 28th August. 2009.

#### **Advertisements:**

#### 1. Message for Parents:

Do you wish you could help your children more with basic skills? Would you like to complete your own education or do a refresher course in basic skills to prepare for further study?

TAFE Literacy / Numeracy Courses might be for you. Courses cover basic English, Maths and Computer Literacy.

Courses run either full-time or part-time within school hours and are free of charge.

Interested? Contact Mark 4229 0167 or Glenn 4229 0698.

2. Woonona Public School "Giant Market Day".

When: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

Where: At the school - Gray Street Woonona.

Time: 9am - 3pm.

# **Everything you could possibly want:**

- Bric-a-brac to antiques
- Books to furniture

- Firewood to prints
- Pre-loved cloths
- Old children's furniture
- Craft and plants

#### BBQ, Cake Stall, food and drinks.

If you would like to have a stall at these markets please contact the school on 4284 4316 and . register. Everything can be sold . Stall owners must be registered by Mon 17<sup>th</sup> August. The cost of a stall is \$25

## 3. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of School Parents

In this edition you'll find:

- How to protect your family from whooping cough.
- Hints on a smooth start to high school.
- Tips for going green.
- How to make a no-waste lunch.
- A method to boost your child's reading confidence.
- Talking to your child about ethics.
- Helping your child with public speaking.

#### Go to:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolparents

# 4. Northern Illawarra Little Athletics Club Registration Days

Friday 11th and 25th September 2009
3.30pm to 5.00 pm
Bulli High School
For more information go to our website
<a href="http://www.northernillawarralittleathletics.com.au/">http://www.northernillawarralittleathletics.com.au/</a>
or contact Barbara on 0402405519

THURROUL & NORTHERN DUSTRUCTS GUNGOR CRUCKET CLUB

REGISTRATIONS 2009/10

#### **BOYS & GIRLS U10- U16**

(Age as at 1st September 2009)

Sat 22 Aug at Thirroul Bowling Club
Sat 29 Aug at Hollymount East
Sat 5 Sep at Thirroul Bowling Club
between 11:00 am. & 3:00 pm.

For further information email thirroulcricket@yahoo.com.au



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