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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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PRESENTATION DAY

Our annual Presentation Day assemblies were held last Wednesday. It was with pleasure that we presented awards to students in all classes and celebrated the achievements of all students throughout 2018. Thank you to Mr Smith, Mrs Mileto, Ms Miller and Mrs Buhr for helping to prepare and organise the assemblies.

We presented the major school awards to:

Sporting Blue – Lachlan and Kiara
Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal – Charlie
School Citizenship Award – Gui and Kaylee
Dux of School – Isabelle

The 2019 Student Leaders were announced as follows:

Prime Minister - Harry Deputy Prime Ministers – Kai and Max
Ministers - Sienna C, Sienna T, Amber, Ava

STUDENT RESOURCE PACKS 2019

Student Resource packs have been organised for 2019. They include everything that students need for the school year, including:

- All exercise books, scrapbooks and other work books for the year group
- All stationery items for the year group – pens, pencils, glue sticks, rulers, erasers, highlighters, coloured pencils, scissors etc
- Homework folders and Home Reading materials
- Day-to-day items such as tissues

Students do not need to bring anything else as supplies are kept and organised in classrooms for day-to-day use. Teachers replenish stationery items each term, or semester, as required.

In 2019, we are also offering all students a subscription to Mathletics (RRP \$99) and Reading Eggs (RRP \$95) as part of the pack. These are highly subsidised, however this will result in an increase in the cost of the whole pack to approximately \$40 per student.

A note will be sent home early in 2019. Please do not send any money this year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We wish Year 6 all the best for the future and look forward to hearing great things about them from our high school colleagues.

As this is our final newsletter for 2018, I would like to wish everyone a safe, peaceful and happy holiday season and a Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 30 January.

Leonie Clarkson
Principal

START OF 2019

The year will start with years 1-6 students returning on Wednesday 30 January 2019. Kindergarten students will start Monday 4 February after completing Best Start on Wednesday 30, Thursday 31 January or Friday 1 February.

Students in Years 1-6 will start the year off in their 2018 class but in most cases in a different room and with a different teacher. We will be able to form our new classes for 2019 as soon as we know of new enrolments and students leaving. We will endeavour to form new classes as soon as possible.

Students will line up in their 2018 classes on Wednesday morning and the following table indicates where the students will be and with what teacher while we finalise classes for 2019.

2018 class	Start in homebase	Start with....		2018 class	Start in homebase	Start with
HB5	HB11	Miss Patterson		HB14	HB4	Mr Vrolyk
HB6	HB10	Mrs Mileto		HB1	HB22	Mr Demir
HB7	HB9	Mrs Hindson		HB2	HB3	Mrs Stanford
HB8	HB7	Mrs Ruskin		HB3	HB21	Mrs Khan
HB9	HB13	Mrs McDonald		HB4	HB19	Mrs Nicolas
HB10	HB14	Mrs Ella		HB15	HB15	Mrs Dempsey
HB11	HB12	Mr Mills		HB16	HB16	Mrs Miller
HB12	HB1	Mrs Preece		HB19	HB16	Mrs Miller
HB13	HB2	Mrs Hearne		HB21	HB18	Mrs Black

P & C CHRISTMAS EVENT

It was great to see so many families attend the event. There was a cake competition and stall, fairy floss for sale, guessing competition with great prizes and an awesome BBQ run by Ronald McDonald House, free face painting and a Disco to keep the students entertained. The student performances were a highlight as was a visit from Santa Claus.

Thanks to everyone who helped out in organising the event and on the night.



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

The Aboriginal students and I took time on Tuesday to reflect about the 2018 program. They all agreed that the Mural and Outdoor Learning Area are great additions to the school. They loved the Indigenous games and stage/class activities that ran during NAIDOC celebrations and the Year 3-6 boys enjoyed their weekly Didgeridoo lessons.

Next year we have plans for an excursion, cultural activities starting in Term 1 focussing around music, dance, culture, identity and a special NAIDOC assembly with the students performing at the end of Term 2. We are looking forward to another great year in Aboriginal Education.

Sharon Buhr
Aboriginal Education Coordinator



KINDERGARTEN IN REVIEW

Mrs McDonald, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Guest would like to congratulate all of the Kindergarten students on completing their first year of school. Amazing progress has been made in English with the students learning to read and write. They have also learnt comprehension skills that assist them in their school life.

In Mathematics this year, the students have learnt to count, add, subtract, make groups and share. They have learnt about shapes, length, graphs, position and many other mathematical concepts.

Students were engaged in History, Science and Geography units. During our MAPPEN unit students looked at how their community has changed over time, how the seasons change and how living things change in order to survive.

This year we got fit and healthy and participated in our weekly sport and fitness lessons. Students were also engaged in the Worry-Woos program.

Students made friends, shared, took turns, played safely and learnt to follow the school rules and play happily in the playground and classroom.

They enjoyed special events such as Kindy Farm, the Easter Parade, Clean up Australia Day, Book Parade, Responsible pet show, NAIDOC Day, Sorry day, and a visit from rainbow finches. Students watched silk worms hatch and enjoyed learning about life cycles.

Students presented and performed at Assemblies and joined in the Athletics carnival for the first time.

We are proud of your achievements in your first year at Woongarra.

STAGE 1 IN REVIEW

Mrs Ruskin, Mrs Sadler, Mrs Mileto, Mrs Hindson, Mr Mills, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Ella, Mrs Dyson and Ms White would like to congratulate all of the Stage 1 students on another successful year at school.

Fantastic progress has been made in English with the students further developing their skills in reading and writing. Year 1 students explored fairy tales and studied the work of Julia Donaldson and Nick Bland. Year 2 have also completed author studies looking at work by Mem Fox, Margaret Wild, Anthony Browne and Roald Dahl.

