



# WOONGARRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Friday 15 OCTOBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

Issue 17

## COVID-19 UPDATES FOR TERM 4

Updated Term 4 Guidelines for Schools are being implemented.

Students who are unwell should not attend school. If students become unwell at school they will be sent to sick bay and parents will be notified to collect them.

Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. Our current drop-off and pick up procedures will remain the same as in Term 3, with physically distanced K-2 pick-up from 2:45 each afternoon. Social distancing is still required.

All adults that enter school grounds have to complete a COVID form and are only permitted to go to the front office.

If you need to pick up your child early you need to go to the front gate and ring the school. Students and their bags will be collected from class and escorted to the front gate for pick up. Unfortunately, this cannot happen between 2:45-3 due to K-2 student being collected.

Bubblers are still closed. Students need to bring a water bottle from home. These can be refilled in the classrooms when required. Each classroom has 2 black crates for drink bottles to be stored in and accessed when students are in the playground or at sport.

## THANKYOU

Thank you to the school community for their understanding and patience when collecting students in a safe manner yesterday. Woongarra Public School has a very supportive community.

## NATIONAL MATHS COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Mrs Stanford, Mrs Preece and our Year 5 students who entered and won not only the State Maths Competition but they have also won the National Maths Competition for their design and costing of our new Library.

## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Plans are underway to commence our Kindergarten Orientation program with some Covid-safe adjustments.

Two sessions are planned for Wednesday 4 and Wednesday 11 November, with the following arrangements to minimise non-essential adults in school. We are also offering an **optional** session for students on Wednesday 18 November.

### School Planning:

1. A link to a short movie, "the day in the life of a Kindergarten student" was emailed this week. This will give yourself and your kindergarten child a snapshot view of the fun and exciting things that we offer at Woongarra P.S.
2. **Students who have siblings already enrolled at Woongarra** may arrive at school from 8:45-9am on Wednesday 4, 11 and 18 November. We ask that parents drop off at the front or side gate and that our existing students take their brother or sister into school and directly to the Kindy classrooms. We'll

have staff available to help. A brother or sister can stay and play until the bell goes at 9am. Please don't send students to school if they are unwell.

3. **New families** – Parent / carer are requested to line up at the front gate on the yellow crosses to ensure social distancing with their child from 9:10 - 9:30am on Wednesday 4, 11 and 18 November. We'll have staff available to walk your child to class. Unfortunately, parent/carers are unable to walk with their child to the classrooms. Please don't send students to school if they are unwell.
4. All parent / carer information sessions will be conducted virtually eg Zoom meeting date TBA and information will also be provided in the Kindy Orientation pack in a school Library bag. Students will receive their Library bag on Wednesday 4 November.
5. Students need to wear sun safety clothes eg short sleeved tops and a hat and bring a water bottle, fruit break and Recess.
6. Students will compete activities in the classrooms from the time they arrive until 12:15 when they will be accompanied to the front gate for collection.
7. From 12:15, all parents / carers are asked to wait outside the front gate using the socially distanced markings on Mataram Road. As you approach the front of the line, we will call your child and bring them to you for collection.

If you have any questions about Kindergarten Orientation, please contact the school.

Samantha Guest  
Kindergarten Coordinator



Happy Birthday to the following students who have celebrated their special day over the past three weeks.

Jermaine, Phoenix, Katarni, Jazlyn, Archer, Beau, Georgia, Audrey, Grace, James, Hayley, Sienna, Abigail, Harrison, Ashley, Laylah, Sienna, Miles, Oliver, Scott, Aurey, Taj Bella, Logan, Lam, Josh, Noah, Ty-Asher, Ella-May, Jayden, Isabella, Rhyden, Chloe, Anna, Troy, Mia, Callum, Paige, Skylar, Ari, Kaiden, Isabella, Liam, Jaxon, Brayden.



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## Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 13 October 2020 and closes on 16 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 13 October 2020.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

**The tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.**

Yours sincerely

  
Deputy Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by Friday 13 November.

**THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.**

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

## Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2022 through the High Performing Students website between 13 October 2020 and 16 November 2020.

Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_

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## BOOK PARADE

To celebrate CBCA Book Week next week, we will be holding our Book Parade after lunch on Friday 23 October. The theme for Book Week is 'Curious Creatures Wild Minds' so it would be wonderful to see everyone dressed in something related to this. If this theme doesn't suit or is too difficult any book character related costume would be suitable. Unfortunately, due to COVID guidelines parents will be unable to attend the parade but I have asked Classroom Teachers to take some pictures and post them in their Google Classrooms for parents to view. Please ensure all students are wearing clothing appropriate to the weather conditions and that they also have covered shoes. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed in their favourite costume. Students can wear their costume all day or get changed at lunchtime.

