Welcome back to the start of a new school year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break. I would like to officially welcome our new students and their families and we all look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

The school closed out 2013 with some outstanding academic achievements, all eligible students sat for the Higher School Certificate and over 70% of students achieved an average of Band 3 or above across all their subjects. In NAPLAN, a 100% of students performed above National average in Reading, Grammar and Punctuation. Also once again a range of our students achieved top 3 placements in their subjects at Sydney Distance Education, with one student obtaining first place in Sports, Lifestyle and Recreation.

We also celebrated some fantastic vocational achievements with three students gaining apprenticeships and one student securing a school based traineeship. So well done to all the students on an amazing 2013.

I would also like to thank the community for their unwavering support of our school. I was privileged enough to be selected as Citizen of the Year for Kogarah City Council. This is an honour for the school and it celebrates the fact that the community is very supportive of the school and that we have a innovative and productive relationship with our community.

As you are all aware we have grow this year and we are very lucky to have some new and very experienced staff to help us assist the students. We will still be doing all the great learning and well being programs that have been so successful over the years, this includes Horticulture, Fitness Groups, Mediation, Music Therapy and Volunteering to name a few. We are trialling a canteen and senior class timetabling, more information is included in the newsletter.

Regards
Craig Smith
Principal
At the end of term 4, Woniora Road students outstanding academic efforts and achievements were celebrated at Sydney Distance Education High School at their annual presentation days.

All students were acknowledged for graduating from their years and special mention must go to those who received additional awards;

- Angela Shi (Year 10 Gold Awards)
- Andrew Hollier (Year 12 SLR).
- Marlon Klibey (Year 9 History).
- Jasper Allen (Year 10 Volunteering).

Well done to every student.
# School Events and Excursions Calendar

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### Year 11 Ancient History Excursion
Sydney Uni 09.50-12.00

### Year 11 Business study day 09.30-13.30.
Year 11 study day Hospitality 09.30-14.30.
Year 12 Study day English 09.00-11.00

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### Senior parent teacher meetings

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### 09.30-13.00 year 12 Senior Science Study Day.
Year 11 Legal Studies Study Day 09.00-02.00

### Year 11 Business Services Study Day 09.00-02.00

### 09.30-13.00 Year 11 Maths Study day.

### 09.30-14.30 Year 11 Biology Study day

### 09.30-1300 Year 12 PDHPE Study day

### 09.30-1430 Year 11 Chemistry Study day

### 09.00-1400 Year 11 Science Study day

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## “Holiday Changes”

Please advise us of any changes of address, phone numbers and work phone numbers and medications, that may occurred over the holidays. It is imperative that we keep our details up to date especially if we are trying to contact you. Employment details are important for our data as this reflects the school funding.
**The Mural an Art Program**

The Mural program started at the beginning of term 4. The first week introduced students to mindfulness and meditation, we then moved to scaling proportion this is where some knowledge of maths came in handy.

After measuring up the grid students were allocated sections to work on, first in pencil followed by paint. Students were introduced to colour theory, mixing technique and outlining.

The original plan was extended two fold giving students from other classrooms an opportunity to participate.

Dushan Mrva-Montoya (Art Teacher).

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**Weekly Schedule of Support Programs**

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**Student Travel (Taxi):**

Just a reminder if your child is not attending school on the day please inform the taxi driver prior to 7.30am on the day. Also any changes to the afternoon run such as attending a doctor/dentist appointment, you must contact the taxi driver prior to that day, so the changes can be organised.

Regards,

Woniora Road School.
School camp 2013

I found camp really fun, I enjoyed all of the activities, we did high ropes, go karting, giant swing, survivor, beach walk and lot more. Being new to the school, I found that camp brought me closer with the other kids. I had the best few days.

Everyone seemed to enjoy it and I’m looking forward to next year’s camp.

Jasmine year 10.
During term 4 2013 the Woniora Road drama crew put together their own short film.

The film was composed by the students under the guidance of their instructor Zoe Carides. Props were prepared by the students, and rehearsals took place during drama sessions throughout the term.

The film, which involves a frightened child who is being terrorised by a supposed monster in her closet, featured three actors, Emi Tafa, James Keane and Jasper Allen, and was directed by Riley Lavelle Long.

The remainder of the drama crew assisted with props, filmography, and sound, lighting and set management. Editing of the film will be taking place during term 1 of 2014.

Joe Dews (Assistant Principal)
### MAKING STEPFAMILIES WORK

6 session program specifically for couples either in a stepfamily or considering forming one.

