Principal’s Message

Congratulations to all our award winners at Monday’s Presentation Assembly. I am always pleased to acknowledge the wonderful achievements of our hardworking students who strive to excel in all areas of school life. Thank you to our parents and carers for attending this very special occasion and special thanks to all our teachers for your assistance in organising of this important annual event.

Farewell Families

It is with much sadness that we farewell a number of families who have been part of the Otford Public School community for a number of years with older siblings having gone before and paved the way for them.

We say goodbye to the Abela; Crawford; McKinlay; Morris and Singh families. I would like to thank them for their friendship and support in the time I have been at Otford Public School as well as for many years prior to my arrival. They will be sadly missed, but never far away.

We hope that you can visit us often to keep us up to date with your next educational journey into high school.

We wish Alex, Lachie, Mac, Nathan, Chloe and Emma all the very best at high school. Of course we will keep up to date through the younger siblings of Alicia, Griffin, Gus, Ruth and Declan.

What a wonderful adventure awaits you! Work hard, have dreams, set goals and go out there and get them. You have been amazing students. I know that you will continue to be. Good luck in 2014 and beyond! We will think of you often!

The donations that are going to Papua New Guinea will be sent off on Friday. Thank you for your generosity with your donations. We received two big boxes full of stationery items. We will also be sending them old school text books and teacher resources that we no longer use here at Otford. We will also send off a box of shorts found in our uniform shop. All these items are very much needed and will be greatly appreciated by the people of PNG.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to the challenges that 2014 will bring.

Lesley Matthews
Principal
Thank you for all the donations we have received for the St Vincent De Paul hamper. Everyone was very generous. These hampers will go out to a number of people in our local community.

Maria

Community News

Lions Club Wishing Tree
The opportunity to place a gift under the Lions Wishing Tree ends this Friday so, if you have not already, please purchase a gift from one of our local businesses and place it under the Wishing Tree in the foyer of the Helensburgh Workers’ Club. We are in particular need of suitable gifts for teens. Your generosity today will make someone else’s Christmas Day very special. Wishing you all a very happy and safe festive season.

Wollongong Go Karts

Get to the Raceway these school holidays for non-stop action!!! For $49 get 2 kart races, 1 slurpie, 1 hotdog, unlimited game play and all your equipment provided.

Our state of the art clubhouse incorporating plasma entertainment system, AMB lap timing displays, café, leather lounges, pool table and arcade games, represents the premier karting venue not only in NSW but Australia.

Wollongong Sunset Cinema
Wollongong Botanic Garden
26 December to 15 February
www.sunsetcinema.com.au

Singing Christmas carols are a special tradition to share with your family and friends during the festive holiday. This year we invite you to our spectacular Botanic Garden on Saturday, 21 December for the ‘City of Wollongong Christmas Carols presented by McDonalds Illawarra’.

Marty and Bianca will be hosting this free community celebration from 6pm to 9pm on the lawn below Gleniffer Brae, with musical performances all evening from the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music. Gates open from 5pm.

LED candles will be available for purchase with proceeds supporting the Friends of Wollongong Botanic Garden. For safety reasons, traditional candles can not be used. Food and drinks be on sale throughout the evening.

We are partnering with local social enterprise Green Connect Illawarra to ensure the Carols is a waste wise event. Green Connect Illawarra was developed by refugee association Strategic Community Assistance for Refugee Families (SCARF) and provides both employment pathways and also reduces waste through ensuring the community use the correct recycling, compost and waste bins at events.

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