



# WOONGARRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### DANCE FESTIVAL FEVER

#### Welcome

We have three pre-service teachers from the University of Newcastle with us for the first half of this term. Welcome to Fiona Xuereb working with Ms Miller in HB16, Christopher Milner, working with Mrs Kelly in HB15 and Anna Inga, working in HB2 with Mrs Le Loux and Mrs Khan.

#### Absence Statistics

We recently completed an absence return for all students K-6. You may be interested to know that **75.6% of students had an attendance rate of 90% or more** (77.4% of non-Aboriginal students and 62.9% of Aboriginal students).

The following students are congratulated for 100% attendance so far this year:

Kindergarten	Lilly, Aria, Ireland, Jessie, Zoe, Laila, Ebony, Elijah
Year 1	Jayden, Blake
Year 2	Sienna, Lachlan, Will, Matilda, Tikira, Claudia
Year 3	Kyah
Year 4	Charli, Harry, Kye, Erika, Riley, Layla, Claire
Year 5	Riley, Isabel, Ellie
Year 6	Emily, Kate, Blake, Sienna, Isabelle, Alana, Sofia

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## HEADING

All

## NAIDOC

NAIDOC was celebrated in Term 3 Week 2. The following activities occurred. NAIDOC games were led by our Aboriginal Student Leaders.

**Monday** – Stage 2 Aboriginal activities 11:30-1 in classrooms, Stage 2 NAIDOC games 1:45-2:45

**Wednesday** - Kindergarten Aboriginal activities 11:30-1 in classrooms, Kindergarten NAIDOC games 1:45-2:45

**Thursday** – Stage 1 Aboriginal activities 11:30-1 in classrooms, Stage 1 NAIDOC games 1:45-2:45

**Friday** – Stage 3 Aboriginal activities 11:30-1 in classrooms, Stage 3 NAIDOC games 1:45-2:45

FRIDAY assembly 2 August – K-2 at 9:15, was led by HB14 and the Stage 1 dance group performed.  
FRIDAY assembly 9 August – 3-6 in Week 3, will be led by HB4 and Cultural groups will perform.

Friday 2 August - Students wore Aboriginal colours, (red, black and yellow.)

Mrs Buhr, Mrs Miller or Ms Ella.

### KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

We have started preparing for Kindergarten Orientation 2018. If you have a child commencing school in 2019 please come to the office to collect an enrolment form.

Due to a clash of timetabled events the dates for Kindergarten Orientation have changed slightly.

The new dates are:

Wednesday 24 and 31 October and Wednesday 7 November.

The sessions will start at 9:30 and finish at 12:30 each day. The parent information session will be on Wednesday 24 October 9:30-12:30.

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

### SENIOR PSYCHOLOGIST CORNER

The beginning of the new school term is hopefully a time of excitement and positive expectation for children and young people, as they return to their usual classes and reconnect with friends and teachers. That's what parents and teachers would hope for anyhow! For some, however, beginning school again this term might be a daunting prospect: not knowing if their classes and teachers will be the same as before, not knowing perhaps where they stand with friends. If there are memories of negative times at school in the past, it could be a case of not even wanting to come to school at the start of the term.

In cases where children and adolescents are reluctant to begin at school again, it's a good idea to spend some time with your child and discuss his/her feelings about it all. Ask them how you could understand better what they are feeling and where the worry thoughts, about going back to school, are coming from. Often children have enjoyed their holiday break so much it's a case of not wanting to change the pattern of rest and relaxation. With a little encouragement and good humour from parents, most children will be motivated to reengage with school and hopefully look forward to commencing again.

If the situation is serious and causing your child genuine anxiety, it may be worthwhile to contact the school and speak with teachers and/or the school counsellor. In this way, parents and staff together can work to support your child so that he/she is able to make a happy start back at school.

Ruth Jenkins  
Senior Psychologist, Education

### WE CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD

Claire HB4	Caleb HB4	Cooper HB18	Charli HB19	Jowan HB21
Ella HB22	Eliza HB22	Suzi HB4	Jesse HB22	Kaleb HB22
Bradley HB22	Abbie HB16			

### K-6 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

Assemblies occur once per fortnight for Years 3-6 and once per fortnight for Years K-2, 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	3-6	HB4
4	K-2	HB12

5	3-6	Ministers (Talent Quest)
6	K-2	HB13
7	3-6	HB3
8	K-2	HB11 Thursday
9	3-6	HB2
10	K-2	HB10

Assembly in Week 8 (HB11 hosting) will be on Thursday at 9:15 as Stage 1 are at an excursion on Friday Week 8.

