

WOOLOOWARE PUBLIC SCHOOL

A community school providing learning for life in a caring environment

Term 1 Week 2

Principals Report

Welcome to 2018!

It has been a fantastic start to the 2018 school year and our students have all started to settle into their new classes so well. We were so impressed with the seamless transition our newest students made into kindergarten this week and there are still smiles all-round. It has been lovely also to welcome many new families into other grades also.

This term will be a productive one as we set routines and expectations together. Please feel free to introduce yourself to your child's class teacher as they will be keen to work with you in partnership to ensure that educational, social and emotional goals are met.

Meet the teachers

Each year we organise a session where parents have the opportunity to meet the teachers and hear about plans for the year. These will be held in Week 4 (which is the week after next). The times for these meetings are as follows...

Monday 12 February	5.30pm	Stage 1 (Year 1&2)	Library
	6.00pm	Year 5	5L Classroom
		Year 6	6J Classroom

Tuesday 13 February	5.30pm	Stage 2 (Year 3&4)	Individual Classrooms
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Wednesday 14 February	6.00pm	Kindergarten	K Blue Classroom
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P&C Meeting – 19 February

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Monday 19 February at 7.00pm in the staffroom. This is a great opportunity for parents to become involved in decision making and future planning for the school. The meetings are never too long and everyone is welcome to attend.

School Assemblies

This term we are trialling moving to fortnightly assemblies. These will be held in the **even** school weeks (ie, Week 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10) as follows:

K-2 Assembly: Even **Wednesdays** from 2.30pm

NOTE: *Blue and purple awards will be handed out at each K-2 assembly, with the major certificates (bronze, silver and gold) being held over until Week 10.*

3-6 Assembly: Even **Thursdays** from 2.30pm

NOTE: *All awards and certificates (blue, purple, bronze, silver and gold) will be handed out at each 3-6 assembly provided that the required prior certificates are to Miss Johnson by the Wednesday before the assembly.*

When kids ask "the" questions... Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate's high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school!

With over 90 years' experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 40,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. *We know how to help break the ice.* Interrelate programs are interactive and family focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Session 1: Where did I come from? (1 hour session - Year 3-6)

This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1 hour session - Years 5-6; Years 3-4 at parent's discretion)

This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

Interrelate School Services presents a special evening program

Family cost: 1 session \$30 per family | 2 sessions \$35 per family
Please note that this cost is GST inclusive

Where: **WOOLLOOWARE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

When: **Monday, 26th February 2018**

Time: Where did I come from? **6:00 pm SHARP** Preparing for puberty **7:15pm**

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night

----- Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child's name and class -----

a special evening program

Name of family: _____

No. attending: ☐ Session 1: Where did I come from? ☐ Session 2: Preparing for puberty

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

I have made an online payment to my school. My receipt no. _____

OR ☐ Eftpos ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque (payable to the school) ☐ Credit card (if accepted by school)

Credit card number: _____/_____/_____/_____ Expiry date: _____

CCV (3 digits on the reverse of the card): _____ Amount: _____

Name on card: _____

Signature: _____





Woollooware High School Open Night Year 7 2019

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

6:00pm to 7:15pm

Faculty displays around the school

7:15pm to 8:00pm (school multipurpose hall)

Presentation, including performing arts display & information about applying for early placement in our [Extension Class for Gifted & Talented children](#) and [Out of Area](#) applications.



Year 4, 5 and 6 students and their parents are cordially invited.

Woollooware High School ~ 'Strive for Excellence'

A comprehensive school with emphasis on:

Academics, Student Wellbeing, Sport & Performing Arts



Drop off and pick up

Keeping all of our students safe

I have had a number of discussions with parents and members of our community lately about concerns for student safety in the mornings and afternoons. As our area becomes more populated, the number of cars around our school increases and it is important that we all focus on the safety of our young people. I have been in touch with Sutherland Shire Council who are looking into the traffic flow around our school. Below are a few tips and reminders to help...



- **Obey all signs**
 - 'No Stopping' means exactly that – do not stop! Not even for 30 seconds to drop your child off. Parents have been issued with hefty fines for doing this.
 - 'No Parking' means that you can stop briefly to drop off or pick up, but you must not leave the vicinity of your vehicle and you have a maximum of 2 minutes here. Again, council rangers have and will fine you for leaving your vehicle or staying longer than 2 minutes.
 - 40 km/h school zones are in place each morning and afternoon and this now also applies to Franklin Road. Be mindful of this.
- **Use the crossing**
 - We are very fortunate to have Doug, our crossing supervisor, supplied by the RMS. Please encourage your children to use the pedestrian crossing whenever crossing Wills Road.
 - When exiting via the gate near the kinder rooms, it is much quicker to duck straight across Wills Road, however this is dangerous and sets an unhelpful example for other students.
- **Park legally and considerately**
 - Do not park across our neighbours' driveways.
 - Consider others when parking and if there is room for two cars, be sure to leave enough room for another vehicle
- **DO NOT drive into school grounds**
 - The small car park off Riverview Avenue is extremely tight, but also adjacent to the playground. We ask that you don't use this, even when arriving or picking up for WOSHC.
- **Leave the car at home**
 - In an age where it is easy to lead a sedentary lifestyle, walking to and/or from school is an excellent way for children to build additional physical activity into their daily routine. If you live too far from school for this, perhaps consider parking a little further from school (there are plenty of quiet streets around Woollooware with plenty of parking) and then build in a short walk to the car. This could prove to be some quality family time as well as a bit of exercise.

