



# WOONGARRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

**Thursday 2 November**

**NEWSLETTER**

**Term 4 Week 4**

## Fortnight in Review

What a fun filled busy fortnight we have had here at Woongarra Public School! It is a truly wonderful experience to celebrate events with a unified Woongarra Community spirit. Our P&C, our families, grandparents and the Woongarra Staff worked side by side for some great activities for our wonderful students to enjoy this past fortnight.

## Colour Splash Run

We saw our students, staff and families turning into colourful transformations as they passed through some tricky obstacles at our colour splash event. A big thank you to everyone for the hard work involved preparing the event and for the overwhelming participation numbers and the wonderful behaviour from our students on the day. A special thank you to the P&C who worked tirelessly to make the day a fun successful day and raising \$3560.00. Thank you to Mrs Khan and Mrs Hearne for the extracurricular time they put in to ensure the school organisation ran smoothly. A fantastic day!



## Grandparents Day



Then came Grandparents Day which showed an overwhelming response from the many caring grandparents and extended family members as they flooded through our gates to celebrate with our fantastic students who, proudly showed off their wonderful learning environment. Every seat was filled and there was standing room only. "Build it and they will come" mixed with an old African Proverb "it takes many people to provide a safe, healthy environment for children, where children are given the security, they need to develop and flourish, and to be able to realise their hopes and dreams." Our students are lucky to have such a supportive Woongarra Community working together building their abilities to realise their hopes and dreams. Thank you to the P&C for the fantastic morning tea. Thank you to Mrs Khan and Mrs Hearne for the great organisation to make the day a great success.

## Teddy Bears Picnic and Kindy O

Yesterday we welcomed our 2024 Kindy students and their families to Woongarra Public School with our Teddy Bears Picnic. It was so exciting to see our current kindergarten students sharing and guiding our new 2024 students across some fun activities. They all received a new Woongarra Teddy to take home. Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Buhr welcomed the 2024 students and parents explaining the Kindy Orientation experience which spans across four weeks. Our wonderful SLSOs supported the students with the groups and activities. Our amazing Kindergarten Team ran the activities, a special mention to Mrs Johnson who shared the Teddy Bear Picnic Story, Mrs Cranstone who held the art activity, Mrs Gillan who ran the parachute activity and Mrs Rawson who ran the play based activities & made the beautiful photo booth where many memories were created. It was a great start to our Kindy O Program!



## Swimming Scheme

We also saw the start of our two-week Swim Scheme Program where our students are learning some great swimming skills and water safety at Toukley Aquatic Centre, coordinated by Mr Mills Mrs Hindson and Mrs McGilvray.

## Choral Festival

Our students sung so beautifully at the Choral Festival last week. A big thank you to Mrs le Loux and Mrs Baker for the many hours spent all year to create such a talented choir.

Term 4 is always a busy term, and we can't thank you all enough for supporting us to ensure our students are at the forefront of a successful Term.

## What's Coming Up!

### Stage 3 Camp.

Our Stage 3 Team are busily finalising our Stage 3 Camp. Please if you haven't registered with the camp, please do so on the link below:

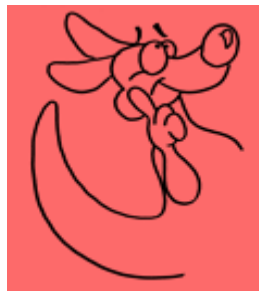
<https://officeofsport.ungerboeck.com/prod/emc00/register.aspx?eid=TFRZaHYxbjFuMkV4aWgyM0tOQUJJoQT090>

Final Payment is required to attend the Camp by 13/11/2023, so please ensure that you have made your final camp payments by 19/11/2023 at the very latest, to ensure your child can attend.

## K-2 Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 9 November, we will be holding our K-2 Athletics Carnival between 9 and 11 at school. Students have been advised of their house group and are asked to wear on the day a coloured shirt of their house group colour e.g. goanna – green, kangaroo – red, platypus – yellow and dolphin – blue. Students need to wear joggers, shorts, and their hat.

