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NEWSLETTER

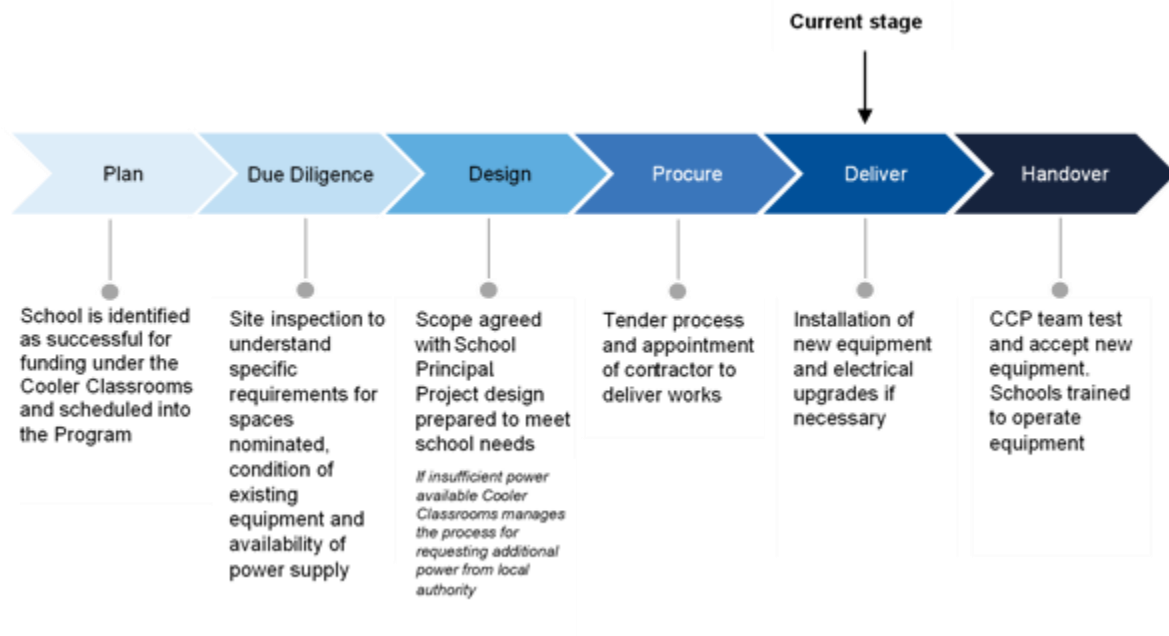
Issue 9

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

AIR CONDITIONING IS ON THE WAY

I was rather excited to learn that the contract for the installation of Cooler Classrooms works at Woongarra Public School has been successfully awarded and we now start the delivery phase. It is expected the installation phase may take between 10-12 weeks, dependent on the scope of works for the school. I shall keep you informed.

The below diagram represents our school's current stage in the Cooler Classrooms process.



K-10 EVERYDAY MATHS HUB

The evidence shows that when parents and carers engage with schools on mathematics and numeracy, students' engagement with and attitude toward maths is enhanced.

[The Everyday Maths Hub](#) has been designed to support families to:

- develop and support positive attitudes towards mathematics and numeracy at home
- empower their children to think critically and creatively
- find and solve problems
- notice and wonder about the mathematics in the world around them

WHAT WORKS BEST – AT HOME

The second theme in *What Works Best* is **Explicit Teaching**. Students learn best when teaching is explicit, especially when learning something new.

Explicit teaching involves teachers clearly explaining to students why they are learning something, how it connects to what they already know, what they expect students to do, how to do it and what it looks like when they have succeeded.

Check in with your child

- For primary and secondary school students: Tell me about something you learnt today. Did you find it easy to learn, or did you need to ask a few questions? How could you tell when you 'got it'?

KINDERGARTEN 2022



Woongarra Public School
KINDERGARTEN
2022

Kindergarten Orientation Dates

- Tuesday 17 August, 9:30-12:30
- Tuesday 24 August, 9:30-12:30
- Tuesday 9 November, 9:30-12:30
- Tuesday 16 November, 9:30-12:30

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Please enrol now for Kindergarten 2022. Interviews with the Principal have commenced, and I am hoping to have these completed before orientation begins in August.

