



# WOONGARRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Preparing our students for the opportunities and challenges arising in an ever changing world as successful learners, confident, connected and creative global citizens.

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NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME BACK – TERM 4

### Garden Competition Winners

We take immense pride and pleasure in the learning environment at Woongarra: consider the cleanliness of our school; our recycling programs including the Plastic Police; the way we care for our resources such as library books, class resources and sporting equipment. One of the most visible examples of this is seen in our grounds and gardens, beautifully cared for by Mr Scott, Mr Dave and Mrs Nicolas with the Gardening Club. It was a wonderful acknowledgement to receive five section awards at the recent Wyong District Garden Competition:

Best School Gardens  
Best Vegetable Garden  
Best Sweet Peas  
Best Grevillia  
Best Bottle Brush



Thank you to Mrs Nicolas (and her assistant Keira), who entered our flowers and vegies in the completion and attended the awards during the recent school holidays.

### Fiver for a Farmer

Sincere thanks to everyone who embraced the Fiver for a Farmer mufti day last term. We raised \$2580 – outstanding.

### School Customer Service 360 reflection Tool – Coming Soon

This year we have chosen to take part in the Excellence in School Customer Service 360 Reflection Tool. This tool is a type of surveying tool which will help us gather feedback on customer service provided to all members of our school community. Research around the world demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community engagement. Guided by this knowledge, we want the delivery of exceptional customer service as a priority.

You should have received an email request to complete the survey this week. Please consider participating as the information we receive will help us to continually improve our service.

### Changes to Playground Rules Before School

Anyone who has been in the playground between 8:30-9am would agree that it is a very busy space. There are hundreds of students and hundreds of bags and some parents and pre-schoolers sharing the COLA space. There are occasional incidents and accidents occurring before school as a result.

In order to minimise the risk of further accidents or incidents and to ensure a calm and orderly start to the day, we have made some changes to the way we line up and the rules for students who arrive before 9am.

Beginning on Monday, some classes will line up in different places. The students are

### Lining up in the morning, at the end of recess and end of lunch

There have been some adjustments to where classes line up. HB's 5,6,7 and 8 will move forward to the other side of the COLA. HB15 and HB16 will move to where Kindergarten were.

### Before school activities

There is supervision for students who arrive early, but the time before school starts is not a play time. There are no games allowed and all students are required to sit in the COLA area, or on the silver seats surrounding the COLA to wait for the bell. In this way we can better ensure that students who arrive to school early are safe.

### Parents / carers:

You are welcome to accompany students into school. If you choose to remain to chat with other parents, we ask that you do so away from the COLA area because the students need this space to sit and wait.

Leonie Clarkson  
PRINCIPAL

## **PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE REPORT FOR 2018**

Thank you to Mrs Gilbert who keeps meticulous records of the Premiers Reading Challenge for us.

This year 257 students participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge, 21 less than the previous year of 278. Of those students 221 successfully completed the challenge, compared to 248 in 2017. This equates to a success rate of 86%.

The following results were observed by grade.

Kindergarten – 64 out of the 64 students finished - 100%  
Year 1 – 72 out of the 72 students finished - 100%  
Year 2 – 23 out of the 30 students finished - 77%  
Year 3 – 17 out of the 19 students finished - 89%  
Year 4 – 22 out of the 33 students finished - 66%  
Year 5 – 15 out of the 24 students finished - 63%  
Year 6 – 8 out of the 15 students finished - 53%

12 of these students were awarded Gold Certificates.

24 students have completed the challenge for more than 4 times, including:

5 students who were awarded a Platinum Certificate

A record has been made of successful students which will assist with recording next year.

All students were given back their record cards.

## **K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**



Thursday 15 November 2018, K-2 will be holding a mini athletics carnival on the back oval. It will commence at 9.10am with age races (8 year olds first). Students will then participate in novelty activities including; Kindergarten sack races, Year 1 bean bag relays and Year 2 parachute races. All activities should conclude by 11.00 am so we are out of any hot weather. Students are asked to wear their sports uniform, however a t-shirt in their house colour can be worn instead of the WPS t-shirt. Students are reminded to bring water and apply sunscreen in the morning. Parents are most welcome to join us for the races and activities.

Ms White, Assistant Principal

## 2018 SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

The Department of Education and Communities School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is conducted over ten days from 26 November to the 7 December 2018. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes.

Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water are eligible to participate in the program.

The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Years 2 to 6. We have 60 spots available and they usually fill up quickly. The first 60 students who bring in their money and note will be accepted. The cost will be \$70.00 and notes are available from the office.

Mr Mills  
Swim Scheme Coordinator

## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Aboriginal art was the focus of Term 3 Cultural Activities.

All classes completed Aboriginal art activities in their class and these were displayed in the school hall so students, parents and community members could see them.

Aboriginal artists were employed to paint a contemporary and traditional Aboriginal wall mural design. Each Aboriginal student brought a peer to learn about Aboriginal art techniques and the story of our mural. These students then reported what they had learnt to their class. Positive feedback has been received from students, teachers, parents and community about our mural.



Semester 2 PLP progress reviews have been organised. Staff will be given time to complete these with students in the coming weeks.

Sharon Buhr  
Aboriginal Education Cooodinator

## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

We had a wonderful Kindergarten Orientation session on Wednesday 24 October 9:30-12:30 and we are looking forward to the next 2 sessions on Wednesday 31 October and Wednesday 7 November. We had a parent information session, the 2018 Kindergarten students sang and the 2019 Kindergarten students met the Kindergarten teachers and their Year 5 buddies and completed activities in the classroom and playground.

