

## WOONGARRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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The inclusive and caring school where expert staff support students to achieve excellence.

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**NEWSLETTER** 

Term 4 Week 4

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### **Semester 2 reports**

Our teachers will be preparing Semester 2 reports in the coming weeks to provide information about student learning and achievement during the learning from home and return to school period. These will be issued later in the year for all students K-6. There is an opportunity for you to contribute a comment to your child's report and 83 of you have already done so.



Please use the link below, or QR code if you wish to add your own comment.

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#### **Attendance**

It's great to have all of our students back together at last. It's even better to report that all but three students have returned to school. Attendance at school every day is so important, and we are excited by the attendance rates this week.

#### Canteen

The canteen is operating and open for orders only. There is no window service due to the need to keep cohorts separate and reduce mingling. You can order recess and / or lunch via Flexi schools, or there is a box outside the canteen for students to place orders in. I know Jacqui and the team will appreciate your support as they open for business at Woongarrah.

#### Start of school day

We have introduced staggered start and finish times as advised by the Department of Education as one of the strategies to keep our students, staff and school community safe. This means that students are asked to arrive at school between 8:45-9am and walk directly to class. We are, however, concerned about the number of students who are arriving before 8:45. Please be aware that students have to wait together under the COLA until teachers are on duty in classrooms at 8:45. This increases the possibility of cohorts mingling and the potential for close and casual contacts if contact tracing was required in our school. We understand that some families have work commitments from 8:30am, but please do not send students to school prior to this time if at all possible.

#### End of school day

The staggered end of day has been successful overall, although there have been some teething problems in the first 2 days with siblings and road safety on Sun Orchid Drive. We have been working through these as they arise, and students will soon know the new routines. The traffic on Sun Orchid Drive has always been busy in the afternoons and has increased this week. Please be mindful of this when crossing the road with your children. Whatever you do, do not call children to you from the other side of the road, as we have seen occur too many times.

#### MANSW MATHS INVESTIGATION WINNERS

Congratulations to our group of Year 5 students who competed in the MANSW Investigating with Mathematics competition this year. They entered a submission called 'Playtime fun for everyone' where they made a proposal for the purchase of some new playground equipment for Woongarrah Public School. They explored and investigated 'meaningful maths' in a 'real-life setting' and their work is to be commended. It was fantastic to hear that their submission won the state competition and is now progressing to nationals. Woongarrah PS is very proud of their commitment and hard work, especially after the shift to learning from home. Well done and good luck at nationals!

Mrs Khan, Mrs Stanford & Mrs Preece

#### **YEAR 5 – SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2023**

Applications are now open for Selective High School for Year 7 in 2023. Even though this sounds a long way off, the applications must be made online before 17 November 2021; late applications will not be considered after this time. When the students are in Year 6 next year, they will sit the SHS test in March. Only students who make an online application before the cut-off date are allowed to sit the test.

If you have any questions about whether your child would be suitable for the SHS setting, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Dempsey through the school office.

Nichole Dempsey

#### ATTENDANCE DOES MATTER

An email will be sent home daily to request an explanation for your child's absence for that day as per departmental guidelines.

Everyday counts, as regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.

Supporting positive school attendance is a shared responsibility - everyone has a role.

# Woongarrah Public School Percentage Attendance Report 01/01/2021 to 27/10/2021 (159 School Days)

School Year	Boys	Girls	Overall
K	96%	96%	96%
1	95%	96%	95%
2	97%	96%	97%
3	96%	95%	95%
4	95%	96%	95%
5	94%	96%	95%
6	94%	95%	94%

#### FROM THE OFFICE

#### **Welcome Back**

The office staff were very excited to see all the students return this week. Unfortunately, we are unable to have parents onsite due to restrictions, but we wanted to let you all know to please contact us by phone, email or we can come up to the front gate, to assist you in any way we can.

#### **Enrolments or Leavers**

To help us out with next years planning could you please notify the school of any students that maybe leaving or enrolling so that we can accurately plan our numbers for 2022 classes.

#### **Lost Property**

Just a reminder to please label all of your child's belongings, in particular lunch boxes, drink bottles, and jumpers so we can return items to your child from lost property.

#### **Sickbay**

If a child presents to the sickbay with flu or cold-like symptoms, we are required to send the child home and they need to have a COVID test. If they receive a negative result they can return to school when their symptoms have gone. Upon their return the office needs to sight the negative result; this can be emailed to the school's email woongarrah-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

## **2022 CALENDAR DATES**



Friday 28th January 2022 - Staff Development Day

Monday 31st January 2022 Staff Development Day

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 – Year 1 to Year 6 students return to school

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 – Kindergarten Students start school

## **Birthdays**

We have missed lots of birthdays while we have all being learning from home so a great big happy birthday to all the wonderful students who have had their birthdays during lockdown and this term.

