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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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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

External Validation

All schools undertake an annual self-assessment of practice and development using the School Excellence Framework, to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. Once every five years, schools are nominated to participate in a formal External Validation process to discuss this self-assessment and their judgements about their practice – and the evidence that underpins them – with a panel of peers. This year it is our turn.

This is not our first time. In 2015, our school was nominated by the Director, Educational Leadership to participate as a trial school to help establish the guidelines for presenting evidence for External Validation that would be used by all schools in NSW. We were very proud of our contribution to the Department of Education in doing so.

As a result, we have really strong evaluative practice at Woongarra that we can draw on to prepare our External Validation submission. We have been collating all of the evidence that already exists on our school to show why we believe that we are either developing, sustaining and growing, or excelling in 14 different elements of school excellence. This includes collecting samples of artefacts around learning, teaching and leading and I am so impressed by the quality of the teaching and learning that is happening across all facets of the school.

Our external validation will occur in Week 9 this term and we will share the outcomes of the schools' self-assessment in coming weeks.

Teacher Feature

I hope that you are enjoying our new teacher feature. This week we get to know Mrs McDonald, just as she is about to commence her maternity leave.

Education Week – Save the Date

We are currently planning our Education Week activities for 2019 and can advise that Open Day will be **Wednesday 7 August**. On this day we will open our classrooms for parents and relatives to visit and we are planning a series of literacy activities and events to celebrate Book Week at the same time. There will be more detail provided in the next newsletter.

Staff News

- This term, we have welcomed Miss Kavanagh to share HB1 with Mrs Preece each Thursday and Friday and Miss Smith to share HB2 with Mrs Hearne each Friday.
- Ms McDonald will commence maternity leave at the end of Week 6 and we wish her all the best at this exciting time.
- Mr Vrolyk has been on leave for four weeks to enjoy the birth of his son, Vinnie.

University Placements

We are excited to have a number of pre-service teachers working in our school this year, including Mr Wood who is currently working with Mrs Hearne in HB2. A further five students will be learning with us in

the second half of this term and next term we will be supporting five interns in their final stage of preparation. The school has a high performing teaching staff and it is wonderful that they can share their expertise with our newest teachers in this way. Thank you to Mrs Dempsey who is our University Placements Coordinator.

NAPLAN Online

Students in Years 3 and 5 completed the NAPLAN Online tests last week. Thank you to Mr Smith who was the NAPLAN coordinator for the smooth organisation and administration of hundreds of tests across six days.

Out of School Hours Survey (OOSH)

Thank you to everyone who returned the OOSH survey. The responses have been compiled and shared with an officer from our Asset management group who is looking at the economic viability of any additional service for our school and some of our surrounding schools. I will keep you informed if there are any developments.

Staff Wellbeing Week

This week was our first Staff Wellbeing Week for the year and we have enjoyed a number of different activities. There have been many Random Acts of Kindness for mystery wellbeing buddies, including playground duties being covered, wellbeing messages, 'lunch is in the fridge' offers and special treats. We enjoyed paying it forward with The Biggest Morning Tea yesterday that raised over \$400 for the Cancer Council and a staff raffle that raised over \$200 for Stewart House. Thank you to our social club for looking after our wellbeing in these ways. The flow on effect to students is supported in research that clearly shows how staff wellbeing and student wellbeing are two sides of the same coin.

Leonie Clarkson

SYDNEY NORTH TENNIS

Congratulations to Kelly L for his selection in the Sydney North Tennis team. Last week at the State Tennis Carnival in Tamworth, the Sydney North team came 3rd overall out of 14 teams. Well done on a great effort.

Mr Demir
Sport Coordinator



ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 10 May, 48 students competed at the Wallarah Zone Cross Country Carnival held at Wyong Racecourse. The conditions for running were ideal at the start of the carnival, however for the 12/13 years girls the weather changed and they encountered a shower during their race.

Our students should be commended for their exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship. They showed great determination pushing themselves to the finish line. Congratulations to Tori who came 2nd and Owen who finished 3rd. Other outstanding achievements include Kyah 5th, Kai 4th, Cooper 5th, Abbie 5th, Claire 6th, Seth 7th, Emerson 8th and Amber 9th.

The following students will be representing Wallarah Zone at the Sydney North Cross Country carnival on Friday 21 June:

Kyah, Tori, Abbie, Kai, Cooper, Claire and Owen.

We wish them all the best at the championships.