Community Calendar

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Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	12 Feb	13 Feb Bike Education	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb PSSA begins
4	19 Feb Cronulla High School Liaison Day	20 Feb Bike Education	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb
5	26 Feb Interrelate – Family Evening Session 1 “Where did I come from?” 6pm – 7pm WPS School Library Interrelate – Family Evening Session 2 “Preparing for Pu- berty” 7:15pm – 8:15pm WPS School Library	27 Feb Cronulla Zone Swimming Carnival Bike Education	28 Feb School Photo Day	1 Mar	2 Mar
6	5 Mar	6 Mar Bike Education	7 Mar	8 Mar	9 Mar
7	12 Mar	13 Mar Bike Education	14 Mar	15 Mar	16 Mar Last PSSA game



Advertising

MindQuest 2018

NSW Talent Centre Pty Ltd
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**St George Girls HS Victoria St Kogarah
Saturday & Sunday 7 & 8 April 2018**

Dear Gifted and Talented Coordinator

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful support of the NSW Talent Enrichment Weekends held at St George Girls HS. I hope that you will consider involving the students of your school in these programs again.

Please find enclosed brochures advertising courses for the 87th MindQuest program which will be held at St George Girls HS on Saturday & Sunday 7 & 8 April, 9.30am-3.30pm. You may wish more students to have an opportunity to attend through advertising the activities in your newsletter. It is anticipated that many of the **courses will be full before the closing date**. Feel free to photocopy any additional information required or ring me for additional brochure. Please encourage students to send in their application forms as soon as possible.

Many parents of students from **low socioeconomic backgrounds** may find difficulty in paying the course fees of \$200(Incl GST). May I draw your attention to a limited number of **part scholarships** for the enrichment weekend program, please contact me if you know of students who need financial assistance. I hope that you will promote this program to the staff and students in your school. I have appreciated the wonderful support schools have given in the past and I look forward to your continued support in the future.

Yours sincerely

Shelagh Poray

Director, NSW Talent Centre Pty Ltd

Closing Date is Friday 9 March

We would be grateful if you could advertise the program in your newsletter.

MindQuest

**ST GEORGE GIRLS HS
VICTORIA ST KOGARAH**

On **Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 April 2018** the 87th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend ***MindQuest*** will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over **37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program**. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$200 (including GST).

Contact your school for a brochure or Shelagh Poray 02 4959 7148

Closing Date: **Friday 9 March**



SUPPORTING CRONULLA HIGH SCHOOL'S

2018 Creative and Performing Arts

Tour of New York

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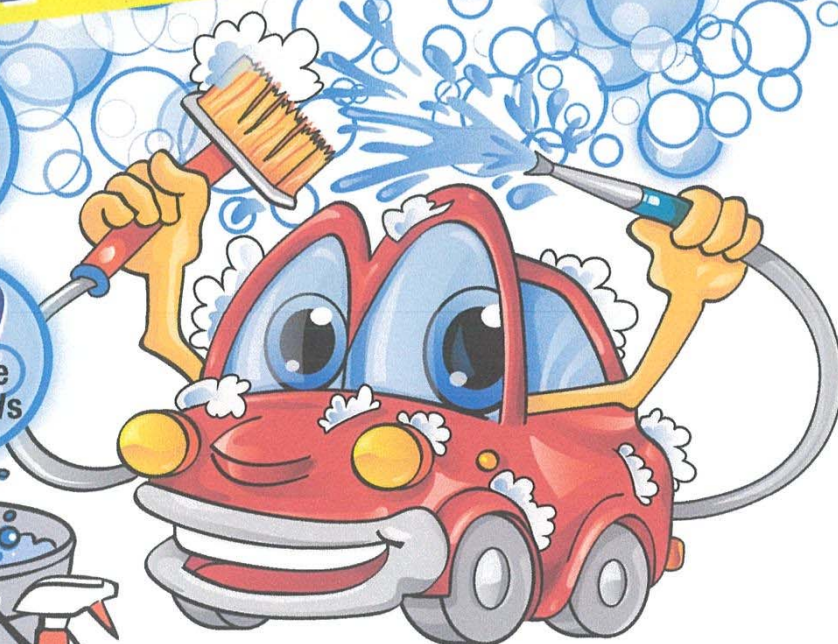
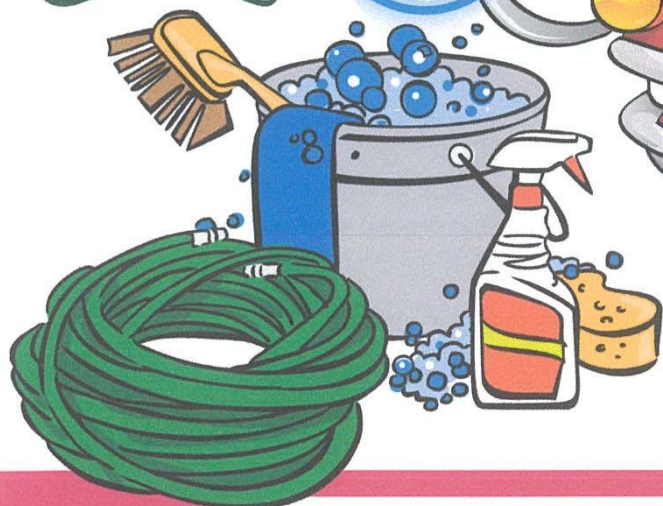
WASH YOUR CAR

\$10

for small
cars

\$20

for large
cars/SUVs



WHERE: Cronulla High School
Enter via Bate Bay Road entrance

WHEN: Sunday February 18th

TIME: 10am - 3pm

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE / DRINKS
AVAILABLE**