Apply online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment>

BAN ON STUDENTS, STAFF AND VISITORS BRINGING KNIVES TO SCHOOLS

The Department of Education has a paramount duty to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff in attendance at its schools. This is a duty that the Department and I as Principal of Woongarra PS take very seriously. You have a right to expect, when sending your children to school, that they will be safe.

We also have legal obligations under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 to eliminate or minimise risks to health and safety (so far as is reasonably practicable).

The Department already has a strict policy specifying no weapons being allowed at school. To date there has been a legal exemption for knives carried for religious purposes (including a kirpan carried by some Sikh students). Following a recent incident, the Department has now implemented a temporary ban on students, staff and visitors carrying any form of knife into government schools (including those carried for religious purposes). This temporary ban is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff at all of our schools.

The Department is currently working with a range of community stakeholders including religious organisations to develop a new policy to enable students, where appropriate, to continue to express their faith, while still maintaining safety within the school context.

From Wednesday 19 May 2021, and until further notice, no students may carry a knife while at school, even those worn for genuine religious reasons. We request that parents and carers talk with their children to make sure they understand this change. Knives carried for religious purposes, including kirpans, will need to be kept at home for the foreseeable future.

We recognise this is a sensitive issue for many within the community and wish to assure you that the Department will be working urgently to find a solution which respects every student's faith alongside the safety of everyone in our school.

We ask all parents to support the school with these changes, parent information on knives in schools can be found on the [No knives at school – parent factsheet](#). Parents may also find the information on the [No knives at school – student factsheet](#) useful in their discussions with their children.

QUALITY TEACHING ROUNDS

This semester Mrs Black, Miss Baker, Mrs Lee and Ms Ella, will be taking part in the Quality Teaching Rounds. The Rounds at Woongarra PS are supported by the University of Newcastle and the NSW Department of Education. This professional learning for teachers involves each of the teachers being observed teaching their class a lesson and the group 'coding' each other, the best way it is described to the students is that the teachers are still learning from each other. It is an opportunity for the teachers involved to see how others teach and to have the chance to build up collaborative relationships with others.

Mrs Dempsey QTR Coordinator

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

The Zone Cross Country was held on Friday 21 May 2021 at Wyong Racecourse. We had 54 students represent Woongarra Public School and Ms Miller, Mr Vrolyk and Miss Baker could not have been prouder of the students who participated. The students had to run in very cold and wet conditions, with every student finishing their race with positive attitudes. They represented Woongarra with good manners and great sportsmanship. We would like to congratulate all students who attended. The students were given their ribbons on the day and will be acknowledged at the Week 7 assembly.

We would like to congratulate the students who placed at Zone and are now going on to Sydney North on Friday 4 June 2021. We wish them all the best.

Hudson	1st 8/9yr boys	Aurey	4th 8/9yr girls
Tico	3rd 10yr boys	Ebony	4th 8/9yr girls
Troy	4th 11yr boys	Imogen	3rd 10yr girls
Brayden	5th 12yr boys	Kyah	2nd 11yr girls
Charbell	6th 12yr boys		



Ms. Miller, Mr. Vrolyk & Ms Baker

THE REPTILE PARK

On Tuesday 18 May, Year 1 and 2 went to the Reptile Park and on an excursion.

We went to the picnic area and had recess. Then we walked to the show and we saw lots of animals.

Then we saw other animals and then had lunch.

I felt happy because I held a snake. I had a great day.

There were scaly snakes and I saw feathery cassowaries and fluffy koalas.

By Miriana



On Tuesday 18 May, stage 1 went to the Reptile Park for an excursion.

First we went on a coach so we could get to the Reptile Park. When we got to the Reptile Park we all had out recess and a toilet break.

Then after we walked around and went to a show, Mr Smith put a snake on my leg.

Next we walked around and saw the animals, they were so cute.

Then we had lunch and a break. Then we walked around and saw more animals. Then we left the Reptile Park and

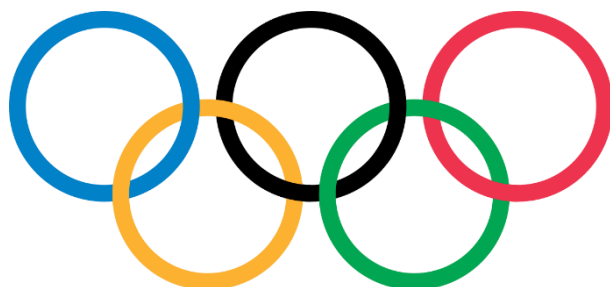
went back to school. Then I went home. I had a great day.

