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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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## Woo, New and You

Cameron, Luke, Oliver, Evie, Ellie, Kelly, Kaden, Owen, Prahath and Bailey were selected to attend a special STEM student workshop at Newcastle University on Thursday – Woo, New and You. Students from each of our local primary schools joined with students in Years 7 and 8 at Wadalba CS for this event. They spent the day engaged in STEM to appreciate and enjoy the importance of mathematics and science in society and their future world of work.



## Student Resource Packs 2019 Update

The School Finance Team meets regularly to monitor the school budget, income and expenditure. At the last meeting we considered the draft budget for 2019 and made some important decisions regarding school and community sources of income.

You will be pleased to know that there will be no cost for the **Student Resource Packs** this year. These packs include all of the resources required for students in class (stationary, curriculum materials, home reading diaries, tissues – everything). This is a one-off bonus for 2019 as a result of some savings made last year.

In addition, the school has purchased online subscriptions to both **Mathletics and Reading Eggs for every student, K-6**, after a successful trial in Term 4 last year. The cost of these subscriptions is significant; however we will not be asking for any contributions or subsidies towards the cost this year. This is because we will use 2019 to fully test and then evaluate the use, implementation and impact of these programs. You will be invited to contribute to the evaluation which will include consideration of any future costs.

We are however, continuing with **Voluntary School Contributions, which are set at \$35 per student, or \$70 per family**. This rate has not changed for over 10 years. The school receives around \$6000 from voluntary contributions each year. This year, funds will be used to pay for two in-school performances, such as The Wellbeing Show on 27 March, sporting activities such as zone carnivals and 4 Kitchen Kart cooking lessons for each student, K-6, this year. A note will be sent home next week with details about voluntary contributions.

## New P&C Executive Elected

Congratulations to the 2019 P&C Executive who were elected at the AGM this week:

President	Brett Warton
Vice President	Karen Christensen
Vice President	Renee Facer
Treasurer	Kristen Warton
Secretary	Michelle Gatt

Thank you also to parent representatives who have volunteered to participate on key school teams:

Non-local enrolment committee	Brett Warton
Finance Team	Sandy Rawson
Canteen tender evaluation	Michelle Gatt and Brett Warton

### Strategic Direction 3 – Wellbeing

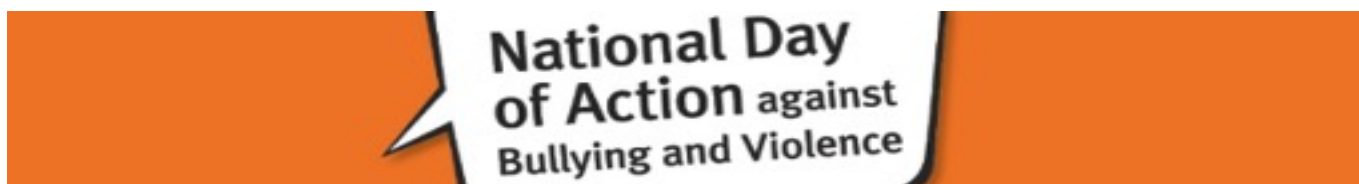
Mrs Buhr presented a brief summary to the P&C meeting yesterday to illustrate the work of our Student Wellbeing Team. The Wellbeing Team meets every 3 weeks to discuss issues around wellbeing, including:

Playground activities	Playground monitoring
Anti-bullying	Anti-racism
The Woongarra Way	Sun Safety
Road Safety	Cyber Safety
Drug Education	Child Protection
Out of Home Care	Attendance
Student Leadership	Health Care
Peer Playground Buddies	Kitchen Kart
Worry Woos	Tell Them From Me
Transition programs	Wellbeing concerns



Kindness Rocks!

We have a strengths based approach to wellbeing that ensures that support is both preventative and reactive, and customised as necessary to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for at Woongarra PS.



To culminate our Anti-Bullying Weeks, on Friday 15 March 2019, our school will stand together against bullying and violence to celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

The NDA is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools. It is a positive day of action which strengthens our everyday message here at Woongarra PS that bullying and violence have no place.

At our school, we have a range of programs in place to address bullying, including the Friendly Schools Program that is currently being taught in classes across K-6 and the Woongarra Way lessons taught in the first two weeks of school. An overview of the Friendly Schools Program lessons is shown below. The school's anti-bullying policy is available on the school website.