Sharon Gilbert

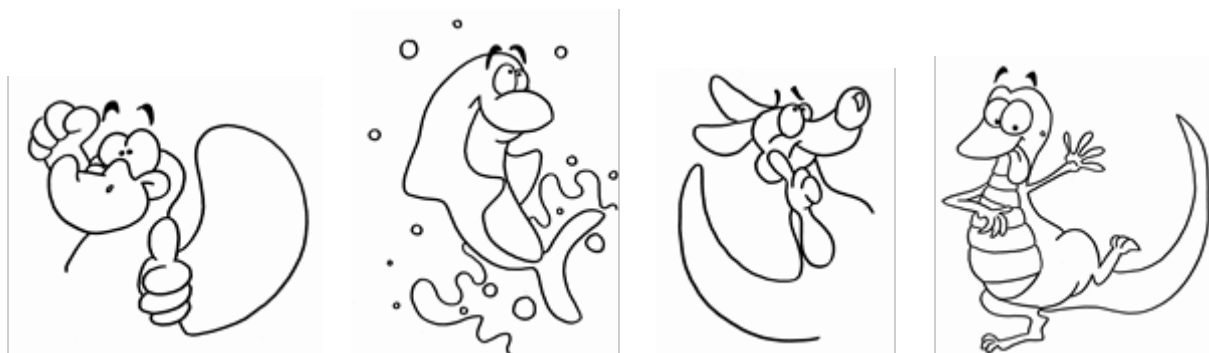
Teacher/Librarian

## K -2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The K-2 Athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 5 November from 9:00 – 10:30am at Woongarra Public School, weather permitting. Students will participate in running, novelty and athletics activities in their year groups. We aim to promote participation and engagement whilst participating in fun and safe activities.

Students are encouraged to wear a t-shirt in their house group on the day. Kindergarten and new students will find out their houses next week.

Due to COVID guidelines, parents are unfortunately unable to attend.



Miss Patterson and Ms Ella  
Carnival Organisers

## INVESTIGATING WITH MATHS COMPETITION - NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!!!

Last term our team of Year 5 students found out that they had won the NSW Investigating with Mathematics competition in their category. It was very exciting and their project was sent to be judged against the other states in the national competition in Perth. Over the holidays, we received word that they won the National competition! A huge congratulations to Ella V, Isabella V, Jermaine A, Leroy D, Lewis C, Lucy B and Rhys N. In a world where COVID-19 doesn't exist, they would have been invited to attend the awards ceremony in Perth, but instead we will celebrate here at school. The ground swell from entering and winning this competition has meant that we have won so much more than a competition. Mrs Clarkson has approved a library redesign, on its way in 2021. Students are excited and inspired to participate in the competition next year. Teachers are ready to support students and are motivated to integrate authentic mathematics problems in their classrooms. We are definitely winners all round.

Mrs Preece & Mrs Stanford

## Redesigning our library - where's the maths in that?



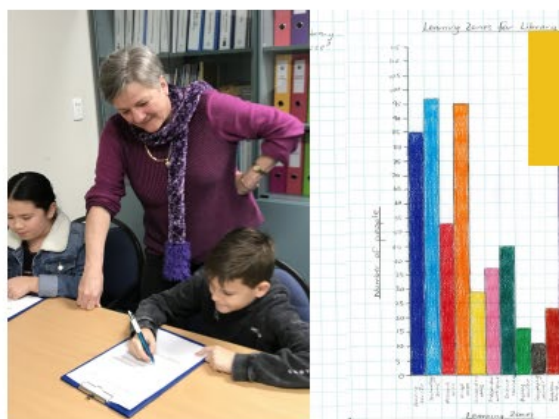
Pictured: Mrs Preece, Ella, Isabella, Lucy, Ms Stanford, Roy, Rhys and Lewis Absent: Jermaine

## WHAT WE DID

We are a group of seven Year 5 students who have taken out **first place** in the Mathematical Association of NSW maths competition. We entered a real world inquiry project in the Year 5 class category.

## OUR PROJECT

The project involved redesigning our school library to suit the needs of students growing up in the 21st Century. We discovered that there is a lot of maths involved in solving real world problems.



## SURVEYS

We interviewed other students, teachers, Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Gilbert to find out what they wanted from the library. We discovered that learning zones were important. We then did a survey to get more specific data about types of zones and furnishings people wanted.



# MAPPING

*After researching what people wanted for our new library, we measured the space and drew a to-scale map. This proved tricky as we had to convert measurements, but we got there in the end.*

*Mr Smith even took us through using Minecraft to bring a 3D element to our design.*



# SHOPPING

*We used the internet and catalogues to find furniture and kept track of pricing using Excel. This would eventually become our quote for the total cost of the redesign.*

*We then drew and cut to-scale models of the furniture and glued them in place onto our library map.*

We took our design ideas to Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Clarkson for evaluation before sending in our project to be judged in the competition.



## THE RESULT

*Winning our category was very exciting. Our project is now in the process of being judged against the other states in the nationals competition in Perth and we are eagerly awaiting these results.*

*In the meantime, we have met with a furniture consultant who is bringing our ideas to reality. This new library is really going to happen. We had so much fun and learned a lot from this experience.*



# Casual Work

Casual positions - Multiple locations across Hunter Region (6556)

## Help protect our vibrant school communities

### Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm,  
with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required  
Monday to Friday during the school term.

### Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
  - ✓ Good communication skills
  - ✓ Community spirit
  - ✓ Positive energy
- ✓ If it does, visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) to apply today!
- ✓ Applications close Wednesday, 28 October 2020