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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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CANTEEN SERVICE TENDER

After a full financial review and consideration of a number of factors, we have decided to issue an invitation to tender for the opportunity to provide the canteen service at Woongarra PS.

Full details of the tender process can be found at

<https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/doi/?event=public.RFT.show&RFTUUID=2A65595B-F19A-DAA5-0BC0AA6EF4D6D8F8>

STUDENT LEADERSHIP @ WOONGARRAH

Year 5 Leadership Elections

We were really pleased that 38 students in Year 5 applied for leadership positions as a Minister for 2019. This tells us that the students value our Student Parliament as a means to allow them to engage, participate, lead and actively shape their own education and schooling experience.

Students presented a speech to their peers and Parliament last week. Staff, students and Parliament then voted to elect eight students. Congratulations to: Ava W, Harry R, Amber S, Sienna T, Kai H, Keira K, Max B and Sienna C.

The next step in the process involved students presenting a speech to the Years 3-6 assembly today before voting for the school captains, known at Woongarra as the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. The positions will be announced on Presentation Day – Wednesday 12 December.

House captains lead the way

Congratulations to our 2018 House Captains who led the cheers at the K-2 Athletics carnival – Kaylee and Zane (Dolphin), Miranda and Blake (Goanna), Jake and Kiara (Kangaroo), Max and Sienna (Platypus). The war cries were terrific in adding spirit to the carnival.

Congratulations

Our record with students being successful in applications for selective classes has continued, with three Year 4 students, Oscar, Erika and Jayden, being offered places in Year 5 OC classes for 2019. Congratulations to all ten students who sat for this competitive placement process.

Pick up and drop off reminders

Walkways - can I remind parents that we ask that you meet children under the COLA or outside the gates in the afternoon, in order to keep the walkways clear.

Safe driving – We had a report of a parent making a U-turn across Mataram Road in the busy pick up time. Not only does this attract a hefty fine if caught, but it is so dangerous for our students and families. Please report any incidents to the Police.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

TELL THEM FROM ME TEACHER SURVEYS

Earlier this year, I shared the results from the Tell Them From Me student surveys. I'd like to share our Teacher Surveys results this week.

24 teachers completed the Focus on learning survey in Term 3. The survey is a self-evaluation tool based on research around 'effective schools'. The questions in the survey are grouped to assess eight of the most important Drivers of Student Learning. The research on classroom and school effectiveness has consistently shown these factors to be strong correlates of student achievement.

Strongly agree to strongly disagree questions are converted to a 10-point scale. A score of 0 indicates strong disagreement, 10 indicates strong agreement, and 5 is a neutral position (neither agree nor disagree). The table provides a summary of our results.

Eight Drivers of Student Learning

	2018	NSW Norm
Leadership	8.1	7.1
Collaboration	8.8	7.8
Learning Culture	8.6	8.0
Data Informs Practice	8.5	7.8
Teaching Strategies	8.5	7.9
Technology	7.1	6.7
Inclusive School	8.9	8.2
Parent Involvement	7.3	6.8

The survey also measures four dimensions of effective classroom practice. The questions ask teachers to consider whether they present:

1. challenging and visible learning goals for students, and if so, whether they enable students to achieve these learning goals through;
2. planned learning opportunities;
3. quality feedback that guides students' effort and attention; and
4. support for students to overcome obstacles to achieving their learning goals

	2018	NSW Norm
Challenging and visible goals	8.2	7.5
Planned learning opportunities	8.3	7.6
Quality feedback	8.0	7.3
Overcoming obstacles	8.3	7.7

So what does this mean?

Just as we use information from and about students, we use this type of information from our staff as part of our self-assessment, reporting and planning.

Our results are very positive overall. **You can see that responses are above state norms in all areas.** We have also looked closely at specific questions to validate what we are currently doing and to look for areas to improve for the future. We then looked at changes in results across the three years to measure the impact of some of our current work.

Students completed the Tell Them From Me surveys in Term 1, teachers completed this Focus on learning survey in Term 3 and parents and teachers were invited to complete the 360 Customer service survey earlier this term. We are yet to receive the report from the 360 survey, but I will include results in the newsletter as soon as we do.

Leonie Clarkson
PRINCIPAL

2019 PLANNING

We are currently making plans for 2019. If you know your children are not going to be at Woongarra PS, please notify the front office as soon as possible.

Sharon Buhr
Deputy Principal

HOME READING

Home Reading will finish on Friday 7 December (Friday Week 8). I know students are eager to achieve their 200 nights reading award so they have 2 weeks left. Please ensure all books are returned on this day so a stocktake of books can occur. If a book is not returned a note requesting the book or payment of \$10 will be sent home.

Sharon Buhr
Home Reading Coordinator

SCRIPTURE

The last Scripture will be on Thursday 6 December. The Combined and Catholic groups will be attending a performance of Christmas Unwrapped in the hall at 12 noon. Ethics and Non-Scripture groups will be supervised in the classrooms.

Sharon Buhr
SRC & SEE Coordinator

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – BOYS SOFTBALL



Congratulations to Lachlan from Year 6 who has just returned from the U'12 Australian Softball Championships in Canberra.

Lachlan was part of the undefeated NSW side that beat every team in very convincing fashion. His fielding at short stop again a highlight of his game.

We congratulate Lachlan on his wonderful achievements in Softball throughout the year.

