# Calendar Week 3-10

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Despite interruptions to Otford's power supply, Endeavour Energy supplied us with power through generators.

To minimise waste this year, Wollongong Council supplied us with a Waste Management trailer. Congratulations to Huon and his helpers, Rhys and Finlay for sorting and organising rubbish. Huon and Adam worked hard to complete a spreadsheet on how much waste there was and how full the bins were. Huon explained, “So if a bin was 10% full and 5% was contaminated, I had the job of sorting it out and putting it in the right bin and filling in the spreadsheet. Final results were, 1 red bin, 4 yellow bins and 2 compost bins.” An outstanding effort and result which increased environmental awareness in our young students. We will publish the final spreadsheet soon.

It was great to see members of the Rural Fire Service on the day. Valuable information was given to community members who were concerned about the current bushfire situation. We would like to send out a huge thank you to the volunteers who are giving their all to save lives and property.

Thanks everyone for your support over the last few very busy weeks. Lesley will return to school next week.

I hope you enjoy reading some of the students’ reflections of the Spring Fair included in this newsletter.

Regards

Janelle Cudmore
Relieving Principal
Dragon Tag
Thank you all for your offers of help to get to Dragon Tag over the next three Fridays. To try and share the transport duties I have put together the roster below. We have 19 children attending Dragon Tag each week. Please be at school by 12.30pm. The games will commence at St. James Park Coledale at 1.00pm and conclude by 2.20pm.

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<td>Andrea O’Brien, Todd Jeffree, Tracey Singh, Wayne Bebington + (Mrs Matthews)</td>
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If for some reason you are unable to assist on your rostered day can you provide the school with plenty of advance notice so that alternative arrangements can be made. If your name does not appear on this list – thank you - we had enough helpers but we will keep you on the standby list.

Missing Gas Bottle
Pete Dowell is missing a gas bottle that was used at our fair on Saturday, does anybody know where it is? There is also a small amount of lost property in our school office.

NAPLAN
The results were sent home last week, if you wish to discuss the results please make an appointment with your classroom teacher.

Swimming Scheme
The Department of Education and Communities School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is conducted over ten days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes. Instruction will take place at Helensburgh pool from Monday November 11 to Friday November 22, 2013. The Scheme is for students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills. All students who are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water are eligible. The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Years 2 to 6 as well as students with special needs.

Road closure
Otford Road, Otford

Previously scheduled for Friday 25 October – Friday 8 November

Due to the recent bushfires, Sydney Trains has postponed refurbishment work on the Otford Road railway bridge until further notice.

This is due to concern over the safety of the local community and the significant impact the road closure will have on Emergency Service response.

Sydney Trains appreciates your patience and understanding and will advise the community once the work has been rescheduled.

Bulli High School Adventure Program
The Bulli High School Adventure Program offers year 5 students the opportunity to attend a series of high school lessons on Wednesday afternoons. Notes requesting transport will be sent home soon.

Students’ Work

Otford Fair

On Saturday, Otford had a fair and there were hundreds of people. I couldn’t find my friend Grace because there were so many people!

My cousin had a stall at the fair. There was fairy floss and a lot of lollies. I got a bubble gum machine.

Now I’ll tell you what was at the fair. There was a jumping castle, Irish dancers, singers, Circus Wow, Symbio animal display, Art Box workshop, tug o war and tie dying.

I hope everyone else enjoyed the fair too!

Lucy
The Otford School Fair

On Saturday I went to the school fair with my dad and brother. We arrived at the fair a bit late because we went sailing in the morning before the fair. When we arrived home I grabbed a bag of my cookies that I had baked the night before to sell at the fair and made off for the fair.

We missed a few of the acts like Irish dancing and choir but we got to see a band though. As soon as we arrived I gave my cookies to the first stall I saw. Then I went to a tie dye place where I saw Stella and her mum. The first thing you have to do for tie dyeing is wet a white shirt in water. Next, you have to tie lots of elastic bands on it. Now for the best bit! Then and only then, do you get to dye the shirt with lots and lots of different colours. Finally, you had to leave it to dry. Tie dying was so fun!! I definitely recommend tie dying to anyone who reads this story.

Anyway after that, I went to the very same stall I donated my cookies to so I could see if anyone had bought them yet. Florian’s mum who was working at the stall, said that they were the first thing to be sold!

Then I decided that I was hungry so I bought a little tart like thing from Florian’s mum’s stall. Then after that I ran past the jumping castle, past the fairy floss stall and straight to the giant chess board where there were giant chess pieces. Oliver and I played a good game of chess. I was pretending to be a queen on the white side and Oliver was doing the same but on the black side. No one really won because in the end we just started putting random pieces in random places, now that was fun!!! After that we set off for home.

So I strongly recommend the Otford School Fair to everyone and that includes YOU!!