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

HB1	Taylor, Ruby, Paige, Lincoln, Kiara, Rhys
HB2	Isabella, Natasha, Hamish, Kaiden, Cooper
HB3	Abbie, Kane, Josh, William, Riley
HB4	Charlie, Scott, Matilda, Harrison, Daniel, Callum
HB5	
HB6	
HB7	
HB8	
HB9	
HB10	
HB11	
HB12	Vani, Izac
HB13	
HB14	
HB15	Prahath, Maddison, Ethan, Cody, Keelan, Kaiah
HB16	Emily, Ben, Taliah, Cooper
HB18	Luke, Hannah, Miranda, Allee
HB19	Riley, Bailey, Max, Isabel, William, Owen
HB21	Matilda, Emily, Kai, Ayden, Sienna, Emery
HB22	Laura, Kaleb, Jude

### CANTEEN ROSTER

To keep the canteen running smoothly we need volunteers to assist. Please contact the office, or Helen in the canteen with the days you are available. Thank you in advance.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24 July Grace, Jenny	25 July Kerry	26 July <b>Help Needed</b>	27 July Bella, <b>Help Needed</b>
31 July Grace, Jenny	1 Aug <b>Help Needed</b>	2 Aug <b>Help Needed</b>	3 Aug <b>Help Needed</b>

### TERM 3

	23 July	24	25	26	27
1	Staff return	Students return Smart Start visit Stage 2	Smart Start visit Stage 3		Assembly – HB21
2	30  Stage 2 NAIDOC activities	31  Y1 Schoolhouse	1  OC test Y2 Schoolhouse Touch gala day Kindergarten NAIDOC activities	2  P&C Meeting Stage 1 NAIDOC activities	3  Newsletter Assembly – HB14 Stage 3 NAIDOC activities
3	6  Athletics Carnival	7	8  S3 Cricket gala day	9	10  Assembly – HB4

	Education Week				
4	13	14	15	16	17 Newsletter Assembly – HB12
5	20 AECG @ Tacoma	21	22 Hunter Maths comp	23 Father's Day stall	24 S2 netball gala day Assembly – Ministers (Talent Quest)
6	27	28	29	30 Zone Athletics	31 Newsletter Assembly – HB13
7	3	4	5 P&C Meeting 9am	6 WCS Science Day	7 Assembly – HB3
8	10 Stage 3 camp	11 Stage 3 camp	12 Stage 3 camp	13 Stage 3 camp Assembly – HB11	14 S1 Gruffalo excursion Newsletter
9	17 SN athletics Book Fair – all week	18	19	20	21 Assembly – HB2
10	24	25 School Performance Moz's Monster Music Mix	26	27	28 Term 3 in review – newsletter Assembly – HB10

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Just a few reminders prior to our carnival on Monday 6 August, 2018.

- Be at school at 8.30am. We leave at 8.40am sharp
- 9.30am 200m races begin  
Junior Boys (8,9,10) / Junior Girls (8,9,10) / 11 years Boys / 11 years Girls / Senior Boys / Senior Girls  
Wait until you are called to marshal. During the 200m sit or stand with your house team.
- Once you finish your 200m race this would be a great chance to have some fruit or a small snack.
- Once the 200m races are done the format changes. The following events are done in a rotation system designed to encourage participation. No child will be in the stands as they will move with their age group from event to event.
- **Age groups are determined by age that the children are turning in 2018.**

	100m & 800m	SHOT PUT	LONG JUMP	HIGH JUMP
10.25-11.15	8/9 years	12 years	11 years	10 years
11.15-12.05	10 years	8/9 years	12 years	11 years
1205-1225	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH

12.30-1.20	11 years	10 years	8/9 years	12 years
1.20-2.10	12 years	11 years	10 years	8/9 years

All results will be finalised after the carnival. Ribbons will be awarded at the following Friday assembly to the fastest three times across all heats.

100m races are age events (8yrs, 9rs etc). All other events are grouped as Junior Boys (8,9,10 combined) / Junior Girls (8,9,10 combined) / 11 years Boys / 11 years Girls / Senior Boys / Senior Girls (12/13yrs)

This year the school will be using timing gates which are a computerised timing system. This new technology will eliminate the role of time keepers and judges.

Adam Demir