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Congratulations to our Leadership Team for 2013

School Captains – Luca G and Lucy A
Vice Captains – Daniel C and Chloe E

Student Representative Counsellor (SRC) members:
Yr 6 – Siena C, Georgia S, Isaiah D and Jacob B

Voting for SRC Counsellors for years 2-5 has not been finalised and will be announced next week.

House Captains and Vice Captains:
Hunter (Yellow) - Captains James P and Keeara T
Vice Captains - Holly L and Charlotte M
Bourke (Red) - Captains Harrison W and Alex L
Vice Captains - Daniel S and Sophie H
Phillip (Green) - Paul K and Claudia S
Vice Captains - Ben P and Zara C
Macquarie (Blue) - Captains Ben G and Jade M
Vice Captains - Zac L and Ellen V

I must congratulate our new Kindergarten students, families and teachers. They have had a very settled start to “big school”. Yesterday, they even joined the rest of the school for recess (just their second day at school). I was on duty, and was so impressed by them.

This year, the school is again fortunate to have Mr Eric Dunan with us from the Wollongong Conservatorium. Each Monday, Eric will be working with our Year 3 trumpet group (brass appreciation group) and years 4-6 training and advanced bands. Eric will speak with our students at assembly on Friday (8 February) at 12.15pm. This will be followed by a specific band meeting next Wednesday 13 Feb at 1.45pm to finalise arrangements for 2013. Band lesson costs are determined by the numbers of students involved in band. We all know that to learn an instrument takes time, commitment to band is for 4 terms. A form will be sent home to all interested students this coming Friday. It is envisioned that the bands will commence on Monday 18 February. Please fill in the form and return promptly. It is expected that lessons will cost $8 - $10 per lesson depending on final numbers participating.

A reminder that from our 2nd newsletter of 2013, all newsletters will be available via email only. Attached to this newsletter, are instructions for accessing the newsletter. If you are having any difficulties signing up, please contact the office and they will walk you through the process. If you do not have a computer, there will be a few hardcopy newsletters available from the front office.

The student Induction Assembly is planned for Thursday 21 February at 10am. At that time, our captains, vice captains, SRC members and sports captains will be inducted. This is a special time for our leadership team. We look forward to you joining us for this very happy occasion. Please note that this date will be confirmed in the coming days.

We look forward to a happy and productive year with you as we work hard to provide the best education for “our” students

Have a good week.

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**Media Permission notes and Child Protection notes**

New updated Media Permission and Child Protection notes will be handed out to students in years 1-6 today. Could you please complete these forms and return them to school as soon as possible.
e-News

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We would prefer you to receive the newsletter electronically. There are many advantages including:

- easy and direct reminders straight to your email account;
- simple to use mobile apps;
- your child can’t forget or lose newsletters;
- access to the newsletters if your child is absent from school;
- reduced photocopying and administration time costs to the school;
- supporting our environmental initiatives;
- the coloured emailed version of the newsletter is more pleasing to view.

On the back of this newsletter you will find instructions on how to subscribe. If you are already receiving the newsletter by email you do not need to re-subscribe. Many schools in the Illawarra area have already implemented this procedure.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday between 9.00 and 9.30am.

Sock Pre-Orders – If you pre-ordered school socks last year and have not paid yet, your order is awaiting collection and payment from the uniform shop. You are required to finalise payment before the 13th February 2013 to be entitled to a discount.

Socks – Sports Socks ($4.50 each), Girls School Socks ($3.75) and Girls Tights ($11 and $9) are now available from the uniform shop.

Jackets and Tracksuit Pants – An order is being submitted for both School Jackets and Tracksuit Pants for Winter. Orders need to be placed no later than 27th February 2013.

Opening Hours – Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday, 9am to 9.30am (other times by appointment through the school office). Orders (with payment) can be sent via your child. A current price can be found on the school web-site.

Second Hand Uniforms Required – Due to the high number of new children starting at PHPS, the uniform shop is in desperate need of any second hand school uniforms.

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts

Audition Applications

Audition applications are now available. If you require an application please contact the front office for further information. Applications will need to be returned to Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts by Friday 8 March.

Absences Notes

Please ensure a note is sent in to your child’s class teacher after an absence. It is a Department of Education legal requirement, that all student absences are accounted for. Rolls are entered on our computer system each week and if an unexplained absence is present a letter will be sent home to parents. Absence booklets are available from the school office.
Dear Parent / Carer

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Please note that any savings to the school is money that can be better used on classroom resources or for improving your child’s school environment.

Subscribe for email updates
2. Click the “Notes and Newsletters” top right menu
3. Click on “To receive our colourful school newsletter via email click on the following link School Enews.”
4. On the left box, enter in your name and email address.
5. Click Subscribe
6. IMPORTANT: An email will be sent to your email address, you MUST click the “Activate Now” inside their email that is sent to you.

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3. OR
4. Get the iPhone and iPod Touch app by visiting http://iphone.schoolenews.com.au
5. Get the iPad app by visiting http://ipad.schoolenews.com.au

From 2013, those parents who are unable to access their emailed copy of the newsletter, will need to come to the school office and collect a paper one from the front foyer.