



# WOONGARRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

**Thursday 1 June**

**NEWSLETTER**

**Term 2 Week 6**

## From the Principal:

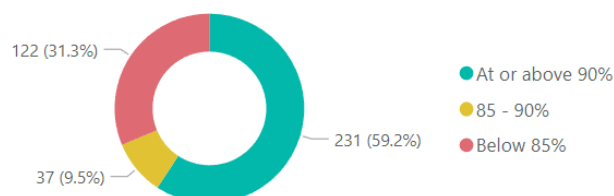
### Curriculum Partnerships Schools Project Success

We are very excited to have been selected as one of the first five schools to participate in the Curriculum Partnerships Schools Project to develop units of work for the new English Curriculum for Years 3-6. When complete, these units will be available to all schools in NSW. Mrs Stanford, as our Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction, will be working on this project with Mrs Le Loux and Mrs Khan for the last four weeks of this term. As such, HB3 and HB7 will have temporary teachers for Weeks 7-10 this term and we welcome Miss Dickson on HB7 and Miss Gilbert on HB3.

## Attendance

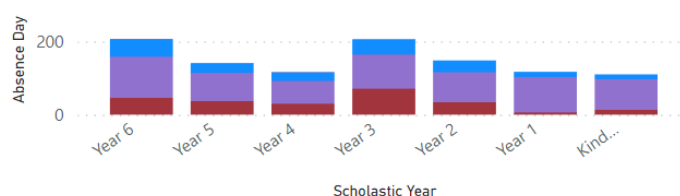
Below are our attendance statistics for Term 2 so far. Attendance awards and a special treat are given out every 2 weeks to students that have 100% attendance for those 2 weeks. Congratulations to the students that have received these awards in Week 2 and 4. We are monitoring students whose attendance is less than 80% or at educational risk. We are also monitoring unexplained absences, so please send in an email, a Skoolbag or Sentral notification or ring the office to explain students' absences. Thank you to the parents that explain all student absences.

Attendance Level



Absences by Cohort, Absence Type

Absence Type: Leave (red), Sick (purple), Unexplained (blue), Unjustified (dark blue)



## From The Office:



### Lost Property

There is a large amount of clothing with no names on currently in our lost property. Please come to the office if your child has misplaced any unnamed items.

All unclaimed clothing will be donated to charity at the end of term.

## Upcoming Events

### Term 2 Dates

- 2 June – Jump Rope for Heart Jump off
- 2 June – Mufti Day – gold coin donation
- 5 June – Review meetings
- 12 June – Wellbeing week
- 14 June – K-2 Responsible Pets incursion
- 19 June – Review meetings
- 26 June – Central Coast Dance Festival Performance
- 27 June – NAIDOC day

### Stage 3 Excursion to Bradleys Head

Yesterday, Stage 3 went on an excursion to Sydney to support our science unit 'Adaptations and survival' of animals and plants. The weather was perfect, and students were put into 4 different groups under the guidance of Local National Parks and Wildlife rangers. Students went on a 'Bug Hunt' to locate and identify as many different bugs as possible in a specific area of the bush. Students were given a tray with a paintbrush, scoop, and a plastic jar to place the insects in. The rangers told the students that up to 100 bugs could live in just one tree. Another way to find bugs was to shake a tree branch over a white sheet of paper to see what falls onto the sheet. The rangers explained that every insect in the ecosystem had a part to play in the wider environment, and why National Parks were so important in the preservation and conservation of species.



The second activity was creating your own bug or animal and giving it a name, what it looks like and the specific adaptations or survival mechanisms that it needs to survive at Bradleys Head. Students looked at



preserved specimens including a sugar glider, tawny frogmouth and brush-tailed possum that had previously lived within the Bradleys Head area. The students learnt what was special about the specimens to enable them to thrive in that specific environment. Stage 3 also witnessed firsthand how the kookaburras, currawongs and brush-turkeys had adapted to live in a National Park, side by side with so many visitors, when a few cheeky residents stole Mrs Le Loux's sandwich!!

Lastly, rangers took their groups on a guided bushwalk to identify as many plant species as possible, to see how plants have adapted to a coastal environment, and how they survive the often-harsh conditions. Ranger Steve even showed students how to hear if a tree was drinking water.