Next week the 2019 Kindergarten students will visit another Kindergarten classroom and complete different activities. Students need to wear sun safety clothes, e.g. hat, joggers, sleeved shirts and bring a healthy recess, water and fruit break. The sessions start in the hall at 9:30am and parents/carers pick their child up from the classroom at 12:30pm.

If you have any questions about Kindergarten Orientation, please contact Mrs Samantha Guest.

## BOOK CLUB

The latest issue of Book Club for 2018 has now been handed out. If you wish to purchase a book please place an order online using the LOOP Online Ordering system **no later than Friday 2 November.**

Money is not collected at school. Please see order forms for details or use the following link to the payment page. <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>

Sharon Gilbert (Teacher/Librarian)

## K-6 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

Assemblies occur once per fortnight for Years 3-6 at **9.15am** and once per fortnight for Years K-2 at **9.00am**, on alternate Fridays. Parents and community are most welcome to attend the assembly that commences at 9:15am in the school hall.

Week	Assembly	Who is running Assembly
3	K-2	HB8
4	3-6	Ministers Speeches
5	K-2	HB7
6	3-6	Ministers Elections
7	K-2	HB6
8	3-6	Ministers
9	K-2	HB5
10	3-6	New Ministers

## WE CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD

Conor HB19	Harry HB3	Ruby R HB1	Ruby V HB1	Kelly HB19
Isabella HB1	Owen HB19	Amber HB19	Matilda HB4	Amari HB4
Ashlyn HB7	Wade HB6	Lilah HB7	Mackenzi HB7	Cjay HB8
Ethan HB8	Leila HB6	Alyssa HB6		



## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

HB1	Amber, Cruz, Chelsea, Brayden, Kye
HB2	Samuel, Bailey, Kaleb, Mike, Xavier, Ellie
HB3	Lewis, Kane, Molly, Ryan, John, Callum
HB4	Carl, Harrison, Hunter, Wyatt, Deklan, Emily
HB5	Taj, Indy-Rose
HB6	Logan, Alice, Jessie
HB7	Phoenix, Livinia
HB8	Melody, Jaxon
HB9	Aiden, Callan
HB10	Noah, Skye
HB11	Ruby, Charlie
HB12	Vani, Maya, Ari
HB13	Charlotte, KJ
HB14	Lachie, Pheobe
HB15	Ava, Holly, Haylee, Emily, Aneet, Hamish
HB18	Ethan, Lukas, Jacob, Cooper, Miranda, Allee
HB19	Amber, Vivie, Sienna, Kelly, Saxon, Finn
HB21	Chad, Jack, Thomas, Emery, Kai, Declan
HB22	Melikeh, Isabelle, Kaleb, Lachlan, Laura, Olivia

## CANTEEN ROSTER

**To keep the canteen running smoothly we are in desperate need of help on Wed, Thurs and Friday. Please contact the office, or Helen in the canteen, if you are able to help.**

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Oct Jenny, Grace	31 Oct <b>Need Help</b>	1 Nov <b>Need Help</b>	2 Nov <b>Need Help</b>
6 Nov Jenny, Grace	7 Nov <b>Need Help</b>	8 Nov <b>Need Help</b>	9 Nov <b>Need Help</b>

## ETHICS

Special Ethics Education is offered at the same time as Special Religious Education as an alternative to Non-Scripture. At Woongarra Public School, Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Ethics classes run on Thursday from 12-12:30pm and Stage 2 and 3 run straight after from 12:35-1:05.

Currently Woongarra Public School has no Ethics teachers so Ethics classes are not being delivered. Ideally we would like to have 2-4 Ethics teachers so we are desperately seeking teachers. Ethics classes are facilitated by trained volunteer Ethics Teachers and provide a secular learning environment in which students can learn together. Children will be encouraged to try to find answers to the questions posed by giving reasons, finding evidence and building on each other's ideas.

No teaching experience is necessary to volunteer as an Ethics teacher. We provide all the training via our unique online and face to face training program as well as continuing professional development and classroom support. Anyone with a positive attitude and a commitment to following our Department of Education approved curriculum can undertake our training course. A time commitment is also required to regularly volunteer at the above times.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in volunteering as a Primary Ethics Teacher at Woongarra Public School, please check our website ([primaryethics.com.au](http://primaryethics.com.au)) or contact me via email or phone.

Hope to hear from you soon.

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 Primary Ethics Coordinator for Woongarra Public School  
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TERM 4					
3	29	30 World Teachers Day	31 Kindy Orientation # 2 Extra HS transition HB3,4,21 excursion	1 Music Count Us In singalong at school	2 Assembly – HB8
4	5	6	7 Kindy Orientation # 3 Extra HS transition P&C meeting	8	9 Newsletter
5	12	13	14 Extra HS transition	15 K-2 athletics carnival	16 Assembly – HB7
6	19	20	21 Y6 sports day @ WCS	22	23 Y5 speeches @ assembly Newsletter
7	26 Swim scheme – all week 1:45-2:30	27	28	29	30 Assembly – HB6
8	3 Swim scheme – all week 1:45-2:30	4 HS Orientation Day	5	6 Parent thank you Y6 farewell P&C meeting	7 Ngara assembly Assembly – Ministers
9	10	11	12 Presentation Day	13	14 Assembly – HB5
10	17	18	19 Last day for students	20	21
	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day		
	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day			



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## A CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

**SAT 15TH & SUN  
16TH DEC  
3:30PM & 7PM**

**SENSORY SHOW**  
For anyone with additional needs  
**FRI 14TH DEC 6PM**

**TICKETS \$5  
HOPEUC.COM/ELF**

Join us for a fantastic family musical filled with song, dance, multi-media and a whole lot of Christmas-ness as the HopeUC Creative team put on an amazing production!



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