By Indy

OLYMPICS DAY

We are looking forward to our Olympic Day activities. The organisation is as follows:

On **Thursday 3 June** we are having our Olympics Day Team afternoon to learn about the country that students will compete in on our Olympics Day. Students will also colour a flag of their team to wear on Olympics Day. Students have been organised into teams eg Brazil, USA, France, Greece, China, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, Great Britain and Japan.



On **Tuesday 8 June** we will be having our Olympics Day.

9:15-9:45 – K-6 students will participate in the Opening ceremony with torch relay, team march past, reading of the athletes' oath etc.

9:45-10:55 – K-2 students will participate in a variety of Olympic type events, 3-6 students are in class.

Recess

11:40-1:00 - 3-6 students will participate in a variety of Olympic type events, K-2 students are in class.

Lunch

1:50- 2:20 K-6 students will participate in the Closing ceremony.

Unfortunately, due to COVID guidelines we won't be able to accommodate parents at this event.

Mrs Buhr, Mrs Black & Miss Patterson
Olympic day Organisers

	MERIT AWARDS	CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD	QUALITY WORK
HB1	Chloe, Darcy, Kenneth	Laila	Zoey
HB2	Piper, Melody, Jasper	Leonor	Blake, Indy-Rose
HB3	Grace, Wade, Jovi	Eli	Jye
HB4	Shaylee, Tyler, Axel	Zac	Tico
HB5	Jax, Bella	Jackson	Cruz
HB6	Matilda, Elijah	Hendrix	Ivy-Lee
HB7	Claire, Izaac		Jasmine
HB9	Renette, Summah	Renette	Xavier
HB10	William, Alice, Hinewai	Khiden	Flynn, Alice
HB11	Bailee, Ruby, Mia	Annika	Tiffany
HB12	Braxton, Georgia, Khloe	Ari	Dustin
HB13	Georgia, Eden, Ruby, Kobey	Jaxson	
HB14	Keyam, Jett	Savannah	Memphis
HB15	Paige, Vani, Charbell	Rhianna	Roy
HB16	Chelsea, Lilly, Kiara	Ruby-Jane	Dolly
HB21	Zavier, Charlie, Bella	Beau	Georgia
HB22	Nate, Kendra, Jayden	Evelyn	Hayley



Jasper HB12
Kaden HB6

PARLIAMENT REPORT TERM2 WEEK 5

Parliament met last week at our Learning Circle. The Ministers lead the meeting and the SRC representatives for each class shared the results of their class meeting from the week before.

Some of the positives shared by the students were:

- Overwhelmingly it has been great to return to a K – 6 playground.
- Most students are speaking appropriately to each other
- The library is open at recess and lunch again
- There is less rubbish in the playground
- The chickens are happy and are laying eggs
- There are lots of extra-curricular activities on
- Games set up under the COLA

Some issues arising (great conversations starters):

- Hanging out in the bathrooms
- Inappropriate language (swearing etc) towards others
- Parents parking in the bus zone at the front of the school so then it's not safe for us
- Respect for all teachers

Parliament discussed some goals to work towards before the next meeting. Some suggestions were:

- Help Kindy with the playground rules
- Model behaviour for Year 5 and 6 students
- Revisit the school rules for the whole school
- Being a fair sport
- Showing respect

Parliament decided to work on the goal of revisiting the school rules for the whole school. The Ministers will make time to discuss this with the Mrs Clarkson and report back at the next Parliament meeting.

The next class meetings will take place during Week 9 with the next Parliament meeting on Monday of Week 10.

ATTENDANCE DOES MATTER

Woongarra Public School
Percentage Attendance Report 27/01/2021 to 26/05/2021 (72 School Days)

School Year	Boys	Girls	Overall
K	96%	96%	96%
1	94%	95%	94%
2	97%	95%	96%
3	94%	93%	93%
4	92%	93%	93%
5	91%	94%	93%
6	91%	93%	92%

Reminder

Please label ALL of your child's belongings, in particular lunch boxes, drink bottles, and jumpers as we move into the colder weather, so we can return items to your child from lost property.