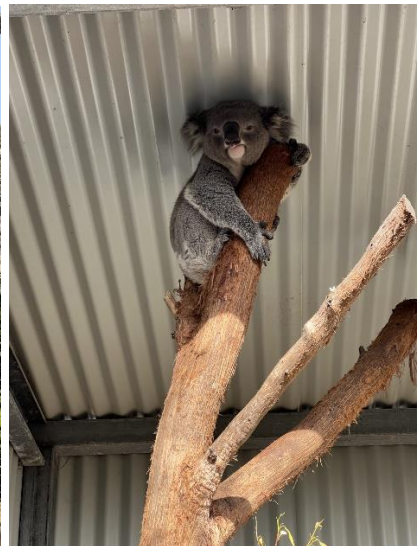
The students had a wonderful day, and they should be proud of the way they represented our school!





## Kindergarten Hunter Valley Zoo excursion

On Wednesday 31 May, Kindergarten students attended the Hunter Valley Zoo excursion as part of their science unit "Living Things". Students had a great time learning about the different animals and they enjoyed their first excursion. Thank you to Mrs Johnson for organising the excursion and the staff that attended.



## Premier's Spelling Bee

The Premier's Spelling Bee is happening this term in years 3-6. It is an optional activity. In the coming week, teachers will ask the students in their class if they would like to participate. Interested students will receive a list of words to practise at home and a list is also made available in the classroom for practice. Classes will hold their own spelling bee where two class finalists will be selected to progress to the stage finals in week 10 this term.

If you would like more information or access to the lists from home, the following link will take you to the spelling bee website and will allow you to access the word lists. The lists are password protected and you will need to enter the password **beeswax** for them to download.

<https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/nsw-premiers-spelling-bee>

Happy spelling!



## Zone Cross Country

It was another successful carnival for Woongarra Public School with many personal best results as well as a terrific, combined team effort of first placed school overall! Outstanding! Our winning streak continues.

Congratulations to all the competitors for their excellent behaviour and results. You should be very proud of the way you represented your school on the day.

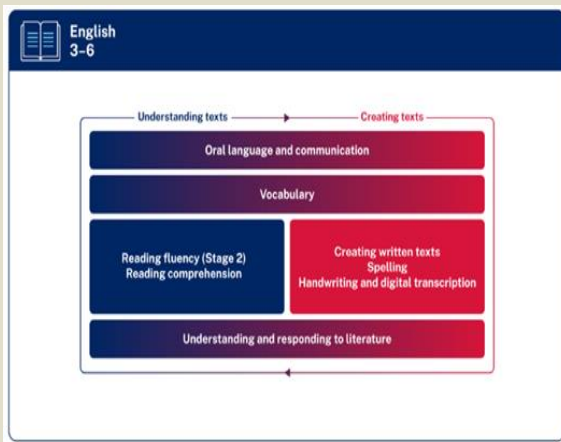


The students highlighted in green will be heading to the Sydney North carnival on Thursday 15 June.

8/9 Boys	Results	8/9 Girls	Results
Rory B	88th	Ivy F	1st
Angus G	10th	Clara G	2nd
Kai H	26th	Memphis M	14th
Owen K	27th	Haylee S	7th
Nixon H		Zarie S	10th
Lovell K	20th	Penelope R	11th
10 Boys	Results	10 Girls	Results
Conor D	12th	Morgan R	4th
Oliver H	21st	Aaylah G	6th
Lukas F	44th	Annika H	74th
Harrison C		Miri L	76th
Jett C	46th	Mia-Rose B	73rd
Cooper B	62nd		
11 Boys	Results	11 Girls	Results
Noah B	2nd	Chloe R	3rd
Tyler F	4th	Ebony P	6th
Hudson D	26th	Juliette C	15th
Taj K	39th	Hannah L	12th
Jake R	34th	Layla G	27th
Jasper H	43rd	Navaia M	28th
12/13 Boys	Results	12/13 Girls	Results
Jaxson V	25th	Imogen C	6th
Jacob M	38th	Ruby R	13th
Jovi H	18th	Matilda R	31st
Axel W	40th	Chelsea M	38th
Jake B	33rd	Indy W	53rd
Max F	47th	Tahnee V	26th



## LITERACY AND NUMERACY @ WPS



### Fluency, the bridge to comprehension.

Fluency is a critical component in early reading. It is often described as the 'bridge' from decoding to comprehension. A fluent reader is expressive, accurate and reads at a good pace. As students have more opportunities to practice reading, the more automatic it becomes, freeing up cognitive space for them to access the meaning of what they are reading.

Rereading a book provides opportunities for repeated practice and allows children to build their confidence with the text. Rereading supports students to notice other aspects of the story, such as vocabulary and punctuation which ultimately supports the overall message of the text being understood.

