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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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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student Leadership Elections provide a great opportunity to listen to student voice, and to hear the views of students on their experiences at school, of learning and ways we can continually improve. Thirty-one students presented a speech today to our student Parliament, Year 5, teachers and parents. Between them, they shared some of the best qualities of our students at Woongarra, describing the ways that they are respectful, trustworthy, supportive of each other, helpful, approachable, caring, kind friendly, perseverant, considerate and proud of our school.

The promises also reflected the things that our students find important:

- to listen to ideas, suggestions, problems and issues
- to make sure that everyone has a voice and a say in ways to move our school from “great to incredible”
- to be a role model for others
- to be a good friend
- to lead in the right direction (we were even reminded that a boss says ‘go’, while a leader says ‘let’s go’)
- to be committed and hard working as a leader
- to inspire others
- to offer a helping hand
- to be safe, fair, kind and great!

Congratulations to all students and thank you to Mrs Dempsey for her leadership in this area.

HEALTH NEWS

Please be advised that we have been notified of one case of chicken pox and one case of whooping cough this week.

SCHOOL CANTEEN - Invitation to Tender

Tenders are currently invited for the operation of the Woongarra Public School canteen for 2020-2021.

Documents: can be downloaded from the tenders website www.tenders.nsw.gov.au

Tenderers will be required to demonstrate in their tender that they have the necessary skills, resources, experience, financial capacity, and in some cases licences, accreditations, etc., to fulfil the tender requirements. Enquiries to the school office on 4392 7493.

Lodgment Tenders are required to be submitted through the NSW Government eTendering website. Tenders must be lodged electronically via www.tenders.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 18 November 2019. **Spread the word.**

BOUQUETS

Congratulations to Miss Patterson who was selected as an official for the NSW PSSA Athletics carnival. This means that Woongarra was represented by one teacher and four students - our junior girls relay team of Abbie, Kyah, Brooke and Madison – at the state carnival. Impressive!

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL EXCURSION

On Monday 28 October, Mrs Buhr, Ms Miller and Ms Ella took 45 Aboriginal students and 5 parents to Bulgandry Aboriginal site, Girrakool Picnic Area and Somersby Falls. Mr Dave Ella joined us and taught us many things about the site and the bush. We had a great day and enjoyed the day learning about the Aboriginal culture. Some of the students' comments are below.



Jayden

At Bulgandry there were interesting carvings in a rock. The animal carvings showed other Aboriginal people where to go to find good fishing spots and other carvings. I also learnt that some plants can be used as medicine to fix toothaches and headaches.

Cadence

I liked that there was lots of walking and looking at the rocks and the bush. I loved that we learnt how to survive in the bush in the dark. All the places that we visited were very interesting.

Aeisha and Jamie

We liked the waterfalls and how the water splashed and fell down the rocks. There was a hide out and walking in the bush made my legs hurt.

Claire

I learnt that the bush is like a supermarket and that the trees are like an air conditioner because if it's hot you can put your body on the tree and cool down. It was great to learn about different things and see what is around us.

Cooper

I learnt that one of the plants works like soap which is good to wash yourself and helps you hunt animals because the animals can't smell you.

Charbell

I learnt that at Somersby Falls there is a spot like a work shop and that's where they made and sharpened their tools. At Bulgandry there were interesting carvings on the rocks that showed you where to go to find different animals and also to find special places for men and women.

K-6 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

Assemblies commence at **2.20pm**. Parents and community are most welcome

Week	Assembly	Who is running Assembly
5	K-2	HB5
6	3-6	Ministers Speeches
7	K-2	HB8
8	3-6	Ministers, Talent Quest
9	K-2	HB6
10	Farewell arch for Year 6	Wednesday 2:30

CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD

Bella HB4	Charbell HB3	Patrick HB4	Sarah HB3	Cadence HB2	Carl HB19
Cooper HB22	Jayden HB21	Matilda HB18	Chris HB21	Lincoln HB8	Rachel HB8
Isabelle HB14	Indy HB6	Morgan HB10	Jacob HB6	Aaylah HB8	Shenay HB9

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

HB1	Will, Kaleb, Kendra
HB2	Luke, Ari, Emiley
HB3	Peyton, Lilly, Paige
HB4	Oliver, Sienna, Patrick
HB5	Mason, Alice
HB6	Jacob, Leonor, Stefan
HB7	Zoe, Emilie
HB8	Elizabeth, Miriana
HB9	Eli, Haydn
HB10	Cooper, Lucy, Ryan
HB12	KJ, Anna, Paige, Indy
HB13	Blake, Aliyah, Laila
HB14	Tyler, Aeisha, Jye
HB15	Cameron, Maddison, Riley
HB16	Connor, Kaden, Ashton
HB18	Emery, Tylar, Holly
HB19	Daniel, Brodie, Caleb
HB21	Jayden, Seth
HB22	Ethan, Chloe, Mike

P&C NEWS

2019 School Disco - The P & C school disco was another huge success with around 350 kids in attendance. All of the kids had a ball and we loved seeing the smiles on their faces. The disco raised a total of \$1,330.10.

