



# WOONGARRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

**Thursday 3 November**

**NEWSLETTER**

**Term 4 Week 4**

## Learning Fair Open Day

It was lovely to welcome all the families into the school for our Learning Fair last week. We hope you enjoyed seeing your child's work and spending time with them at school. The quality of work on display was outstanding and credit to the students and teachers for putting it all together. We thank you for coming along and strengthening partnerships in the education of our wonderful Woongarra children and we look forward to sharing more events like these in the future.



*Here are some photos of the children with their families celebrating their work that was on display. Don't they look fabulous!*







## Swim School Program – 5 spaces left

The Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The program is conducted over ten days from Monday 5 December to Friday 16 December 2022. Instruction will take place at Toukley Aquatic Centre Pool and each daily lesson is 45 minutes (1:30pm – 2:15pm). Travel will be by bus.

Cost \$50 (reduced from \$80)

Students in Years 2 to 6 who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water are eligible to participate in the program.

Notes available at the office.

Mr Mills

## Aboriginal Education News

On Monday 7 November at 4 pm, there will be a Ngara AECG meeting in the library. At these meetings we share what is happening in schools regarding Aboriginal Education including events, programs and local services. If you are interested in coming along or would like more information about the meeting, please see Ms Miller.

We are currently in the process of updating Personal Learning Pathways (PLPs) for all Aboriginal students. This includes looking at the goals they have achieved this year and ongoing goals they might like to continue into next year. If you would like more information about PLPs, please contact Ms Miller.

Korrine Miller

CT ICT & Innovation | Aboriginal Education Coordinator | Sports Coordinator

## Selective High School Placement Process for Year 7 2024

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2024 opened on 18 October 2022.

Applications will close on 16 November 2022. The due date is strictly observed. Requests for late applications will be approved only under very specific and well-documented circumstances.

Find information about the application and placement process and apply online at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

All candidates are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 4 May 2023.

The online application dashboard enables parents to log in to make updates and add attachments even after an application is submitted. Parents also communicate directly with the Selective Education Unit through the system's messages feature.

Parents having difficulty completing or submitting an application, should contact the Selective Education Unit through their application dashboard or, if unable to do so, by email [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au).

Keep updated on the selective high school placement process at

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

### Selective high schools and opportunity classes

Selective schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students. Learn more about selective schools and opportunity classes here.

[education.nsw.gov.au](https://education.nsw.gov.au)

## Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2023

Please complete an online enrolment form at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>

## Kindergarten Orientation

Students who are fully enrolled can attend Kindergarten Orientation. The dates and times are on the card, and more information will be sent out or emailed to parents of fully enrolled students.



The card features the school's name and logo on the left, a photo of four children in uniform on the right, and orientation dates and contact information at the bottom.

**WOONGARRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL**

*Welcome to our school where great minds grow!*

**Kindergarten Orientation Dates**

Wednesday 16 November  
Wednesday 23 November  
Wednesday 30 November  
Time: 9:30-12:30

63-73 Mataram Rd, Woongarra NSW 2259  
02 4392 7493 [woongarra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:woongarra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Student Leadership Conference at Wyong, Friday 14 October

On Friday the Woongarra Public School leaders went to the Leadership Conference where we learnt about being a leader and teaching us what it meant to be a leader. We had a lot of different activities that we all enjoyed.

When we arrived, we walked through the front door. There were two tables on each side of the hallway, one had name tags with each person's name on it, also a group for us to be in. The other one had a bag with a book, pen and chocolate in it. We walked upstairs into a big hall with about two hundred chairs in it. There were a lot of students from other school. We had a dance warm up from 8:45 to 9:00 am. We had an opening address from the 2023 school captains at Wadalba Community School. A couple of Wadalba students did a singing performance. Two teachers from Bateau Bay talked to us about what it is to be a leader. We then broke out into our groups for an hour. One group was doing dancing that we showcased later, another one was doing STEM activity based on a bird break challenge, there was a workshop learning about Aboriginal things and then there was one where we played a few games led by the high school students. We had morning tea, then we had our other session. We only did three. Then a few groups had lunch

Bonnie and Zoe

## Year 6 Farewell

We are very excited to announce the Year 6 Farewell will be held at Wallarah Bay Recreation Club on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Celebrations will begin from 4.30pm, parents might like to take photos on the foreshore of Tuggerah Lakes before students make their way into the venue at 5pm.

Celebrations will conclude with parents collecting students at 7.30pm.

If parents wish to dine at the restaurant, it is strongly recommended you book at table at [www.thedishgroup.com.au](http://www.thedishgroup.com.au)

A note has been sent home with students, please complete the RSVP and return by 1 December.