Adam Demir



BOOK CLUB

The final 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 30 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)

WE CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD

Chelsea HB6	Ella HB9	Morgan HB6	Sienna HB10	Matylda HB11
Zac HB10	Jerzey HB13	Alyssa HB6	Ashton HB1	Ruby HB1
Max HB1	Ebonee HB21	Lucy HB2	Kaiden HB2	Angelina HB1
Harry HB15	Xavier HB19	Bailey HB19	Will HB19	Sienna HB18

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
7	K-2	HB6
8	3-6	Ministers
9	K-2	HB5
10	No Assembly	No Assembly

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

HB1	Brayden, Jack, Peyton
HB2	Cooper, Xavier, Lucy, Chloe, Rhianna, Epiphany
HB4	Caleb, Harrison, Chloe, Beau, Mikhail, Wyatt, Hunter, Charli
HB5	Matthew
HB6	Logan, Ryan, Zoe
HB7	Matilda, Navayah, Jaxen
HB8	Tahlia, Spencer
HB9	Cheyenne, Koby
HB10	Alisha, Blake
HB11	Kaiden, Ava
HB12	Cynthia, Leilani, Ryan, Noah
HB13	Jerzey, Sienna
HB14	Chelsea, Sinead
HB15	McKenzie, Haylee, Emily
HB18	Alyssa, Jake, Kye
HB19	Noah, Bailey, Tanaya, Breeanna
HB21	Sienna, Seth, Joy, Oliver, Layla, Shalise

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
27 Nov Jenny, Grace	28 Nov Help needed	29 Nov Help needed	30 Nov Help needed
4 Dec Jenny, Grace	5 Dec Help needed	6 Dec Help needed	7 Dec Help needed

TERM 4					
7	26 Swim scheme – all week 1:15-3.00	27	28	29	30 Assembly – HB6
8	3 Swim scheme – all week 1:15-3.00	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			



Woongarra Public School exists to support student learning. Our students are at the centre of all decision-making.

Our vision is to work together as a school community to prepare our students for the opportunities and challenges arising in an ever changing world. We will equip students with the tools to achieve their personal best as successful learners, confident, connected and creative individuals and global citizens.



Safe Cycling

Central Coast Council would like to remind parents about safe cycling.

Is your child planning to ride their bicycle?

Before they start, here are some simple tips to help you keep them safe.

Talk to your children about the following:

- Making sure the following are checked:
 - ABC before every ride - Air, Brakes and Chain
 - bell or horn
 - reflectors and lights
 - appropriately fitted helmet.
- Wearing bright coloured clothing to be easily seen.
- Obeying all road rules including road signs and traffic lights.
- Using hand signals when changing lanes and turning left or right.
- Being aware of parked cars and opening doors.
- Always travelling at a speed that is safe for you and any pedestrians in the area.
- Always being in control of your bicycle. It is an offence to ride with both hands off the handlebars, feet off the pedals or to carry anything that prevents having control.
- Taking extra care if riding in an area where motorists may find it difficult to see cyclists.
- Riding in a predictable manner so that other road users do not have to react suddenly to your movements.
- When on a shared pathway:
 - giving way to pedestrians
 - keeping to the left
 - using your bell to let others know you're nearby or passing.

FOOTPATHS

Since 23 July 2018, children under 16 years of age are allowed to ride on a footpath (increased from children under 12 years of age). Allowing children under the age of 16 on the footpath will help keep them safe until they have the skills, decision making and knowledge of the rules to ride safely on the road.

An adult rider who is supervising a bicycle rider under 16 years of age may ride with the young rider on the footpath. Children aged 16 or 17 years can ride on the footpath, when accompanied by a child under 16 years and a supervising adult.

When riding on a footpath, riders must keep left and give way to pedestrians.

Visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicycle-riders/laws for further information.





Parking Restrictions Outside Schools

KIDS LOOK TO US TO KEEP THEM SAFE – PLEASE PARK LEGALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES

Central Coast Council would like to remind parents and carers of parking restrictions outside schools. Please pay close attention to the signs outside your child's school and be aware of speed when travelling through school zones.

NO STOPPING ZONE

Stopping is NOT permitted at any time.

BUS ZONE

Stopping is not permitted during the times shown on the sign.

DOUBLE PARKING

You are not permitted to stop OR park alongside another vehicle already parked parallel to the kerb. This means not forming a queue in the middle of the traffic lane if you are waiting.

NO PARKING ZONE

Drivers may drop off and pick up children during the times shown on the sign BUT note:

- Maximum stopping time is 2 MINUTES – your child must exit and enter the car within this time.
- Driver must remain within 3 METRES of the vehicle – you may get out to assist with bags etc.
- Stop as close as possible to the top of the zone to allow access for vehicles following behind.



Parking illegally can create serious risks as it may limit the vision of other drivers.

SAFETY DOOR

The Safety Door is the rear door, closest to the kerb, footpath or gutter and away from the road. Always let your children out of the vehicle on the FOOTPATH SIDE OF THE ROAD.

Please consider the school's neighbours by leaving space at their driveways to allow safe exit and entry to the roadway.

Road Rules 2014

269 Opening doors and getting out of a vehicle etc

(3) A person must not cause a hazard to any person or vehicle by opening a door of a vehicle, leaving a door of a vehicle open, or getting off, or out of, a vehicle.

This offence attracts a level 5 penalty notice, which is currently set at \$337.

<https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/regulation/2014/758/part16-rule.269>

Stopping ON or ACROSS a driveway or other access point to and from a property is not permitted under any circumstances.

Travelling more than 40 km/hour through school zones may inhibit a car from stopping in time to avoid hitting a pedestrian.

It only takes a split second for a crash to occur and only one car to present a danger to an unknowing child.

Please be aware of the restrictions and park safely outside your child's school.

