

# THE RIVER NEWS

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P&C Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

## Important Dates

### Term 1

**3/04/2009**

Mufti-Egg Day  
Note in newsletter

**8/04/2009**

Easter Hat Parade  
&  
Raffle Draw

**10/04/2009**

End of Term

### Term 2

**28/04/2009**

Staff return

**29/04/2009**

Students return

**30/04/2009**

Anzac Service

**4/05/2009**

School Cross  
Country

**4-8 /05/2009**

Parent Teacher In-  
terviews  
Note out next week

**8/05/2009**

Dance Fitness Pro-  
gram  
Yrs K-2

Note out at begin-  
ning Term 2

**12-14/05/2009**

NAPLAN Tests  
Years 3 & 5

**21/05/2009**

Zone Cross country

**28/05/2009**

Grandfriends Day

**8-10/07/2009**

Years 5 & 6 Can-  
berra and Snowy  
excursion

**10/07/2009**

Last day Term 2

## JEOPARDY

Today Woronora River took part in the Preliminary Finals of the Sydney Region Jeopardy Quiz competition. The team made it into the Finals which will be held this Thursday against Randwick, St Ives Park and Arncliffe. The full match report is found later in the newsletter.

## SPORTS HOUSE GROUPS

After discussions with the P & C it has been agreed that in 2010 the school will revamp its sports house system with a reduction from 4 houses to 3.

In reducing the numbers of houses it will mean greater opportunity for all houses to compete in relays and also allow us to address a large imbalance in the structures of the current house system. Our recent swimming carnival highlighted the problem with one house being unable to field a senior mixed relay team.

The timing for the change is perfect as the existing Champions Trophies are all filled to the brim with winners from over the years and so we will have a new system and new trophies. Later this year a competition will be run to suggest new names for our houses plus design a new logo for each of our new houses.

## BER

Some local schools have already heard as to what their school will receive as part of the capital works projects of Building the Education Revolution (BER) funds from the Federal Government.

Each of these schools is an "easy fix": ie a school site with an abundance of flat clear ground perfect for a hall.

Our school will not be an "easy fix". It will require careful consideration of site factors before a project can be undertaken. This will mean that any work here will happen later rather than sooner. The P & C BER Action Committee has met with Alison Megarrity to put forward the need for a creative solution for our school.

## LIVE LIFE WELL

Woronora River has been involved in the LIVE LIFE WELL program for some time no. Our fantastic efforts have been recognised by the SE Area Health Service and the programs that are running here at Woronora are featured heavily in their promotional material. Well done.

## PEER SUPPORT

Next Monday and Tuesday (6th & 7th April) students in Years 5 & 6 will undergo Peer Support training in preparation for our program in 2009. This years topic is "Resilience".

In Peer Support the students are broken up into groups of approx 6-8 students ranging from Kinder to Year 4. (kinder students are in their Year 6 Buddies group). Each group will have 2 leaders from years 5 & 6. Once a week the students get together in their group in one of the classrooms for approximately 40 minutes and with their leaders work through a prescriptive lesson plan.

## EASTER RAFFLE

Just a reminder that the Easter raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 8th April during the Easter Hat Parade. To date we have had a great response to the Easter Egg donation but a

few more would be fantastic—donations will be accepted up until Friday 3rd April.

Similarly we have had a great response to the sale of tickets. All tickets and money should be returned to school no later than Tuesday. Don't forget that the first draw of the raffle brings the winner 12kgs of absolutely delicious chocolate.

## **EASTER HATS**

All students in K-2 will be making their own Easter hats. They will be helped by their buddies in the construction and decoration of their hats.

On Wednesday 8th the students will be parading their creations in the top playground with the parade timed to start at 12.35pm. Approximately 20 minutes later the Easter raffle will be drawn.

## **WAKAKIRRI**

Due to a number of factors Woronora will not be participating in Wakakirri this year.

## **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

The Term 2 Staff Development Day will take place on Tuesday 28th April. This is a student free day.

Monday 27th April whilst not a public holiday is a non school day.

School holidays are gazetted (decided upon) 5 years in advance. In 2003 when the school holidays were set for this year it was believed that the then current trend of a public holiday being declared for the first weekday after Anzac day would continue. This has changed and now Monday 27th is not a public holiday however once school holidays are gazetted they cannot be changed. Students will return to school on Wednesday 29th April.

## **SPORTS REPORT**

### **GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL**

On the 20th March the Wonnie girls played Loftus and the final result was Loftus 2 and Woronora 1. Georgia scored a try and Alysse played very well. The Girl of the Game however goes to Georgia for her spectacular try. Great game girls!

### **JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL**

The Wonnie junior football girls played Sutherland North on 20th of March at Waratah Park. The score was 3 all. Emily scored 2 tries and Bethany scored 1. The Girl of the Game goes to Emily for some great tries. A good game girls!

