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

Thursday 29 June

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 10

From the Principal:

Dogs in Schools

Just a reminder that under the Companion Animals Act 1998 (section 14.1[e]) dogs are prohibited to be on school grounds. Parents are requested to ensure that their dogs do not enter the school grounds. This ultimately protects our students.

Education Week

Education Week is held in Week 3 of Term 3, from Monday 31 July.

The following activities are planned at Woongarra PS:

Monday 31 July – Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival @Mingara. Separate information and notes will be provided.

Wednesday 2 August – Open Day. Open classrooms from 12:30pm, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch to share at 1:15-1:45. All parents and carers welcome.

Attendance Awards

We awarded 228 students with 100% certificates and an ice-block last week. Congratulations to Charlie's family (HB12) for winning the Parent Attendance draw and a \$50 Lowes voucher.

Semester 1 reports

Semester 1 reports were issued on Wednesday and are available through the Sentral Parent Portal for you to download.

Kindergarten Enrolments

The school is now accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2024.

To check that Woongarra Public School is your local school, use: [School Finder \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://School Finder (nsw.gov.au))

Enrolments forms are completed online at: [Online Enrolment Application \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://Online Enrolment Application (nsw.gov.au))

Planned Kindergarten Orientation events include:

Teddy Bears Picnic on Wednesday 1 November

Kindergarten Orientation and parent information session on: Wednesday 8 November

Kindergarten Orientation session 2: Wednesday 15 November

Kindergarten Orientation session 3: Wednesday 22 November

More information about our events will be sent to fully enrolled Kindergarten 2024 families via email in terms 3 & 4. If you have any questions about Kindergarten 2024, please contact Mrs Sharon Buhr.

From The Office

Sentral Partial Absences – Late Arrivals and Early Leavers

We have been audited by the department and one of the findings was our attendance records. We are required by the department to notify parents when their children come in late without a parent. Starting next term, any student who presents to the counter without a parent will be marked as unexplained late. This will then generate an automatic absence notification to the Sentral portal to be explained.

Unexplained absences have a second follow up by phone so please use the Sentral Portal, Skoolbag or email the school for all absences.

NAIDOC Day

NAIDOC Day was celebrated on Wednesday 28 June (Term 2 Week 10).



Bianca Baker
Aboriginal Education Coordinator



Silver Award BBQ

Congratulations to all the students that received their Silver award this term and their extra reward of a sausage in a bun on Tuesday 27 June. Thank you to the awesome BBQ crew.

Sydney North Cross Country Gosford Racecourse

Congratulations to all the boys and girls pictured who competed in the Sydney North Cross Country Carnival.

Imogen, Clara, Ivy, Aaylah, Ebony, Chloe, Morgan, Tyler and Noah were representing our school and the Wallarah Zone PSSA on the day. The students came up against the strongest runners in the region and they gave their all and achieved some terrific results. Well done!



Athletics Carnival – Monday 31 July

Our annual athletics carnival will be held at Mingara on Monday 31 July. Students need to be at school by 8:30am as we will be leaving on buses at 8.40am sharp.

The 200m races will start the carnival at 9:30 am in the following order: Senior Boys, Senior Girls, Junior Boys (8,9,10), Junior Girls (8,9,10), 11 years Boys and 11 years Girls. During the 200m races students will stay in the stands with their house team. This will be the only time all students will be together on the day.

Once the 200m races are done the format changes. The following events are done in a rotation system designed to encourage participation. **No child will be in the stands** as they will move with their age group from event to event.

Age groups are determined by age that the children are turning in 2023.

	100m & 800m	Shot Put	Long Jump	High Jump
10.25 – 11.15	8/9 years	12 years	11 years	10 years
11.15 – 12.05	10 years	8/9 years	12 years	11 years
12.05 – 12.25				
12.30 – 1.20	11 years	10 years	8/9 years	12 years
1.20 – 2 pm	12 years	11 years	10 years	8/9 years

100m races are age events - 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs and 12/13 yrs.

All other events are grouped as Junior Boys (8,9, &10yrs), Junior Girls (8,9&10yrs), 11 years Boys, 11 years Girls / Senior Boys (12/13yrs) and Senior Girls (12/13yrs)

The school will be using timing gates which are a computerised timing system. This new technology will eliminate the role of timekeepers and judges.

All results will be finalised after the carnival. Ribbons will be awarded to the fastest three times across all heats at the following assembly on Friday 11 August. This will be a 3-6 assembly.

Wendy Lee

Assemblies

Week	Day	Year	Hosting
10	Friday	3-6	HB1

Assemblies Term 3

Week	Day	Year	Hosting
2	Friday	3-6	HB22
3	Friday	K-2	HB6
4	Friday	3-6	HB15
5	Friday	K-2	HB14
6	Friday	3-6	HB7

Upcoming Events

Term 2 Dates

Friday 30 June – last day of Term 2.

Term 3 Dates

17 July – Staff Development Day.

18 July – Students return.

27 July – Interrelate for families.

28 July – SRC PJs mufti to support Smith Family

31 July – 3-6 Athletics Carnival

31 July – Education Week

BIRTHDAYS



Elsie
Knox
Aurora
Danjuel

Moses
Marlee
Marshall

Free family fun with the Parliament of NSW

MONDAY-FRIDAY 3-7 JULY 2023 ONLINE

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN UP TO 12 YEARS

- Mirri Mirri cultural education session**
Monday 3 July, 1-2 pm
Wednesday 5 July, 1-2 pm
- Virtual guided visit of the Parliament of NSW**
Tuesday 4 July, 9-10 am
Thursday 6 July, 9-10 am
- Storytelling session**
Friday 7 July, 9-10 am
- Storytelling and drawing activity**

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament via ZOOM this school holiday for **free** fun educational, activities for children and families.