Classes in Years 2-6 have been working hard on developing their fluency. The students can be seen here participating in a routine called 'fluency pairs' where one student reads a small passage while the other student follows. They support each other to focus on the learning intention of the lesson and when the first partner finishes reading, the listener gives feedback based on the success criteria. The partners then swap and continue taking turns until the 5 minutes is up. Students take on the feedback and try to improve their fluency each time they read.



### Tips for developing fluency at home

- **Read aloud to your child** - it's helpful for your child to hear someone more practiced read to them regardless of age and this will provide an example of how fluent reading sounds.
- **Work on good decoding skills** – fluency can be impacted by difficulties with understanding how the pieces of words are manipulated to make new words. Help your child decode words by building speed and accuracy with words that contain known letter patterns. Swap around sounds and make new words from known words.
- **Build sight word vocabulary** - Support your child to quickly recognise common words when they see them. Put common words around the house, play card games with them and find them in books.
- **Paired reading** – alternate sentences while you read with your child or read aloud together.
- **Echo reading** - If your child struggles to read with expression, try reading a section and then having him "echo" you, using the same intonations and emphasis you used.

## Merit Awards

### MERIT AWARDS

Kora  
Reed  
Billy  
Ashton  
Ollie  
Pippa  
Kayleigh

## Birthdays



Georgie  
Maddison  
Oliver  
Callie  
Ashton  
Ivy-Lee  
Mindy  
Kyah  
Ruby  
Jonathan  
Breanna

## Assemblies

Week	Day	Year	Hosting
6	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	3-6	HB3
7	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	K-2	HB10
8	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	3-6	HB2
9	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	K-2	HB5
10	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	3-6	HB1



## Canteen Online Order System

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- Removes paper orders and cash
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## Canteen News