### **SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL**

On the 20th March Woronora played Sutherland and won 4 to nil. Yasmine scored 2 tries and Sara C and Caitlyn scored 1 try each. Emma S nearly scored another try but could not find the try line. Sara H was an excellent active half and a great cheerer playing in both halves. Congratulations to Sara H for an excellent game. Good Game girls!

### **BOYS KANGA CRICKET**

Woronora boys Kanga Cricket team played Sutherland on 20 March and won. Campbell had a classic catch,

Joel got one out and Adam bowled one out. Max had a great hit. All players had a great game but the player of the match goes to James because of his massive hit which gave him 4 runs.

## **BOYS SENIOR SOFTBALL**

The Wonnie boys senior softball team versed Sutherland on 20 March. All boys played well but unfortunately the final result was Sutherland 15 Woronora 1. Jack played really well as catcher and Reece Misso and Luke both did a great job as pitcher. The man of the match goes to Tim for the only run of the game.

## **STEWART HOUSE**

Stewart House Clothing Appeal bags will be sent home shortly. Stewart House is a fantastic facility that provides students with a wonderful and supportive stay on the beach. The bags will need to be back by no later than Friday 1st May 2009.

## **LIBRARY NEWS—EGGSHIBITION**

The annual Eggshibition will be held on Wednesday 8th April. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are able to enter by dressing up or decorating an egg at home. The egg must be blown. The three categories for this year are: **Eggstraterrestrial**—(aliens, astronauts, spaceships etc.)

**Eggstraordinary**—(beautifully decorate, unusual, special etc.)

**Eggstinct**—(dinosaurs, extinct animals etc.)

Entries can be brought to the library on the morning of Wednesday 8th April and will be available for viewing after the hat parade. The models can be taken home on the day. Children wishing to enter can obtain an entry form from Mrs Henry or Mrs Hudson during library time. The displays will be judged on creativity and visual appeal. Prizes will be given out on the day. K-2 will have an egg decoration competition at school which will also be on display in the library.

Get cracking.

Mrs Henry & Mrs Hudson.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Vacation Care**

Once again Sutherland Shire Council will be offering vacation care. If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact the office.

### **Claudine School Wear**

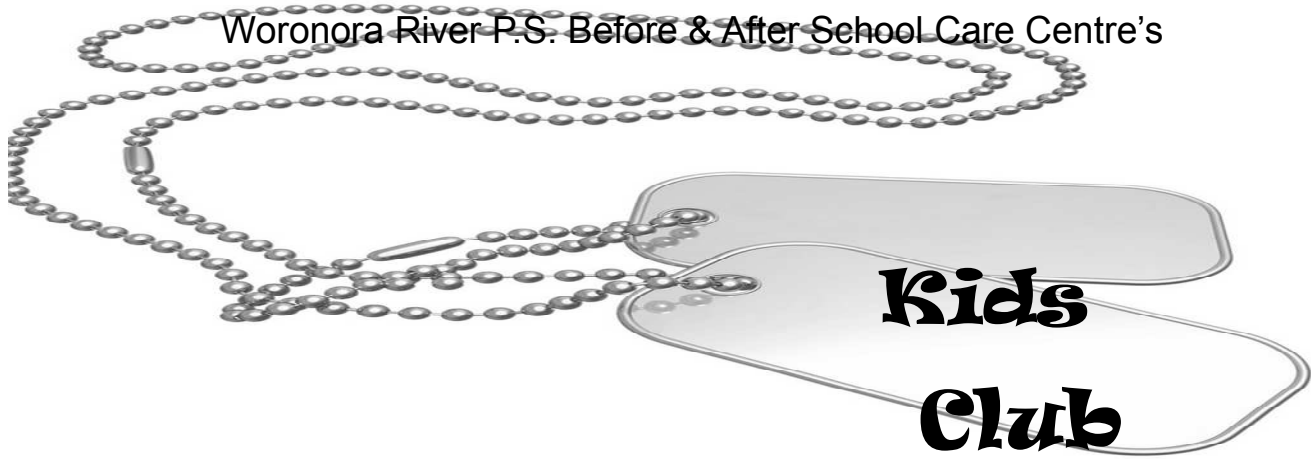
Winter Sale

10% discount of all purchases made between Monday 16th March & Saturday 18th April 2009 at Claudine School Wear  
23 President Ave, Caringbah

### **Junior Golf Holiday Camp**

@ The Ridge Golf Driving Range.

The Sutherland Shire Golf Academy is running a 3 day Junior Golf Camp from Wed 22nd to Fri 24th April, 2009 for ages 7-15. No golfing experience is required. For bookings or enquiries please call 9543 3511 or visit our website [www.ssga.net.au](http://www.ssga.net.au)



**Enrol your child into Kids Club in 2009!**

Your child can enjoy hanging out with fellow members in the Clubhouse, fun craft activities, sport, or cooking each week and you can take time out to have a quiet cuppa (or get the housework done – your choice ☺). It is also handy to have your child registered for those emergency casual bookings.