The NDA gives us an opportunity to put our programs in the spotlight and work together as a community to talk about bullying and finding workable solutions together to address it. Parents and carers are encouraged to visit the Bullying. No Way! website ([www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)) for advice and useful information.



#### Friendly Schools Program Anti-bullying Program

Lesson	Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1	Listening and paying attention	What is bullying?	What is bullying?	Define bullying – What is bullying?	Define bullying – What is bullying?	Define bullying – What is bullying?	Define bullying – What is bullying?
2	Sharing and taking turns	Types of bullying - What is physical, verbal and social bullying?	Types of bullying - What is physical, verbal, social and online bullying?	Define bullying – Types of bullying	Define bullying – Types of bullying	Define bullying – Types of bullying	Define bullying – Types of bullying
3	Being unique and the same	Understanding bullying – Roles within bullying	Understanding bullying – Roles within bullying	Understanding bullying – Roles within bullying	Understanding bullying – Roles within bullying	Understanding bullying – Roles within bullying	Understanding bullying – Roles within bullying
4	Being friendly and making friends	Understanding bullying – Bystander to Upstander	Understanding bullying – Bystander to Upstander	Understanding bullying – Bystander	Understanding bullying – Bystander	Understanding bullying – Impact of bullying	Understanding bullying – Impact of bullying
5	What is bullying?	Understanding bullying – The impact of bullying	Understanding bullying – The impact of bullying	Understanding bullying – Impact of bullying	Understanding bullying – Impact of bullying	Understanding bullying – Why does bullying happen?	Understanding bullying – Why does bullying happen?
6	What is physical bullying?	How do we respond to bullying?	How do we respond to bullying?	Responding to bullying	Responding to bullying	Responding to bullying	Responding to bullying
7	What is verbal bullying?	Strategies (how to stop bullying behaviours)	Strategies (how to stop bullying behaviours)	Responding to bullying	Responding to bullying	Responding to bullying	Responding to bullying
8	What is social bullying?	Preventing bullying in the classroom (WPS)	Preventing bullying in the classroom (WPS)	Preventing bullying (classroom)	Preventing bullying (classroom)	Preventing bullying (classroom)	Preventing bullying (classroom)
9	Preventing bullying behaviour	Preventing bullying in the playground (WPS)	Preventing bullying in the playground (WPS)	Preventing bullying (school)	Preventing bullying (school)	Preventing bullying (school)	Preventing bullying (school)
10		Being a good friend – making and keeping friends; cooperating	Being a good friend – making and keeping friends; cooperating	Preventing bullying (student voice)	Preventing bullying (student voice)	Preventing bullying (student voice)	Preventing bullying (student voice)

## HARMONY DAY – ORANGE MUFTI DAY

Harmony Day is celebrated annually on 21 March. Harmony Day began in 1999, coinciding with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Each year, it is marked by people coming together and participating in local activities. The continuing message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. It is about community participation, inclusiveness, celebrating diversity, respect and belonging.



At our school, students will celebrate Harmony Day by wearing orange clothes on Thursday 21 March and completing Anti-Racism lessons in class throughout the week.

## WALLARAH ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the 20 students who represented our school at the Wallarah Zone Swimming Carnival at Mingara on Wednesday 6 March 2019.

It was magnificent to see so many individuals swimming personal best times against the fastest swimmers in our Zone. A number of students were lucky enough to get a 'place' on the day.

1<sup>st</sup> - Sienna.C – Butterfly and Claudia.P – Freestyle

3<sup>rd</sup> - Sienna.C – Backstroke, Freestyle and Breaststroke

A special mention goes to all our Year 5 and 6 students (and parents who picked them up) who left camp early to attend the carnival. We understand how hard it would have been to leave early as well as compete at your best after two days at camp. Outstanding effort from all of you!

The Sydney North Carnival will be taking place at Homebush Olympic Pool on 28 March 2019. Best of luck to Sienna and Claudia who will represent our Zone and school on the day.

Adam Demir

## CHECKLISTS FROM EXTERNAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

If your child requires the use of external services and they wish the child's teacher to complete checklists, parents need to complete the checklist form available from the school office and return to Mrs Buhr via the school office, before checklists can be completed.