Students will attend a House meeting on Monday to learn their team's chants. On Thursday we will start with students sitting in their house groups and saying their house chants. We will then have age races. After the age races we will have a short fruit and drink break and then students will be organised into year groups to complete athletics carnival events e.g., egg and spoon races, relays, etc. At Recess the carnival will conclude, and students will return to class. We aim to promote participation and engagement whilst enjoying in fun and safe activities. Parents and other family guests are invited to attend the K-2 Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Mrs Johnson and Mrs Cranstone for organising our K-2 Athletics Carnival



## Special Staff Recognition

### NSW Primary Principals Award for Fellowship

We would like to share a success with you all. Leonie Clarkson attended the NSW Principals Conference last week. She was presented with a highly distinguished state award for Fellowship by Murat Dizdar.

**FELLOWSHIP of the Association** is bestowed upon a member whose service to Education and to the Association is both long-standing and exemplary.

Leonie is an excellent educator who is driven by providing students with the best possible education pathway for a successful transition through their Educational Journey.

Leonie is a true leader who has dedicated many years in her career supporting teachers, students, communities and her many peers to achieve their full potential.

We are very proud of Leonie's achievement and are so fortunate to have her as our Principal.



## World Teachers Day



We were thrilled to nominate Mrs Natasha Stanford for a Central Coast World Teachers Day award. Mrs Stanford received her award at a special event held at Mingara this week to celebrate some of our amazing teachers working in Central Coast Public Schools and Secondary schools.

The citation read: For her leadership, dedication and expertise in building the capability of teachers at Woongarrah PS in effective, evidence-based literacy and numeracy teaching and assessment practices for improved student learning outcomes.

On World Teachers Day Friday 27 October, we acknowledged the fantastic team of teachers we have at Woongarrah Public School. Their professional and highly commended teaching skills not only encourages our students skills to achieve many great things. Thank you to the P&C who put on a spectacular lunch to celebrate World Teachers Day.

Georgie  
Ariel  
Chelsea  
Harper  
Kora  
Jordi  
Kooper  
Callie  
Karlee  
Jackson  
Maisie

## KINDERGARTEN



## 100% ATTENDANCE TERM 3

Claire  
Victoria  
Raffity  
Vann  
Nixon  
Harry  
Zoe  
Knox  
Ivy-Lee  
Amelia  
Tatum  
Connor

## YEAR 2

Pippa  
Talan  
Kaiya  
Imogen  
Ruby  
Kendall

## YEAR 1

Winston  
Rhys  
Melody  
Taj  
Hannah  
Laila  
Ebony  
Chloe

## YEAR 5

Arliyah  
Jacob  
Hudson  
Wade  
Blake  
Navayah  
Sienna

## YEAR 6

Ethan  
Aylah-Jae  
Indiannah  
Sebastian  
Abbey

## YEAR 3

Mia-Rose  
Tiffany  
Isabella  
Lukas  
Aaylah  
Hank  
Rachel

## YEAR 4

### Library News

It is almost time to finish borrowing for the year. So many of our students are regular borrowers at our school, making great use of our wonderful library. Hopefully you have enjoyed reading some fantastic books as a family throughout the year. We will soon be sending home overdue reminders for books which were due last term or earlier. For the books which have been overdue for longer than 12 months we will be sending payable accounts through Sentral. If you believe you have received an overdue note for books already returned, please let me know.

Regards,  
Sharon Gilbert  
Teacher Librarian



## LITERACY AND NUMERACY @ WPS

## Just Tricking in Stage 2

Stage 2 teachers and students have been trialling a unit of work based on the new English Syllabus. They are reading *Just Tricking* by Andy Griffiths with a focus on narrative and characterisation. One of the tasks required students to use adjectives to describe a person by exaggerating their attributes and draw their character.