By Chloe Jenkinson

The Otford School Fair was held 19 October 2013. Many people from different places came to enjoy our fair. Everyone was rushing around setting up, even the kids were doing their part!! There were cake stalls, raffle stalls, curry stands, plant shops and more. The fair started at 10am and everybody was very excited. All the kids lined up at the stalls and rides. The rides were fun, especially the jumping castle. There was lots of delicious food, I loved the fairy floss and the crepe stall. The chocolate stand game was fun and we also enjoyed making an orange and blue shirt at the tie dye stand.

By Year 4/5/6

On Saturday my Grandad cooked sausages at the Otford School Fair and I bought a handbag.

By Brooklyn K/1

I went to the Otford School Fair. I went to the petting zoo. I saw a crocodile at the Symbio Zoo.

By Sam K/1

On Saturday I went to the School Fete. It was lots of fun and I got some fairy floss it was yum. Then I went on the jumping castle and I went to the petting zoo. In the afternoon my dad did tug-o-war then my friends came over.

By Soraya K/1
Hello parents!

We are all recovering from our huge efforts on Saturday at our wonderful School Fete.

Everyone made a massive effort and we had a very successful event.

We are not sure of the final amount as yet, but we think we have raised about $10 000!!!

A wonderful effort for a small school such as ours, and I am sure we will be able to spend this money well on resources for our kids.

My sincere thanks go to everyone who assisted us over the months of planning as well as people who helped at the stalls on the day and people who put up posters and signs. Of course thanks to everyone who bought something or made a donation.

My thanks to Wendy and Nic for the terrific art work, posters and advertising!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the stage and music, getting tables, putting up signs and setting up and packing up.

I would like especially to thank the people who met regularly since March to get this thing up and running. Towards the end, we met every Tuesday evening, even during the school holidays!

Thanks to Adam for the mammoth effort he made being Logistics Manager.

Amanda with all the hard work on the hugely successful Food Stalls. Terrific work, thanks!

Rachael organising all the wonderful external stalls to come on board. This really added to a lovely ambience we are receiving feedback on! Well done and thanks!

Hayley on the Entertainment! A wonderful job! The kids loved it! Thanks so much.

Sheree on the Raffle...this is a hard job, and you did well, Thanks!

Nic on Marketing, thanks so much for all your hard work!

Paul with managing all the finances. Thanks very much for your help.

Thanks everyone! We all have busy lives, going to work and looking after our families, so it is a credit to so many people who still can find the time to help.

In the end, our kids will benefit from the resources we can buy for the school, so thanks again.

Cheers,

Liz.

We love to hear about our current and former students’ achievements. Send us an email and we will publish it in the school newsletter each fortnight.

Our AFL Champions!
Joel Preston and Jake and Stella Cooper are committed members of the Wollongong Lions AFL Club based at North Dalton Park in Fairy Meadow.
All three have excelled this season and are the proud recipients of the following awards:
Joel – Under 12 Best and Fairest Award
Jake – Under 12 Most Improved Player Award
Stella – Under 9 Illawarra Regional Achievement Award
Helensburgh Lions Club Annual Fair
Our annual fair will be held on Saturday 26 October in Charles Harper Park with loads of new stalls, a fantastic line-up of entertainment, delicious food and new rides. The Lions Club will be holding a second-hand book and CD stall and would love your donations of good quality books and unscratched CDs. Any book and CD donation can be left at Civic Video and the Lions would like to thank Nicola, Zoe and the Civic team for their generous support and space :) Contact Gina on 4294 1371 or at nhork@yahoo.com for more information.

Opportunity for Year 6 students to enrol in Year 7 2014 at the Saturday School of Community Languages (SSCL)
The Saturday School of Community Languages offers high school students the opportunity to study their background community language if it is not available at their weekday school. It is a public secondary school and students from Years 7 – 12 from both public and non-government schools can enrol. The SSCL provides continuity of study from the Community Languages Program K-6 or from study of the language through the NSW Community Languages Schools Program at a community school.

There are 16 Saturday School centres in NSW, with the Wollongong lessons being at Smiths Hill High School where classes will be formed in the following languages based on student demand: Arabic, Chinese, Macedonian, Serbian, Spanish and Turkish.

The 2014 enrolment forms are now available to download from the website: http://www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au/how-to-enrol
Enrolment application forms must be signed and forwarded by the student's 2014 secondary school principal. If possible, applications should be made this year to enable students to start their language course at the beginning of Term 1 in 2014.

For further information about the classes and languages offered in Wollongong, please email Margaret Uitterlinden, Supervisor of the SSCL Smiths Hill High School centre, on margaret.uitterlinden@det.nsw.edu.au

For all other enquiries, please contact the head office of the Saturday School of Community Languages in Sydney on 9244 5315 or email saturdaycl-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au