Every student should be proud of their achievements and efforts. As a result, Woongarra was once again named the Wallarah Zone overall Champions for the carnival. Well done.

Miss Patterson

TEACHER FEATURE

Mrs McDonald

Where did you grow up? Lisarow

What was your favourite subject in school? Art, Drama and Maths

Best childhood memory: Going for Sunday drives and adventures with my family.

Favourite book / movie / TV show when growing up: Harry Potter

Favourite book / movie / TV show now: I still love Harry Potter books, Jodi Picoult, Friends and Travel Guides. I could also recite the whole Love Actually movie.

Favourite sport to watch or play? Running, triathlons, yoga, bushwalking, anything outside!

Favourite colour? Pink and rose gold

Favourite music / band / musician: THE BEATLES!!!!

Favourite place to go on holiday: Palm Cove, North Queensland. I also love weekends away to the Hunter Valley.

What do you like doing with your family and friends? Walking, running, going out for breakfast, going to the markets or beach.

What do you like doing in times by yourself? Eating chocolate, watching Friends, finding resources for school, yoga, going for walks or runs, playing with my dogs.

If you could be anything, what would it be? A primary school teacher or a wedding celebrant.

In your opinion, who is a 'legend'? My Dad and The Beatles.

Why? He is caring, thoughtful and would do absolutely anything for anyone! The Beatles revolutionised music and stood up for what they believed.

What advice would you give your 10 year old self? Be kind, caring and confident. Life will have its ups and downs, but the people around you will always be there for you if you are there for them.



K-6 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

Assemblies occur once per fortnight for Years 3-6 at **2.20pm** and once per fortnight for Years K-2 at **2:20pm**, on alternate Fridays. Parents and community are most welcome

Week	Assembly	Who is running Assembly
5	3-6	Talent Quest
6	K-2	HB6
7	3-6	HB22
8	K-2	HB8
9	3-6	HB4
10	K-2	HB19

CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD

Dustin HB5	Tiger HB5	Rishaan HB9	Lachlan HB10	Jessie HB6
Lexi HB10	Keyarn HB6	Bailee HB6	Emiley HB2	Sinead HB2
Jack HB2	Xavier HB3	Charli HB19	Hamish HB18	Holly HB18
Brittany HB18	Will HB19			

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

HB1	Samuel, Kaleb, Chelsea
HB2	Jade, Rebecca, Kaiden
HB3	Lucinda, Eoin, Lilly
HB4	Logan, Bella, Noah
HB6	Bailee, Leila
HB7	Becky, Winter
HB8	Ari, Rachel
HB9	Shenay, Zoey
HB10	Lucy, Cooper
HB12	Paige, Ava, Ruby, Matylda
HB13	Tait, Isabelle
HB14	Aeisha, Gabriel
HB15	Max, Ellie, Harry
HB16	Ava, Brayden, April, Eriva
HB18	Kaiah, Brittany, Cody
HB19	Mishel, Sophie, Charlie
HB21	Molly, Ryan, Piper
HB22	Khloe, Mike, Cruz

P & C SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The P & C are doing a sausage sizzle lunch order on Friday 31 May. Cost is \$5.00 and it includes a Beef Sausage in a Long Roll with choice of sauce and an Orange juice, Apple Juice or water Popper. Order forms have been sent out and must be handed back into the office by:

3pm Tuesday 28 May

We will also be needing helpers on the day so if you are available please contact the P & C via our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/woongarrahpandc/>

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop: The next uniform shop will be on Friday 7 June at 8.45am under the cola.

June 2019

Su	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
26	27 May	28	29	30	31	1
	Week 5 Reconciliation Week	Netball gala day				
2	3 June	4	5	6	7	8
	Week 6 AECG Meeting @ Woongarra		P&C Meeting Boys dance rehearsal	Review meetings	Newsletter	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Week 7 Queen's Birthday		Beyond the Classroom Project	Review meetings		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Week 8 Finance team				Newsletter	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Week 9			Semester 1 reports issued		

Key events this month:

- **The Central Coast Dance Festival** occurs in the last two weeks of Term 2. Senior boys and senior girls dance groups audition to be included in the festival. Further information will be provided if selected.
- **Semester 1 reports to parents** will be issued on Thursday 27 June. Teachers are available for parent / teacher interviews upon request if you would like to discuss any aspect of reports.
- **Review meetings** for students who receive Integration Funding Support or in Out of Home Care occur twice each year. The semester 1 meetings will be scheduled on Thursday 6 and 13 June