## My sister

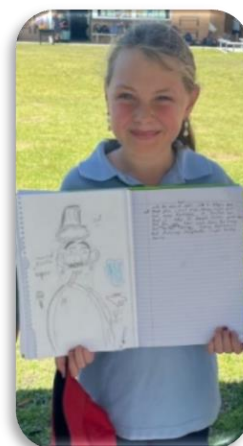
With long, brown, straw like hair and freckles galore, you can't miss her living in a large, strong house (with an amazing brother). She has large, rosy cheeks with a mouth as big as an elephant. Although she is energetic, she can be pretty lazy.

Angus, HB 4

## My friend

With the nose that looks like a huge dog, you can't miss crazy eyes that have long eyelashes. She wears a bucket hat that is way too huge on her. With her giant ears she can hear you from far away that dangle with beautiful butterfly earrings. To finish off she has hairy eyebrows, bad disgusting sharp teeth and huge bushy hair.

Violet, HB4



## Me

He has a mouth the size of an elephant and some hands like Hulk! He has loads of freckles and missing teeth. His hands are almost the size of his head with a giant nose. He has big eyebrows with eyes the size of a Band-Aid, you can barely see them. He sleeps on a table, he can't afford a real bed. He lives under the table in front of the school on the streets.

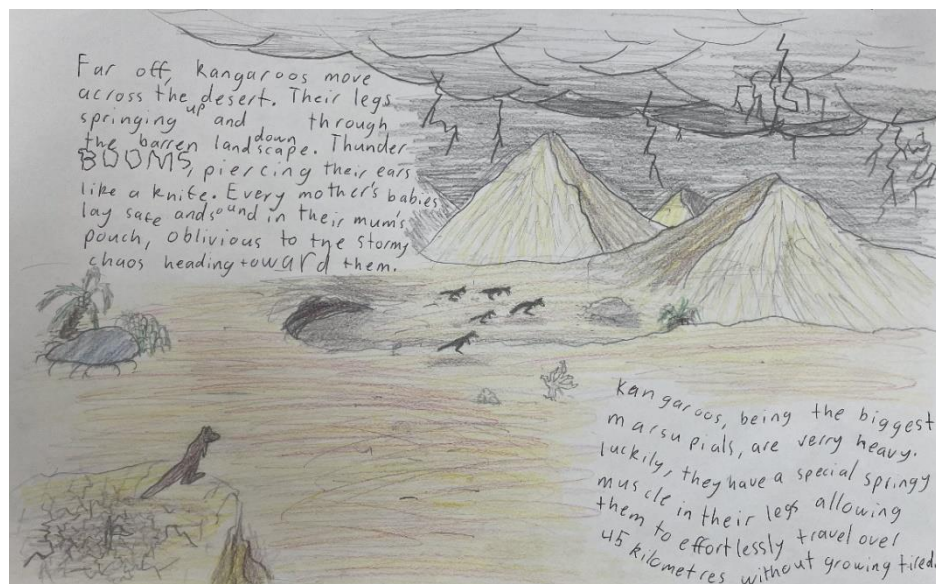
Logan, HB4

## Desert Lake in Stage 3

Stage 3 teachers and students have been trialling a unit of work based on the new English Syllabus. They are reading *Desert Lake* by Pamela Freeman and exploring the Kati-Thunda National Park website with a focus on genre, argument and authority. One of the tasks required students to write about kangaroos informatively and then as a literary description.



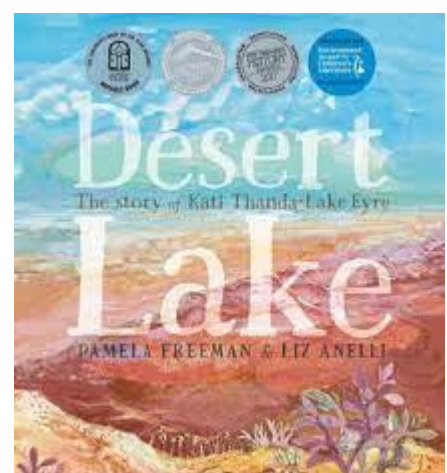
Matilda, Leonor, and Leila from HB15



By Jesse, HB15



Max, Noah, and Andrea from HB7





## P&C News

### Colour Splash

What a fabulous afternoon it was great to see so many smiling faces, volunteers and colour!! We will have a wrap up after our next meeting to share with you.