- **Date:** 26th of February for 6 weeks
- **Time:** 6.30pm to 9.00pm
- **Cost:** $150 per couple

### TALKING TOGETHER AND FIGHTING FAIR

A six-session course helping couples to manage conflict constructively, identifying the differences which cause conflict and learn to communicate and negotiate outcomes which are satisfactory to both parties.

- **Date:** 6th of March for 6 weeks
- **Time:** 6.30pm to 9.00pm
- **Cost:** $150 per person

### SEASONS FOR GROWTH

8 Session program to help young people (6 to 12 years) to understand and express experiences of significant change, loss and grief.

- **Date:** 10th of February for 8 weeks
- **Time:** 4.00pm to 5.00pm
- **Cost:** $50 per child includes Booklet and afternoon tea

### BUILDING BRIDGES

This program, for 8-12 year olds, discusses how bridges connect families that are living in two separate places. When parents separate, children often live in 2 homes and they need to find ways to build their own bridge between the 2 homes.

- **Date:** 7th of April
- **Time:** 4.00pm to 6.00pm
- **Cost:** Free

### DAD’S CONNECTING

Dad’s Connecting is an attachment base program aiming to improve father-child relationships through encouragement of responsiveness to child’s cues. As it is an individual program it can run at a time, convenient for father, child and facilitator between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. There is no charge for this program.

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**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**CALL 8522 4450**

383 Port Hacking Road South
CARINGBAH NSW 2229

www.interrelate.org.au

1300 736 966
Canteen Trial

Due to an increase in student numbers, Woniora Road School is trialling a mini-canteen on Monday and Wednesday, each week during first term.

Students will need to place an order at the front office before 9.30am on Monday and Wednesday for both recess and lunch orders.

The canteen will initially offer a small range of subsidised foods;

**Recess and Lunch**

**Muesli bars** $0.50c

**Cheese toasted sandwiches** $1.50

**Up and Go’s** $2.00

**Ham and cheese toasted sandwiches** $2.00

**Sausage rolls** $2.00

Fruit will be provided free of charge at student request.

A reminder that senior students with written permission may access the local shops twice a week to purchase lunch. Also all students can bring and store their lunch in the student kitchen.

If your child has skipped breakfast or forgotten lunch, please let us know at the school, so we can provide food.

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Woniora Road Cook Book on Sale!

The student of Woniora Road School has created a fascinating Cook Book.

The book contains recipes made by our students as part of their Food Technology curriculum at our school.

The Cook book features recipes for soups, salads, breads and sweets.

The book is for sale and the cost is $20 and is available from front office.

The book also contains fun facts and student tips to create the perfect treat.

Please contact Angie on (02) 95806818, if you would like to purchase a copy.
Formal Report 2013

By Riley.

Can you believe I’m lost for words, at 06.30 Club Central Hurstville every one arrives dressed more impeccably then I have ever seen before.

The complex was slick and modern the vibe was great every one was joyful, as we entered the and sat together laughing and chatting, there was a slide show on projector displaying photos of event full year we had a Woniora Rd School.

The presentation was emotional as few students made speeches and shared their experiences at school.

The night was full of fun good food, good people and good music which every one dance to and enjoyed a lot, one of the nights which will stay with me forever.

This was the best formal that Woniora Rd School ever had and possibly the best send off for those who were leaving in 2013 as well as heralding great things to come for future years.
Best Wishes To Our School Leavers of 2013

At the end of year 2013, Woniora Road school farewelled 8 students who have been part of our school.

Woniora Road School staff and students wish them all the best for the bright future that awaits for the students and hope to see them make most of the opportunities ahead.

Woniora Road School Staff.

Alison has moved to Nova employment.

Cristian has moved on to Tafe in 2014 to study Fashion Design.

James has moved on to Tafe in 2014 to study full time cert 4 in community services.

Dylan is working in hospitality as a barista.

Andrew has attained an apprentice ship as a Mechanic at Toyota in 2014.

Fiona has moved to Tafe in 2014 to study Animal Studies and seeking employment in same field.

Jayden has attained an apprenticeship as a Mechanic in 2014.

Jackson has moved to Break thru Transition to work program.

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Woniora Road School
Mission Statement

To provide a positive, supportive and engaging learning environment by promoting quality educational, student well-being and transition opportunities in which all students can develop academically, socially, and emotionally.

Woniora Road School is a place of learning that values and develops each student’s unique talents and academic potential. The school community relationships are built on mutual respect, tolerance, and understanding. We develop cooperative, social and problem-solving skills for students to become lifelong learners, and encourage students to develop a sense of responsibility, personal worth, and independence, so they are empowered to reach their full potential.