In Mathematics this year, the boys and girls have learnt about numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication, divisions, fractions, 2D & 3D shapes, graphs, position, volume, mass, length and area. There were lots of hands-on activities and games.

Students were engaged in History, Science and Geography inquiry units using MAPPEN. They learnt about the concepts of Identity, Change, Discovery and Connections.

Students were introduced to Coding through the Bee-Bots and Coding programs like Dance Party, Loops, Tynker and Monster Maker.

This year we got fit and healthy and participated in our weekly sport and fitness lessons. They also participated in Personal Development and Health units including the Worry-Woos Program.

Students demonstrated their creative flair during music, drama and art activities.

They participated in special events and programs at school such as Clean up Australia Day, Easter Parade, Walk Safely To School, Beach Safety, Responsible Pet, Commonwealth Games Day, Stamp Out Bullying Show, NAIDOC, Education week, A Fiver for a farmer, The Book parade Moz's Music Show, K-2 Athletics Carnival and Kitchen Kart.

They also participated in excursions to the School House Museum and Laycock Theatre to see The Gruffalo. What a busy year!

We are proud of your achievement in Year 1 and 2 at Woongarra.

STAGE 2 IN REVIEW

Students have completed 197 school days that have been enriched with amazing lessons in all subjects. That's 1882 hours of learning time in 40 weeks. 50% of that time, approximately 941 hours was dedicated to Mathematics and English. In Maths, there was a big push for students to learn their timetables – you don't need to learn all 144 because most of them are double ups so you only need to really learn 38. Too easy!

It hasn't been all hard work, you have also had one hour a day for recess and lunch so that's approximately 190 hours of fun with your friends.

Students participated in 3 carnivals – swimming, cross country and athletics, 5 special events including the Commonwealth Games Day and Beach Safety Talks and 3 excursions based on our Science, History and Geography units to Newcastle Museum, Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre and Fizzics Education came to the school for a science show.

And this has all added up to one fantastic year!

Mrs Lee would like to thank our 8 awesome teachers, Mr Mills, Mrs Preece, Ms Millett, Mrs Khan, Mrs Le Loux, Mrs Stanford, Mrs Nicolas and Mrs Hearne for their dedication and the care you have given to each student this year. I would also like to thank Mrs Hourigan for your support with our special programs in literacy and numeracy this year.

STAGE 3 IN REVIEW

The Stage 3 teachers, Mr Demir, Mrs Black, Ms Miller, Mr Vrolyk, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Hearne and Mr Smith would like to congratulate the year 5 and 6 students on a successful year.

In the first semester students began using the online MAPPEN program for their History, Geography and Science units of work. The first unit was Ethics and Emotions where students considered ethical dilemmas as they learnt about the values of honesty, respect and loyalty. They also considered the influence of media on themselves and their own identity.

Students also studied the history unit Museums in Motion where students looked at the events, discoveries and people that helped shape Australia.

The boys and girls dance groups were especially busy during this time as they readied themselves for the Central Coast Dance Festival. Both groups performed at a high level and were stand out performances on the night. Congratulations to the boys and girls and to Mrs Johnson and Mrs Black for all their time and effort.

In semester 2 students studied the Science unit The Journey to Discovery. They learnt about electrical circuits, the refraction of light, and the scale of the solar system and built a balloon powered rocket. Students also studied the unit Data and Decisions, where they were engaged in economics and business. They worked in groups to build a business plan and then created presentations to show other students in the school.

Students got a taste of digital technologies as they created stories and questionnaires using digital code and created their own toys using a 3D printer.

Students attended the 4-day excursion to Broken Bay, where they were involved in activities like rock climbing, the high ropes course, archery, fishing and the campfire cook up. Our Aboriginal students got to show off their leadership skills when they ran the national Sorry Day assembly and through leading activities during the NAIDOC day celebration.

We have had some outstanding individual achievements throughout the year, both in the classroom and on the sporting field. However two in particular stand-out for different reasons. Firstly, Lachlan became our first student to represent at a national level, with his NSW softball team winning the championship title. Congratulations on such an amazing effort. The second stand-out achievement was from our Prime Minister Gui who, when at the Sydney North athletics had a fellow competitor fall in front of him in his race. Instead of running past like other runners, he stopped and checked on the boy and then helped him up and off the track. Gui received a standing ovation from the crowd for his selfless act. Thank you for your sportsmanship Gui.

Quite a few year 6 students have worked with Mrs Black, volunteering their time over lunch to help other students with play and friendships. This has been a successful program which has been enjoyed by our leaders and the students involved. Thank you to the year 6 students and Mrs Black for offering the program.

Congratulations to the outgoing ministers. You have all been strong role models for your peers and we thank you for all the assistance you have provided over the year. To the incoming ministers we wish you all the best with your own leadership next year.

CANTEEN NEWS

A reminder to all families that there will be no canteen service available at the beginning of 2019.

A new tender process will commence early in the school year that will be advertised in the newsletter, on Skoolbag and in local media. We will keep you informed.

WE CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD

Logan HB6	Jaime HB7	Charlie HB11	Cooper HB7	Phoenix HB7
Tait HB7	Emilie HB8	Alyssa HB6		

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

HB5	Winter, Sophia, Zoey, Jackson
HB6	Abby, Byron, Alyssa
HB7	Cooper, William, Jaime
HB8	Jazlyn, Cooper
HB9	Paige, Layla
HB10	Jesse, Ava
HB11	Matylda, Jack
HB12	Jade, Ari
HB13	Taylah, Ethan



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