## Assemblies

Assemblies are on **Friday starting at 2:15pm**. To limit the number of visitors on site, **parents and carers of the hosting class can attend their child's assembly**. Visitors need to check-in via the QR code at the front gate or the iPad in the front office, sanitise and try to maintain physical distancing. It is highly recommended that visitors wear a mask as the assemblies are inside.

## Term 4 Assembly Roster

Week 4 - K-2 Assembly	HB5 Hosting
Week 5 - 3-6 Assembly	HB4 Hosting
Week 6 - K-2 Assembly	HB7 Hosting
Week 7 - 3-6 Assembly	HB2 Hosting
Week 8 - K-2 Assembly	HB6 Hosting
Week 9 - 2-6 Assembly	HB1 Hosting

## Awards

**Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards**

Kendall	Reed	Maddie	Ruby
Zayah	Reuben	Matilda	Jake
Taylah	Phoenix	Miri	Taylan
Piper	KJ	Claudia	Bianca
Brody	Ivy	Lexi	Charlotte
Rhys	Sienna	Liam	Beau
Imogen	Ayla	Luke	Imogen
Mia	Billy	Violet	Buddy
Knox	Eli		





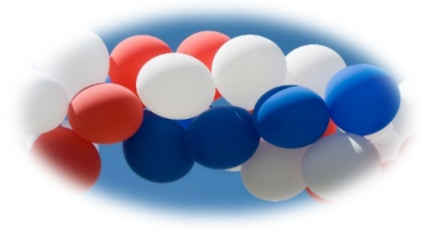
## Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Claire  
Jordan  
Zoe

Sebastian  
Ben  
Akira

William  
Addi  
Oliver



## National Mathematics Talent Quest WINNERS!



Earlier this term HB8 students participated in a mathematics investigation, exploring how they could win an Easter egg guessing competition using maths. The students worked very hard on the investigation where they came up with and explored two possible strategies for guessing how many eggs were in the jar.

The students' work was compiled and sent off to be judged in the Mathematical Association of NSW (MANSW) Investigating with Mathematics Competition in the Year 5 class category. Late last term we received notification that the students gained first place in their category. This was exciting news for the students and they were very proud to be state winners.

Their work was then emailed to South Australia, where it was judged against other state winners in the National Mathematics Talent Quest (NMTQ) and again received FIRST place!

We would like to congratulate the students on their wonderful achievement. Here is their voice in response to winning.



*"At first, I thought the maths was going to be hard but as I kept doing it, it got easier as time went on. I thought Pi was hard, but it got easier because we were making connections to it in the real world."*

Miles



*"I'm so glad that we won the mathematics competition I liked how we got to learn maths that linked to chocolate! Learning maths using an interesting topic was 10x better than having to learn maths on its own. I liked how we tried different strategies to find a solution."*  
Ruby



*"To be the national champions of Australia for the maths competition makes me feel proud of not just me but my classmates. This is a very special moment for me and my class. I liked the investigation especially the part where we thought about how much space the wrapper might take up in the jar."*

Koby



*"I am so glad that we won the maths competition. I liked that we used different strategies. With two strategies we could investigate which one worked better. My favourite part was eating the chocolate eggs and knowing how to win future guessing competitions. I am proud that our school has won three years in a row."*

Aliyah

## From the P&C

Are you in need of a good laugh? We are excited to share that we have booked in a Comedy Night. Join us for Comedy For A Cause with a great line up from the Sydney and Melbourne Comedy Festivals.

Date: 11 November 7.30pm

At: The Ary Toukley (Toukley RSL)

Tickets: \$35 each

Invite your family and friends to join us for this hilarious event. We need a minimum of 50 tickets sold to break even but we are not close to this figure. Can everyone please invite some friends to our event this will help make it a huge success. Please share our post from our Facebook page on your socials.

Tickets available online at:

<https://comedyforacause.net/tc-events/wp/>

Have you made your payment for the Colour Splash Fun Run? Please make your payment through the Flexischools app. Select Order Food then your child's name – the option for Colour Splash Run is the third option on the screen. We are excited for the children to have some fun at school after the past few years we have had! Thank you to the families who have made payment and returned their permission note.

Date: 24 November

Tickets: \$10 per student or \$20 a family



**COLOUR SPLASH**  
WOONGARRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

**TICKETS**  
\$10 PER STUDENT  
\$20 FOR 2 OR MORE STUDENTS

**PAY BY 31ST OCT**

**POSTPONED UNTIL**  
**THURS 24TH NOV 2022**  
1:30PM - 3:00PM AT SCHOOL

PERMISSION FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO PARTICIPATE



**Comedy for a Cause**

**FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2022**  
Doors: 6:30pm / Show: 7:30pm / 18+

Featuring comedians from  
**Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festivals**

[comedyforacause.net/WP](https://comedyforacause.net/WP)

**BOOK NOW! \$35**

**BOOK ONLINE**

**The Ary Toukley**  
Holmes Ave,  
Toukley

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