### Teacher Appreciation Day

The P&C supplied lunch for our amazing teachers at Woongarra Public School to thank them for all their hard work! We do appreciate what you do for our children and school.

### Grandparents Day

What a turn out!!! Thank you to the school for organising everyone had an enjoyable morning. The P&C enjoyed supplying morning tea and meeting some grandparents!

### Upcoming Meetings

Do you want to have your say in how the P&C plans future events and fundraisers? We'd love to hear from you! Please join us for any of our upcoming meetings.

Our next general meeting is on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9:15am in the school hall**. New faces and voices are always welcome!

### Volunteers

It was so nice to see do many help for the colour splash. The P&C rely on our community to help!! We cannot sustain with only a small amount of regular volunteers. When you volunteer you put in the time you want, more hands make light work which we enjoyed at the colour splash. For your children or grandchildren please consider joining us to make our community and events even better! Thank you.

### Christmas Raffle

We are getting into the second half of the year now and the P&C are beginning to plan our Christmas raffle for the end of the year. For this to happen, we are asking for any businesses or families if they would like to get involved by donating gifts, services or money to please reach out via Facebook or email

us([woongarrahpandc@gmail.com](mailto:woongarrahpandc@gmail.com)). We would love to work with you and in return, can offer advertising for your sponsorship when the event is promoted. Any donations are greatly appreciated and go back directly to helping the school community. We hope to hear from you soon!

Michelle Gatt  
President

## What's on at Woongarra Public School

### WEEK 4

#### FRIDAY 3 NOV

3-6 Assembly HB3 2.15pm -3pm

### WEEK 5

#### MONDAY 30 OCT – 10 NOV

Swimming Scheme 1pm-3pm

#### WEDNESDAY – 8 NOV

Kindy O – Parent Info in Hall

Kindy O 9.30am-12.30pm

#### THURSDAY – 9 NOV

K-2 Athletics Carnival 9am – 11am

#### FRIDAY 10 NOV

K-2 Assembly HB9 2:15pm - 3pm

### WEEK 6

#### WEDNESDAY 15 NOV

Year 3-6 League Tag Gala Day

Wadalba Community School Sports Day

Kindy O 9.30am-12.30pm

#### FRIDAY 17 NOV

SRC – Crazy Sock Day

MacKillop Orientation Day – Yr6

3-6 Assembly HB2 2.15pm -3pm

### WEEK 7

#### WEDNESDAY 22 NOV

Kindy O 9.30am-12.30pm

#### THURSDAY

Ngara Assembly Rehearsal 10.00am

#### FRIDAY 24 NOV

K-2 Assembly HB6 2.15pm -3pm

### WEEK 8

#### MONDAY 27 NOV – WENESDAY 29 NOV

Stage 3 Camp – Broken Bay

#### TUESDAY 28 NOV

High School Orientation Day

#### THURSDAY 30 NOV

Thank You Morning Tea

#### FRIDAY 1 DEC

3-6 Assembly HB1 2.15pm -3pm

### WEEK 9

#### MONDAY 4 DEC

Review Meetings

#### WEDNESDAY 6 DEC

Presentation Day: Y3-6 9.30am/K-2 11.45am

#### THURSDAY 7 DEC

Review Meetings

#### FRIDAY 8 DEC

Ngara Assembly 9.30am Wyong HS

3-6 Assembly HB5 2.15pm -3pm

### WEEK 10

#### MONDAY 11 DEC

Super Gold Day – Ninja's

#### WEDNESDAY

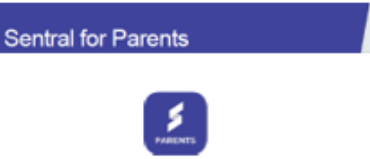
Year 6 Farewell – Wallarah Bay 4.30-7.30pm

