From the Principal

New Classes
It has been wonderful to see the students settle so quickly into their new classes for this year. Students and teachers are already working hard together in their learning. Next week, teachers will be conducting class information sessions to give parents an opportunity to meet the teacher and hear about how the class will operate throughout the year. While this is not a time for discussing individual student progress, parents are encouraged to ask any general questions they may have about how the class will operate. All teachers do things a little bit differently so I encourage as many parents as possible to attend. Year 6 parents will be asked to stay behind after their child’s class information session to take part in a Year 6 to Year 7 information session, specifically designed to cover all the things you need to know about the transition from primary school to high school. I strongly encourage Yr 6 parents to attend that session. The Principal and Yr 7 coordinator from our local feeder high school, Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts, will also be there to answer any questions you may have. Finally, many of our students work with Mrs Di Noro, our English as an Additional Language or Dialect teacher, each week as they learn and refine their English skills. Mrs Di Noro will hold an additional information session for parents of those students so she can explain how that valuable program operates in our school. The information session timetable is as follows:

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School Uniform
Thank you for helping to ensure that our students are dressed in full school uniform every day. This includes the wearing of fully black shoes (no stripes, colours or coloured laces) and white socks. If special sports trials or tennis lessons are occurring on non-sports days, students should bring their joggers with them in their school bags and change into them at the appropriate time. Please remember to label all items of uniform, especially hats, so they can be returned to your child if they are lost.

Swimming Carnival
A huge thank you to Miss Pigram for once again coordinating the smooth running of the School Swimming Carnival last Friday. It was a great day and our students competed well and in the right spirit. Thank you also to the many parents and friends who came along to help out on the day or to support our swimmers. The District Carnival will be held on Wednesday 24th February at the Unanderra pool. Good luck to our District Swimming Team!

Band and SRE Start Next Week
Our fabulous band and instrumental program starts for the year next Wednesday 17th February. Many thanks to Mrs Thompson who continues to do a fabulous job of coordinating this comprehensive music program at our school. Information and notes have been distributed to those involved. All correspondence and/or enquiries related to the band/instrumental program should be directed to Mrs Thompson.

SRE (scripture) lessons also begin next Wednesday. Students will return to the SRE groups they were in previously unless we are advised otherwise in writing by parents. Mrs Maranesi is coordinating our SRE program this year and all initial enquiries can be directed to her. Kindergarten children will be placed in SRE classes according to the preference listed on the enrolment form or the separate sheet from their transition packs.

SRC Induction Assembly
The SRC Induction Assembly will take place at 2pm on Friday 19th February in the school hall. Parents and friends are welcome to join us for this special assembly.

Cottage Demolition
You will no doubt have noticed that the old ‘cottage’ building (band room) has a fence around it at present. That is because it is being demolished over the next week to make way for the new demountable that will house Miss Murray's Kindergarten class. We hope the new classroom will be operational by Easter time.

Teachers Are Learners Too!
Wednesday 10th February: Mrs Low continued her ongoing Reading Recovery training.

David O'Connor
Principal
**Book Club**

Our first issue of Book Club went home last week.

Please return your order to the office by 9:00am, Friday 12th February.

Thank you

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**Hi Boys and Girls**

The swimming carnival was wonderfully organised and a great success. I had a fantastic time watching you enjoying yourselves. Congratulations to the swimmers who made it to the District Carnival and well done to all of you for participating. It was great to see you ‘having a go’.

Just a reminder that the safest place for you to cross the road at school is at the designated crossing. Our lovely lollipop lady, Julie is there to help you every morning and every afternoon. Please make sure that you use the correct crossing and don’t ever just run out into the traffic.

Keep safe and keep smiling

Kirrhi

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**Primary Ethics Update**

We will be offering 3 classes of Primary Ethics this year - an alternative to non-scripture. Classes are 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6.

If you are interested in becoming a teacher, Primary Ethics is offering free training at the University of Wollongong on the weekend of 5-6 March. Most training sessions are in Sydney so if you have been thinking about training, now is the time.

Please send an email to Ann Hollifield at primary.ethics.kps@gmail.com to find out more. The website http://www.primaryethics.com.au also has lots of information including videos of Primary Ethics classes.

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**TERM 1 FEES**

Parents

Term 1 fees were sent home yesterday. Remember that you can pay on-line at home.

Just go to the school website—$Make a Payment and you can pay by credit card.

Fees can also be dropped into the office mailbox in a clearly marked envelope.

If there are reasons why fees cannot be paid on time, please contact Mr O’Connor or the office so we are aware of your situation.

Thank you
The Uniform shop will be using credit card facilities only on Friday mornings. Thursday nights, we will still accept cash. Orders can also be placed via the front office and it normally takes 5 working days to fill your order.

If you would like to volunteer once a term or even once a year at the uniform shop, please contact Kimberley Humphries on 0417473842.

The new uniform order form is attached to this newsletter. Please discard any old forms you have at home and use this new one.
Canteen News…

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Welcome back to Kirrhi’s Kitchen for 2016! New menus have been sent home this week – check them out for new offerings.

Thank you to all our continuing and new volunteers. If anyone has any spare time and would like to contribute to our Kitchen, please contact Elicia on eliciabrook@bigpond.com

Keep an eye out on the newsletter for Sushi Days and ad hoc specials!

Regards,
The Canteen Committee

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Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts

**Expo Evening**

_is your child interested in the arts? Are you considering Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts as your choice of secondary school for 2017? If so, come and meet us at Expo Evening. You will see that we offer a quality comprehensive education as well as excellent opportunities and experiences in the performing arts._

**Date: 25 February 2016**

5.30pm-7.00pm

Session 1 - 5.30pm (Surnames A-L)
Session 2 - 6.15pm (Surnames M-Z)
Advertisements are placed in this newsletter at a small donation to help pay for the expense of issuing the newsletter. Advertisements are not necessarily school endorsed.

Mount Ousley Physical Culture Club

Physical Culture is modern and dance-based routines for girls and ladies from 3yrs to 60 yrs! It is an inexpensive activity that helps co-ordination and fitness. Routines are performed to modern music are fun and are age appropriate. First three lessons are free for new members to try. Pre-schoolers - 8yrs: Tuesdays 9yrs-through to senior girls: Mondays. Ladies classes Monday nights. All local venues for classes.

Registration and enquiry days are Saturday 6th Feb and Sunday 7th Feb, 12-2pm at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School Hall.

Call Elizabeth Scott 0411 288 291 or visit our website: Mt Ousley Physical Culture Club to make enquiries. mtousleypysics@bigpond.com

Play AFL with the Wollongong Lions

*We play on Sundays at North Dalton park, Fairy Meadow

- Ages: Auskick (4-8 yrs) Under 9, 11, 13, 15, 17

Register online www.wlionsjuniors.com.au or in person at North Dalton park on Saturday 13th & 27th Feb from 1pm to 3pm

Or call Hatem on 0414 753 755
Or Wayne on 0425 317 809