Thank you to those that volunteered their time on the night, these fun events cannot take place without the support of parents and surrounding community.

We would also like to thank Coles Lakehaven, who donated a \$100 gift voucher which went toward the purchase of sausages and rolls.

P&C Christmas Picnic – 11 December – this event will have some new exciting activities for you and the students. We are looking for volunteers to assist on the night. We are also looking for donations, preferably vouchers for the Guessing competition and other prizes at the event. Each business will be acknowledged for supporting our school and the event. We are also seeking a Jumping Castle with full insurance.

Please note if we do not get enough volunteers to run the Christmas Picnic, it will be cancelled.

Don't forget to like our Facebook Page – Woongarra Public School P&C to keep up to date on what's on. You can also contact us through this or feel free to email us at woongarrhapandc@gmail.com.

Our committee is:

- President – Brett Warton
- Vice Presidents –Karen Christensen & Renee Facer
- Treasurer - Kristen Warton
- Secretary – Michelle Gatt

We are always more than happy to have a chat.

November 2019

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	28	29	30	31	1	2
	Week 3 Aboriginal students cultural excursion		Kindy Orientation 2		Assembly HB14	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Week 4	K-2 Athletics carnival	Kindy Orientation 3 P&C Meeting	Beyond the Classroom Day Music Count Us In singalong	Newsletter Year 5 Leadership Speeches to Yr 5 & Parliament	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Week 5 Swim scheme	Swim scheme	Swim scheme	Review meetings Swim scheme	Assembly HB5 Swim scheme	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Week 6 Swim scheme	Swim scheme	Swim scheme	Review meetings Swim scheme	Newsletter Year 5 Minister speeches Swim scheme	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Week 7	Dance/choir excursion	Y6-7 WCS sports day	Review meetings Ngara Assembly rehearsal	Assembly HB8	

Key events this month:

- **Review meetings** for students who receive Integration Funding Support or in Out of Home Care occur twice each year. Invitations will be sent home with times and dates.
- **Year 5 leadership elections** occur this month. Nomination speeches are in Week 4. Successful candidates then present a further speech in Week 6.
- **Swim scheme** is in Weeks 5-6. 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.
- **K-2 athletics carnival** is at school on Tuesday 5 November. Parents are welcome to attend 9-11.
- Year 6-7 transition programs are in full swing in November, including a BBQ Sports day for Year 6 students who are going to Wadalba and extra transition visits for some students.
- Mrs Johnson has organised a special day out for our **senior dance groups and choir** to visit two aged care facilities to entertain the residents – paying it forward with our community.

December 2019

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Week 8	Y6-7 High School Orientation Day	P&C Meeting Y4 excursion	Parent / Volunteer thank you morning tea Year 6 farewell	Ngara Assembly of Excellence Newsletter	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Week 9 Transition Week	Y3 excursion	Presentation Day Semester 2 reports issued P&C Christmas Picnic			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Week 10 Side Show Alley		Last day for students	Last day for staff		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Christmas Day	Boxing Day		
29	30	31				

Key events this month:

- **Presentation Day assemblies** are held for Years 3-6 and Years K-2. Parents / carers of students who are receiving awards will receive an invitation.
- The Parent Helpers and Volunteers **thank you morning tea** is on 5 December at 11am to thank all those who have helped out throughout 2019.
- **Semester 2 reports** issued on Presentation Day.
- **Year 6 farewell** – Thursday 5 December
- **Side Show Alley** is a fun day of activities at school organized by Year 6 for students in Years K-5 on the last Monday of the year. Sponge throwing is the favourite by far!
- **Transition visits** to meet with anticipated teachers for 2020 are arranged in the last two weeks by the Learning and Support Team for identified students.
- **Ngara Assembly** celebrates the achievements of Aboriginal students from schools across the AECG. Held @ Wyong HS. Parents / carers of students who are receiving awards will receive an invitation.