## K-6 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

Assemblies occur once per fortnight for Years 3-6 at 1.45pm and once per fortnight for Years K-2 at 1:45pm, on alternate Fridays. Parents and community are most welcome

Week	Assembly	Who is running Assembly
7	3-6	HB18
8	K-2	HB13
9	3-6	HB16
10	K-2	HB10
11	3-6	HB15

## CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD

Darcy HB10	Dawson HB10	Koby HB14	Blake HB7	Mya HB14
Zoe HB7	Imogen HB12	Lincoln HB8	Riley HB15	Lexi HB18
Allayna HB4	Carl HB19	Patrick HB4	Sinead HB2	Archer HB1
Olivia HB15	Hamish HB18	Porshia HB21		

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

HB1	Maika, Jaxson, Archer
HB3	Ella, Max, Vani
HB4	Alexis, Tyson, Allayna
HB5	Dustin, Lacey
HB6	Toby, Alice
HB7	Adrianna, Torin
HB8	Annika, Miriana
HB9	Ethan, Jazlyn
HB10	Ebony, Lexi
HB12	Jake, Imogen, Matylda, Ava
HB13	Shaylee, Tahnee
HB14	Maddy, Ella-May
HB15	Thomas, Evie, Alex
HB16	Kelly, Ashton, Ben
HB18	Owen, Holly, Abbie
HB19	Emily, Ruby, Imogen, Zac, John, Tyran
HB21	Liam, Lam, Chad, Luke, Layla, Cooper
HB22	Rhianna, Natasha, Hudson, Cooper, Isabella, Ben

## P & C NEWS

**Uniform Shop** - The uniform shop will be open Friday 22 March at 2.30pm under the COLA, after the assembly.

**Easter Guessing Competition** - The P&C are organising the Annual Easter Guessing Competition and are currently asking for donations of Easter eggs and Easter items to use as prizes. Raffle tickets are being sent home today.

Any offers of support will be greatly appreciated. All Guessing Competition entries and monies, along with any donations can be left at the office up to and including Monday 8 April. The prizes will be drawn and presented at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 11 April.

## STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

Each year, public school children in need visit Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children attend for a 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations.



Our school supports Stewart House each year:

- We purchase Stewart House merchandise to accompany Super Gold awards at the end of each year – it's a reward that means as much to someone else as it does to our Super Gold students.
- Many of our staff contribute donations each pay through the Department of Education salary contribution scheme.
- We support the Stewart House Donation Drive by sending home envelopes each year. These will be sent home today with students. Donations are due by Friday 15 May.

Your donation will help support the 1800 children across NSW who attend Stewart House each year. You can find out more about Stewart House at <https://www.stewarthouse.org.au/>



# March 2019

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<b>Week 7</b> Friendly Schools Week	Y6-7 HS applications distributed		Selective High School test	National Day of Action Against Bullying	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<b>Week 8</b> Anti-Racism Week	Y6-7 HS applications due Aboriginal Cultural excursion		Harmony Day mufti day WCS Academic test	Newsletter Uniform Shop 2.30pm	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<b>Week 9</b> Tell Them From Me Week	Y6-7 WCS Visit	Wellbeing show @ school	Cyber Awareness forum for parents		

## Key events this month:

- Weeks 5-7 include the launch of our updated **Friendly Schools Anti-Bullying Program** of lessons
- This culminates with the **National Day of Action against Bullying** on Friday 15
- Week 8 is **Anti-Racism Week** including the launch of our new Anti-Racism scope and sequence of lessons K-6 and **Harmony Day Mufti Day** is on Thursday 21 – wear orange
- **Sydney North swimming carnival** is on Thursday 28 March
- Tell Them From Me Week – **Student Voice**: students in Years 4-6 complete this annual online survey as part of our continual school improvement process
- **A Wellbeing Show** for all students K-6 12 noon (K-2) and 1:45 Years 3-6 (Free)
- **Selective HS tests** are for Year 6 students who wish to apply for a selective class placement for high school. The closest classes to Woongarra are located at Gosford HS (fully selective) and Gorokan HS (partially selective). Parents apply online in Term 4 the previous year.
- Aboriginal students in Years 1-6 are visiting Bulgandry Aboriginal site, Girrakool and Somersby Falls on a **cultural excursion** on Tuesday 19 March.