EARLY START		SANDWICHES WRAPS & ROLLS		ALL DAY SNACKS	
Warm Cheese & Ham Roll	\$2.50	<b>All can be toasted</b>		Ham & Cheese Pocket	\$1.00
Hot Milo	\$1.20	<b>White rolls &amp; Wraps (extra)</b>	<b>\$0.60</b>	Warm Macaroni & Cheese Cups	\$1.20
Pikelets Plain, Butter or Jam	\$0.40	Vegemite/ Honey/ Jam	\$2.00	Large Beef Steamed Dim Sims	\$0.60c
House made Muffins Blueberry, Apple cinnamon	\$0.50	Cheese/ Baked Beans/ Spaghetti/Egg & Mayo	\$2.50	Fresh Fruit Kebabs	\$1.00
Hot Ham & Cheese Pocket	\$1.00	Ham/ Chicken/ Tuna/ Salmon	\$3.00	Fresh Fruit Salad OR Watermelon Cups	Sm \$1.20 Lge \$1.60
<b>HOT FOOD (Orders Only)</b>		<b>Extra Filling:</b>		Fresh Fruit	\$1.20
Large Chicken Tenders	\$1.40	Lettuce/Tomato/Carrot/Cucumber/Pineapple/Beetroot/ Cheese	each \$0.50	Mango or Mixed Berry & Vanilla Custard cups	Sm \$1.20 Lge \$2.00
Chicken Wedges (each)	\$1.00	<b>Basic Salad Sandwich V</b>	\$4.00	Red Rock Deli Chips Honey Soy	\$1.50
Gluten Free Nuggets (each)	\$0.70	(Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber, Cheese).		Popcorn Plain GF V	\$1.00
Corn Cob	\$1.00	<b>Add:</b> Ham/ Chicken/ Tuna/ Salmon	<b>\$1.20</b>	Hummus & Veggie Sticks V GF	\$1.50
Lean Sausage Roll	\$3.20	<b>Chicken Wedge Wrap</b> (Wedges, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cheese)		Hummus & Corn Chips V GF	\$1.00
Lean Small Pie	\$2.50	Sauce Sweet Chilli/BBQ/Tomato Sauce/ Mayo	\$5.00	Custard Cups GF	\$1.00
Lean Large Pie	\$4.00	<b>CREATE YOUR OWN SALAD BOX GF V</b>		<b>DRINKS AVAILABLE ALL DAY</b>	
<b>TOMATO/ BBQ SAUCE</b>	<b>\$0.50</b>	<b>Small \$4.50 Large \$5.50</b>		Fruit Cups (Apple, Apple & Blackcurrant) GF	\$1.00
<b>In House Pizza:</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>	<b>Choose from:</b>		Water 300mls	\$1.00
- Salsa, Mushroom, Capsicum, Cheese V		Lettuce/ Tomato/ Carrot/ Cucumber/ Pineapple/ Corn/ Beetroot/ Cheese.		Water 600mls	\$2.00
- BBQ Sauce, Chicken & Cheese		<b>Add:</b>		Flavoured Milk Light 300ml	\$2.50
- Salsa, Ham, Pineapple, Cheese		Ham/ Chicken/ Tuna/ Salmon/ Whole Egg	\$1.50	(Chocolate, Strawberry, Banana)	
- Salsa & Cheese V		<b>Beef or Chicken Patties</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	Juice Bombs 99% sparkling Fruit Juice (Watermelon, Blackcurrant)	
Ham, Cheese, Wrap (toasted)	\$4.00	<b>Caesar Salad Small \$4.50 Large \$5.50</b>		Orange Passionfruit	\$2.50
Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$4.50	(Lettuce, Lean Ham, Cheese, Egg, Croutons, Caesar Dressing)		Juice 250ml (Apple, ABC & Orange)	\$2.00
Pasta Tomato Salsa & Cheese V	\$4.00	<b>Add:</b> Chicken	<b>\$1.50</b>	Hot Milo	\$1.20
Pasta Bolognese & Cheese	\$4.50	<i>Parents are welcome to bring in Gluten Free cupcakes for birthday parties, bread for sandwiches. We can also heat pies and Sausage rolls. Simply place in a container with name &amp; class clearly marked and we will store in our freezer.</i>		Slushy 99% Fruit Juice	\$2.00
Lasagne	\$4.50	<b>WOONGARRAH WEEKLY \$4 DEALS</b>		Fruit Smoothie Seasonal Fruit & Honey GF	\$2.00
Fried Rice GF	\$3.50	Please check the board at the front of the canteen to see the weekly dollar deal		<b>FROZEN TREATS</b>	
Vegetables & Hokkien Noodle Stir Fry V	\$3.50	These deals will combine food and small drink and will be changed weekly.		Frozen Fruit Cups (Apple, ABC) GF	\$1.00
<b>Add Chicken</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>			Vanilla Ice Cream Cups GF	\$1.20
<b>Nachos</b> –Corn Chips Tomato Salsa & Cheese GF V	<b>\$4.00</b>			Quelch Fruit Sticks (99% Juice) HALF \$0.30 FULL \$0.50	
<b>Nachos</b> –Corn Chips Beef & Cheese GF	<b>\$4.50</b>			Juicie Tubes 98% Fruit Juice (Tropical, Berry)	\$1.60
<b>CREATE YOUR OWN BURGER</b>	<b>\$5.20</b>			Moosies (Chocolate, Blue Moon)	\$1.50
<b>Choose from:</b> Lean Beef Patty/Grilled Chicken Patty				Frozen Juice Pops	\$0.10
<b>Choose Your Salad and Sauce</b>				<b>PLEASE STATE ON LUNCH BAGS OF ANY ALLIGIES</b>	
Lettuce/tomato/Carrot/Cucumber/Beetroot/Pineapple/Cheese/ Mayo/BBQ/Tomato or Sweet Chilli				<b>Thank You For Your Support</b>	
<b>Chicken Lettuce Mayo Burger</b> (Grilled Chicken Patty Lettuce Mayo)	\$4.50			<b>Woongarra Public School 2023</b>	
<b>Chicken &amp; Cheese Burger</b> Chicken Patty Cheese & Sauce	\$4.00				
<b>Cheese Burger</b> Lean Beef Patty Cheese & Sauce	\$4.00				
<b>Gluten Free = GF. V = Vegetarian</b>					

HAPPY HEALTHY KIDS CANTEENS	
<b>Autumn/Winter Extra Menu Items Term 2   2023</b>	
Large Potato Topped Pie	\$4.60
Small Potato Topped Pie	\$3.00
Mild Curry Sausages Vegetables & Rice (carrot zucchini broccoli potato)	HM \$4.50
Burrito (lean beef mince, red beans, carrot, zucchini, slow cooked in a rich tomato sauce wrapped in a soft tortilla) With cheese	HM \$5.00
Burrito (lean beef mince, red beans, carrot, zucchini, slow cooked in rich tomato sauce wrapped in a soft tortilla) No cheese	HM \$4.50
Vegetarian Spring Rolls (dipping sauce 10c Extra, Soy, Sweet chilli, tomato, BBQ sauce)	\$0.50
97% Fat Free Hot Dog & Sauce	\$3.50
97 Fat Free Hot Dog & Sauce Add Cheese	\$4.00
Butter Chicken & Steamed Rice (diced chicken breast, carrot, zucchini, peas & corn )	HM \$4.80
Macaroni & Cheese Bake with Ham	HM \$4.00
Macaroni & Cheese Bake No Ham	HM \$3.50
<b>House Made = HM</b>	