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

Thursday 20 October

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 2

Learning Fair Open Day afternoon – Tuesday 25 October.

Parents and carers are invited to visit the school on Tuesday 25 October for our delayed Open Classrooms event.

From **1:15 – 1:45** you are invited to join us for a picnic lunch and Learning Fair. Each class is preparing a display to show you the learning that occurs across K-6 in our classrooms. This will be on display in the hall and COLA areas.

You can BYO lunch, or order on Flexischools from our special canteen menu. The canteen has three meal deals for parents or students to choose from:

1. Salad sandwich lettuce carrot tomato cheese with a Small Water or a Popper Apple, OJ, or ABC and a Zooper Dooper
2. Cheeseburger with a Small Water or a Popper Apple, OJ or ABC with a Zooper Dooper
3. Canteen made Macaroni cheese bake with a Small Water or Frozen Fruit cup and a Banana Muffin



At 2pm – 2:45, our classrooms will be open for you to visit.

The **Learning Fair** will remain on display after school from **3 – 3:45pm** for those who might not be able to arrive before pick up time.

We will also have a used **book swap** happening in the afternoon where you can purchase a pre-loved book for a gold coin donation to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

We hope to see you there.

COVID Guidelines updated

Please review the following information and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have further questions

On 30 September, National Cabinet announced that from Friday 14 October 2022, people who test positive to COVID-19 do not need to isolate.

Students and staff should continue to stay at home when sick

Students, staff, and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the [guidance issued by NSW Health](#). We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.

Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask. We will continue to support our families to use rapid antigen tests (RATs) if symptomatic or if you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19. RAT testing may help identify the infection early and is important if you are in contact with people at greater risk of serious illness if exposed to COVID-19.

We are continuing our COVID-smart measures

Our school will continue to operate with our baseline COVID-smart measures in place throughout Term 4 to minimise transmission and keep our school open. This includes a combination of layered safety measures such as maintaining hygiene and cleaning practices, using rapid antigen testing (RAT) when experiencing symptoms, maximising natural ventilation, strongly encouraged vaccinations, and encouraging mask-wearing particularly when indoors and/or physical distancing is not possible.

In certain circumstances, NSW Health and the Department of Education may advise that additional COVID-smart measures be temporarily reintroduced at our school. We will provide further details of any changes to COVID-smart measures at our school, if/when required.

Reporting requirements from 14 October

Please continue to notify the school if your child tests positive to COVID-19 as we will continue to notify the school community of any known positive cases to prioritise student and staff safety and wellbeing.

Non-COVID-19 Vaccinations from NSW Health

Due to the ongoing pandemic and stay-at-home orders that were in place over the previous two years, NSW Health have noted that some children and young people have missed out on the non-COVID school-based vaccination programs that they would have taken part in. The department would like to remind parents and carers to make sure that all of their child's vaccinations are up to date, including other non-COVID vaccinations. If you are unsure about whether your child has missed any vaccinations, speak to your GP or go to [NSW Health's Immunisation requirements in primary and secondary schools](#).

On behalf of our school, I want to thank you again for your ongoing support in helping to keep our students, staff, and community safe.

School Swimming and Water Safety Program – 20 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.

We have sixty spots available which usually fill up quickly. The first sixty students with payment and Consent Form into the Office will be accepted. Notes are available from the office.

Mr Mills

Selective High School Placement Process for Year 7 2024

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2024 open 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.

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.

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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.



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 2 – 3-6 Assembly Friday 21 October starting at 12 noon	HB16 Hosting
Week 2 – K-2 Assembly Friday 21 October starting at 2:15	HB9 Hosting
Week 3 - 3-6 Assembly	HB3 Hosting
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

Logan	Pippa
Eli	Lillian
Mikayla	Jacob
Conor	



Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Sienna	Skylar
Victoria	Hendrix
Oliver	



From the P&C

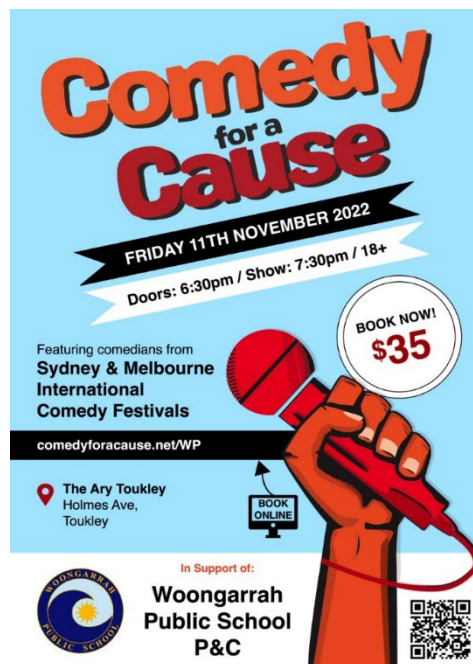
Are you in need of a good laugh? We are excited to share that we have booked in a Comedy Night.
Join us for Comedy for A Cause

Date: 11 November 7.30pm
At: The Ary Toukley (Toukley RSL)
Tickets: \$35 each

There is a great line up from the Sydney and Melbourne Comedy Festivals.

Invite your family and friends to join us for this hilarious event. We need a minimum of 50 tickets sold to break even if everyone can 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.

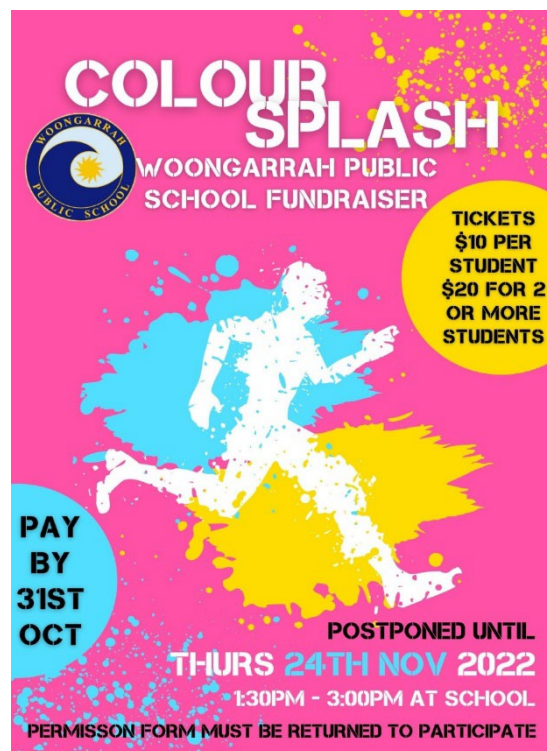
Tickets online <https://comedyforacause.net/tc-events/wp/>



Colour Splash Fun Run payments close on 31 October, 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

Woongarra P&C would like to thank our school community for supporting our Father's Day event. This event was full of happy families which was so lovely to see. The P&C wanted to advise we raised a whopping \$4,572.22 from this event! A huge thank you to our major sponsor Improved Disability Services and also our raffle sponsor Mortgage Choice Charmhaven. If you are looking for a Mortgage Broker please reach out to Ian www.mortgagechoice.com.au/ian.manieri/ who is also donating an additional \$200 for any new home loan or refinance they write over \$250,000, whenever our school is mentioned. Thank you, Ian. Both of these sponsors are families at the school we have a great community!



Did you know that you can donate any old school uniforms to the P&C for our second uniform shop, if you have small sizes these will be handy for our Kindy families starting next year.

Next meeting will be 2nd November at 7.30 pm via zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZwscO6prj0uG9Z9Cibnwn5w76rZCoUbaFJA>

Thank you
Michelle Gatt
President