#### FRIDAY 15 DEC

Last Day for Students

Year 6 Farewell Assembly

## Some Sentral Tips

PARENT GUIDE TO SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL APP			
<b>Newsletters</b> Parents can view current and past newsletters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click Newsletters tile</li> <li>The Newsletters menu will open in the App</li> <li>Parents can download Newsletter or view</li> </ul>	<b>Absences</b> To explain and view absences or advise of future absences. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click Absences Tile</li> <li>Click '+' to advise of Future Absence</li> <li>Select Unexplained Absence to provide an explanation</li> </ul>	<b>Forms – To be Introduced</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click Form Icon and select Forms</li> <li>The School Forms menu item from Portal will open in the App</li> <li>View forms from school</li> <li>Upload completed forms back to school</li> </ul>	
<b>Resources – To be introduced</b> Parents can view Documents uploaded by school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click Resources Tile</li> <li>The Resources menu item from Portal will open in the App</li> <li>Parents can download any document/resource available to them</li> <li>If in a News Feed, Click Newsfeed Tile, open News feed item and click on Download to view document</li> </ul>	<b>Attendance</b> To access your child's attendance report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click on your Child's Picture from the Home Screen</li> <li>Select Student Details</li> <li>Select Attendance</li> <li>This will show you the percentages by term for the year</li> <li>Click the View Attendance Summary which will show you a Heat Map for absences in the current year</li> </ul>	<b>Interviews</b> Allows Parents to book the annual parent/teacher interviews. This will only be opened when the annual interviews bookings are required by school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click Interviews Tile</li> <li>The Interviews menu item from Portal will open in the App</li> <li>Parents can book and edit (based on interview settings) during registration times</li> <li>Parents can view booked dates/times whilst sessions are current/future</li> </ul>	<b>Settings</b> Settings via the Settings cog in the App  <b>Account Details</b> View and Manage Account details such as contact details and emergency contacts.  <b>Notifications</b> Set Push Notifications on or off for App  <b>Manage Access Key(s)</b> Add or delete Access Keys for access to students  <b>Logout</b> Logout of App
<b>Newsfeed</b> To view newsfeed items sent by school that have an Action Required and/or Push Notification eg: Information, Excursion/Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click Newsfeed Icon</li> </ul> Newsfeed will be ordered with Action Required by date (most recent first), then no Action Required by date (most recent first)	<b>Payments</b> Parents make Payments towards Activities and other school bills set up in Sentral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click Payments Tile</li> <li>The Payments menu item from Portal will open in the App</li> </ul> Parents can make payments and view Paid amounts	<b>Reports</b> To access your child's academic report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click on your Child's Picture</li> <li>Select Academic Reports</li> <li>Select the report that you require</li> </ul>	<b>FAQ</b> A list of Frequently Asked Questions and access to Support and Feedback

## SAVER PLUS

This is Leonie from **The Smith Family** working on the **Saver Plus** program that supports eligible parents with **\$500** matched savings and free financial education. The matched funds can be used for education expenses including **laptop, school uniforms** and other education items. This news will help builds **positive relationships with current and new parents**.

Saver Plus is funded by the Department of Social Services and is the Australian longest financial education program for community, having more than 50,000 participants since 2003. RMIT University has conducted evaluation showing Saver Plus is effective to help people develop medium-long term saving habits.

More information can be found in the attached program flyer and the link <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/programs/financial/saver-plus>



**Very Short Saver Plus Video 1:53** <https://youtu.be/Ne6EnOJ9UhA>

Enquire now to see if you are eligible- link is –

<https://www.bsl.org.au/services/saving-and-managing-money/saver-plus/saver-plus-enquiry-form/>

**Leonie Sykes**

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