Brooke	Jayden	Brody	Toby	Sophia
Bella	Ashley	Jovi-Lee	Miriana	Owen
Makai	Bella	Tico	Lukas	Jackson
Leroy	Sienna	Jaxen	Khloe	Ariana
Ethan	Noah	Miles	Georgia	Christian
Hudson	Katarni	Ella-May	Conor	Hinewai
Tyrell	Troy	Sophia	Tiffany	Rhyden
Jack	Abigail	Jaxon	Braxton	Hargun
Natasha				Sienna
Izac				Skylar
Cruz	HAP	> > B   R =	MDAY	Brayden
Charlotte	\		7-71/	Evelyn
Sarah				Eva
Rhianna				Sam
Paige				Matteo
Kaiden				Zoe
Isabella			Grefos Odbies se s	Hartley
James	Anna	Brayden	Ellie	Connor
Jermaine	Mia	Audrey	Oliver	Piper
Isabella	Lilly	Grace	Ari	Amelia
Archer	Cooper	Phoenix	Oliver	Axel
Tison	Beau	Winston	Aurey	Aleira-Rose
Kendra	Blake	Kiara	Cooper	Nixon
Ruby	Ella-Jaye	Darcy	Flynn	Jax
Chelsea	Madeline	Alyssa	Liam	Connor
Zoe	Jacob	Tyler	Hunter	Cruz
Charlotte	Jesse	Rishaan	Narsharla	Charles
Zavier	Maisie	Georgia	Lindsey	Korben
Rebecca	Axel	Byron	Renette	Vann
Ruby	Archawin	Aswathi	Xavier	Andrew
Vincenzo	Indy	Portia	Zarie	Ruby
Zoe	Livinia	Chloe	Kai	Koa
Cadence	Jye	Jazlyn	Violet	Victoria
Beau	Briant	Тај	Jamie	Hendrix
Layla	Ruby	Annika	Elora	

#### FROM THE P&C

#### **P&C Meeting**

Woongarrah Public School P&C are holding the next meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30 via zoom. We would love to see you there.

Here is the meeting registration link <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwscO6prj0uG9Z9Cibnwn5w76rZCoUbaFJA">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwscO6prj0uG9Z9Cibnwn5w76rZCoUbaFJA</a>

#### **Fundraising for Playground**

Woongarrah Public School P&C is looking to raise some much-needed funds for a playground at the school. To assist in raising these funds our P&C Committee are looking to hold a Christmas raffle. Proceeds from this raffle will be donated to the school towards the funding of this equipment.



The raffle is run through an online platform called Raffle link which will enable us to reach a larger number of people outside of our school community as the link can be shared several times on numerous social media pages.

As we all know COVID has been especially hard this year which has severely impacted the P&C's ability to raise any funds this year. Therefore, we are reaching out to local businesses for support. Currently we are seeking any kinds of gifts (big or small) to use in our raffle, whether it be a

standalone prize or something that can be packaged up with another gift to create a bigger and larger prize (like a weekend away).

Should you be interested in gifting a prize towards our raffle, your generosity will definitely not go unnoticed, and we would be delighted to mention your company on our social media page, school newsletter as well as the online raffle link (next to the prizes in which you gifted to us).

If you are able to assist us and would like to provide a gift to go towards our raffle, please do not hesitate to contact us on

Email: WoongarrahPandC@gmail.com

Phone: Cheryl (Treasurer) on 0408 588 099

Phone: Michelle Gatt (President) on 0423 346 867

Or alternatively speak with our executive team that contacted you, Jeanette Ryan, Samantha Bavister or Norma Lynden.



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Michelle Gatt Woongarrah P&C President

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICES FROM LOWES**







## WOONGARAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

GIRLS ALL SEASONS UNIFORM		RRP		
	Navy/Sky Check Dress	\$58.95		
	Sky Blue Polo Top	\$35.95		
	S/S Sky Blouse	\$35.95		
	Navy/Sky Check Culottes	\$44.95		
	Navy Fleece Jacket	\$47.95		
	Navy Microfibre Jacket	\$59.95		
	Navy Blocker Pants	\$29.95		
	Delight Navy Ankle Socks	\$5.95		
	Trafalgar Saxe Blue Crew Socks	\$5.95		
	Navy Tights	\$12.95		
	Navy Slouch Hat	\$20.95		
BOYS ALL SE	ASONS UNIFORM			
	Sky Blue Polo Top	\$35.95		
	S/S Sky Shirt	\$32.95		
	Navy Blocker Shorts	\$24.95		
	Navy Blocker Pants	\$29.95		
	Navy Fleece Jacket	\$47.95		
	Navy Microfibre Jacket	\$59.95		
	Trafalgar Navy Crew Socks	\$5.95		
	Navy Slouch Hat	\$20.95		
SENIOR POLO OPTION				
	Navy/Sky Coolmesh With Emb (Senior)	\$39.95		
SPORTS				
	Sky Blue Polo Top	\$35.95		
	Navy Microfibre Shorts	\$33.95		
	Navy Microfibre Trackpants	\$29.95		
	White Sport Socks	\$5.95		
	Navy Slouch Hat	\$20.95		
BAG				
	Navy Backpack	\$59.95		

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