You can claim CCB and the 50% Tax Rebate for fees paid (more parents are eligible for this than they realise – the Means Test will not exclude you from claiming 50% Tax Rebate).

**Fee Schedule** (price scales down for multiple children)

	<b>Permanent Bookings</b>	<b>Casual Bookings</b>
<b>Morning</b>	\$13.00	\$15.00
<b>Afternoon</b>	\$15.00	\$17.00

<b>Week 10 (30/3/09)</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Menu</b>
Monday	Free Sport	Fried Rice
Tuesday	Cooking	Shepards Pie
Wednesday	Easter Egg Baskets	Pizza
Thursday	Free Sport	Macaroni & Cheese
Friday	Easter Egg Baskets	Cheese & Vegemite Scrolls
<b>Week 11 (30/3/09)</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Menu</b>
Monday	Free Sport	Sandwiches
Tuesday	Cooking	Frittata
Wednesday	Clock	Fried Rice
Thursday	Free Sport	Yogurt
Friday	<b>Good Friday</b>	-

For more information or to join the club call  
Katie on 9521-8170

**Yearly Membership**  
**\$40 per family!**  
**Join the Club!**

## JEOPARDY MATCH REPORT

Just like Preliminary Final 3, this match started off as a three-school race with Lynwood Park, Woronora River and Beauty Point PS all exchanging places in the lead. It was very tight. All three schools were very quick on the buzzer, sometimes a little too quick. Maroubra Junction just couldn't seem to get in first, but you could see they were trying to.

With three-quarters of the questions gone, Maroubra Junction finally got themselves on the board. A couple of questions later, two of their competitors spelled SATELLITE incorrectly and Maroubra suddenly found themselves in second place! But the other schools came back again in a very see-sawing game. After the 30 questions, it was obvious we had a low-scoring match, but Final Jeopardy was going to make the aggregate even lower.

Only \$2000 separated Beauty Point (\$3800) and Maroubra Junction (\$1800) with Woronora River and Lynwood Park sandwiched between in the \$2000s. Any school could have snuck into second place with Final Jeopardy around the corner.

When I wrote the Final Jeopardy question I thought it was pretty simple and I'm sure many teachers were shaking their heads with some of the answers provided. Of the 16 schools in the four Preliminary Finals that were shown this particular question which about The First Fleet, only 3 schools managed to get the answer right - *Arncliffe PS, Bankstown PS and Penshurst West PS*. Interestingly, all eight schools in the two finals today provided totally unique (*and incorrect*) answers. The pressure must have truly been on.

So it's congratulations to Beauty Point PS (*another school that is now undefeated*) and Woronora River PS for their great effort, we'll see you in the Qualifying Finals on Thursday. To Lynwood Park and Maroubra Junction PS, it was certainly a close game and you both deserved your spots in the Finals. I hope your teams had a great time and thanks for the great audience in the background!

Stu Hasic

Jeopardy Quiz Master

### TRIVIA NIGHT

A wonderful night was had by all at our recent fundraising event. Thank you to all the parents, teachers and friends who attended. We raised almost **\$1500.00**, which was an amazing effort. Heartfelt thanks to Neil Yates without whom the night would not have been so successful.

### Achievement Certificates

Molly Barrett	2/3
Sarah Graham	2/3
Jaidyn Clingan	3/4
Madison Quince	6
Lucy Bower	6

# Approaching Your School

A parent and community guide for seeking information and expressing concerns

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice
- Express concern about actions of staff

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

These guidelines aim to:

- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld.
- support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- help reach an agreed solution

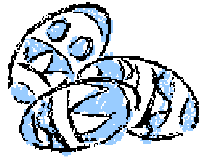
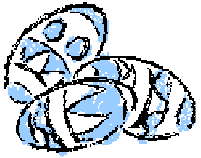
On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

**Teachers, parents and community working together for successful schooling**

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of own child	* Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, by phone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.
The welfare of own child	* For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information. * For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member. * To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Please contact the office.
Actions of other students	* Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem. * Contact the stage supervisor or principal for playground problems.
School policy or practice	* Contact office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the principal and/or appropriate member of staff.
Actions of a staff member	* Contact the office and state concerns to the principal. * Arrange to meet directly with the principal and staff member concerned.

In very rare cases, where people wishing to express concerns, do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the 'Inclosed Lands Act' to:

- direct the person to immediately leave the grounds.
- call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse.
- withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without permission of the principal.
- Seek further legal avenues.



# BRING AN EASTER EGG MUFTI DAY

Yes that's right bring an  
Easter egg this Friday 3rd  
April to be donated to the  
Easter raffle and you can  
dress in mufti-clothes!

(If you have donated an egg already you  
too can wear mufti)

