



# WOONGARRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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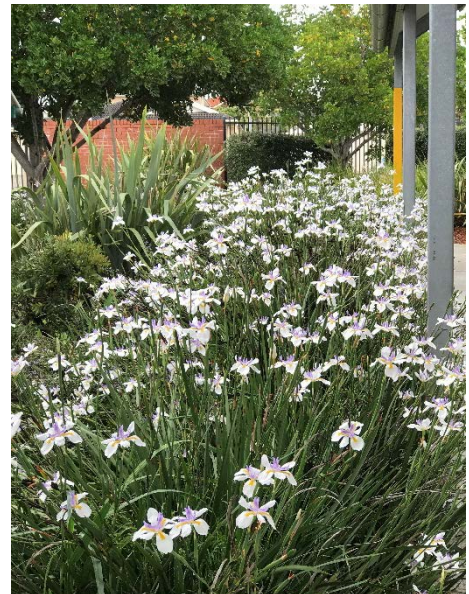
Preparing our students for the opportunities and challenges arising in an ever changing world as successful learners, confident, connected and creative global citizens.

Friday 9 November

NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME BACK – TERM 4



Spring time at Woongarra – what a great place to learn!

Leonie Clarkson  
PRINCIPAL

## NSW STATE ATHLETICS

Abbie represented our school as part of the Sydney North PSSA team at the State Athletics Carnival on 31 October. Abbie qualified for the 100 metre sprint. Being up against the best girls in the state didn't faze Abbie as she continued her good form by running a personal best. She came 8th in her heat and finished 23rd overall in the state.

This is an outstanding effort and we congratulate Abbie on her wonderful achievements in Athletics throughout the year.

Adam Demir

## 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 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 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 limited spots available and they are filling up quickly. The cost is \$70.00 and notes are available from the office.

Mr Mills  
Swim Scheme Coordinator

## DROUGHT AIDE - THE GIFT OF GIVING.

Some of the staff and students at WPS have indicated they would like to do something to support our struggling farmers over Christmas. A local organisation of volunteers, Coasties Drought Aid, has been running loads of donated groceries, pet food, feed and most importantly water to farmers in need. We have decided to support this organisation in their last delivery for the year, their Christmas trek. They plan to deliver hampers to roughly 100 families in 3 towns who are really struggling to make Xmas happen this year. Farmer's incomes have decreased, livestock and crops lost, feed and water cartage charges doubled, and personal debt increased to depressing amounts. We are still losing farmers to suicide weekly.

We don't want any families to not have a gift under the tree, or some special treats on the table. These incredibly proud and resilient families ask for nothing and keep saying they'll "make do", and we have no doubt at all that they will. But let's make sure they can have ONE day this year with some smiles on their faces. ONE day without worry. ONE day where they know there will be food on the table and their kids can play happily with some new things.

We want them to feel the love and fun we all share at Xmas, and not be stressing over money and lack of presents. So, if you could please consider throwing an extra item in the shopping basket, we know we can make a difference to some amazing families in need of a little help. Christmas serviettes, candy canes, a pudding or cake, wrapping paper, a child's toy or book, a new hat or hair ribbon, a drink bottle or bag of lollies....it will all be greatly appreciated.

All donations can be delivered to the school office and placed under the giving tree by 18 November. Enjoy the warm fuzzy feeling from the gift of giving.

We thank you for your support, WPS staff and Coasties Drought Aid.

## MUSIC COUNT US IN

Last Thursday 1 November, students participated in Music Count Us In. This is an annual event where students all around Australia stop what they are doing and sing the song learnt. Students had learnt the song in class and participated in music activities. This year we sang the 2018 song, "One Song", the 2017 song, "Shine Together " and 2 previous year songs chosen by Year 6; "Gold" and "Paint You a Song."



## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

We have had a great 3 weeks meeting pre-schoolers and parents. The Year 5 buddies did a great job of helping the pre-schoolers at Recess time and are looking forward to reacquainting themselves with their buddies again next year. Thank you to everyone that makes Kindergarten Orientation such a success including parents, students, teachers, SLSO, office staff, Mr Dave and the P & C.

If you have any questions about Kindergarten 2019, please contact Mrs Samantha Guest.



## WE CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD

Charlie HB19	Ebonee HB12	April HB21	Lachlan HB22	Sienna HB19
Piper HB3	Saxon HB19	Kate HB18	Ruby HB1	Aydin HB11
Charlie HB11	Alisha HB10	Rhys HB6	Layla HB11	Matylda HB11
Chelsea HB14	Aliyah HB9			

## 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
5	K-2	HB7
6	3-6	Ministers Elections
7	K-2	HB6
8	3-6	Ministers
9	K-2	HB5
10	No Assembly	No Assembly

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

HB1	Ruby, London, Sarah, Paige, Max
HB2	Ellie, Taylah, Natasha, Noah, Rhys
HB3	Cadell, Jacob, Tyran
HB4	Lam, Carl, Jordan
HB5	Ariana, Matthew
HB6	Aswathi, Jake, Angela
HB7	Juliette, Ashlyn, Laila
HB8	Cooper, Becky
HB9	Miles, Isabelle
HB10	Skye, Layla, Shaylee
HB11	Layla, Will
HB12	Lucinda, Aidan, Oskar, Brendan
HB13	Caleb, Patrick
HB14	Cooper, Georgia
HB15	Cody, Keelan, Prahath
HB18	Allee, Riley G, Riley B, Sienna, Holly, Bradley
HB19	Xavier, Charli, Charlie
HB21	Ayden, April, Cooper
HB22	Danzel, Hayley, Jesse

## 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
13 Nov Jenny, Grace	14 Nov Lisa, <b>Help needed</b>	15 Nov Lisa <b>Help needed</b>	16 Nov Lisa <b>Help needed</b>
20 Nov Jenny, Grace	21 Nov Lisa <b>Help needed</b>	22 Nov Lisa <b>Help needed</b>	23 Nov Lisa <b>Help needed</b>

## P & C NEWS

**School Disco:** We would like to thank all of our Parents who helped on the night, this event could not have run so smoothly without you. A huge shout out to Coles at Lake Haven who donated a voucher and also passed on a discount for our event.

**Kindergarten Orientation:** The P & C held a morning tea for the Kindy Orientation and have provided each new Kindy student with a hat and library bag.

**Christmas Carols Co-Ordinator:** We are looking for a helper to nominate themselves to be the Christmas Carols Co-ordinator. All members of the P & C have other commitments. They are more than happy to help with the organisation for the night however we need a co-ordinator. If no one is able to commit by the end of next week this event will sadly not go ahead.

TERM 4					
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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