We have 5 days of fun events planned including storytelling, Aboriginal cultural session and a virtual guided visit through the newly refurbished chambers.

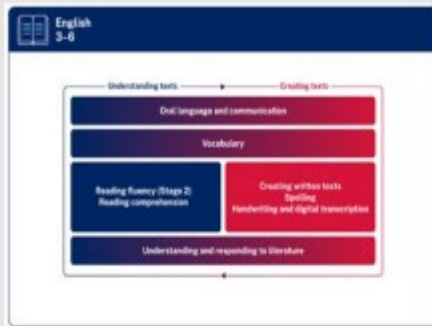
BOOK NOW

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
P: (02) 9230 2047
E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au

WHERE ONLINE

MORE INFORMATION
parliament.nsw.gov.au/events

LITERACY AND NUMERACY @ WPS



English K-2

The new English syllabus is taught in our K-2 classrooms this year. This looks like two different sessions known as:

- component A (foundational literacy skills), and
- component B (conceptual understandings of subject English)

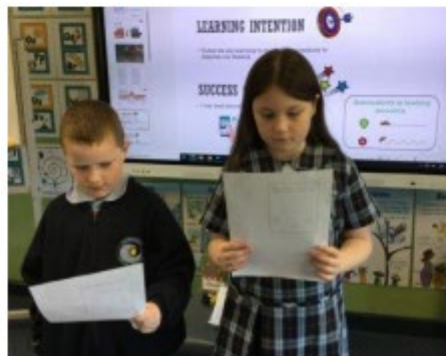
The NSW Department of Education released new English units for component B that model best teaching practice for schools. We use these in our K-2 classrooms. The units use rich literature and high impact teaching strategies to engage students in learning English.

English K-2 units



Sample units to support implementation of the English K-2 Syllabus.

Here you can see the rich learning that happens in component B.



English 3-6

The 3-6 teachers enact the new English syllabus next year. Teachers currently engage with its contents and trial new practices as resources and support packages are released. Our school was recently selected to write English units to share with schools across the state via the NSW Department of Education's website. Mrs LeLoux and Mrs Khan are currently collaborating with the corporate English team to write two component B units. They have been working very hard and are looking forward to sharing their knowledge and experience with the school community.



Super Spelling at the Spelling Bee Finals



Congratulations to Kathleen and Lexi our Stage 2 and 3 winners for 2023. May their super spelling and courage continue as they go onto the regional finals next term.

Excitement and anticipation was in the air on Tuesday, June 27th as our Stage 2 and 3 students participated in the Premier's Spelling Bee finals. The finalists displayed grace, calmness and resilience throughout each elimination round despite the competition becoming hotly contested. They were exemplary role models for their class and our school. Congratulations to all finalists as listed below, and to Kathleen from HB4 and Lexi from HB8 for their achievement on the day, winning the Stage 2 and 3 events. We wish them well as they go on to represent our school at the next level of the competition in the regional finals which will be held virtually in Term 3.



Stage 2 finalists: Toby, Tiger, Oliver, Rachel, Kathleen, Liam, Jaime, Jackson.

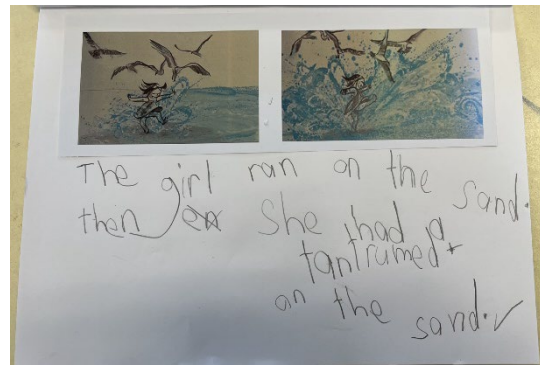
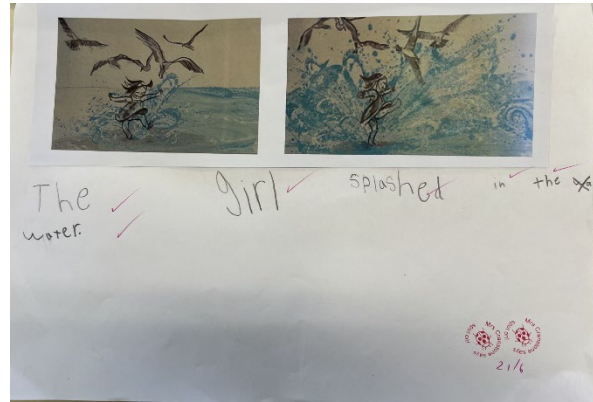


Stage 3 finalists: Jaxon, Dawson, Page, Juliette, Tyler, Jasper, Lexi, Cheyanne, Aswathi, Leonor.

Kindergarten Term 2 in Review

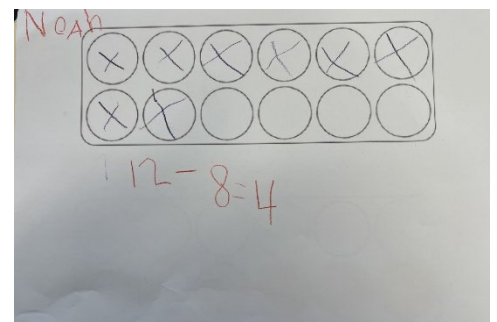
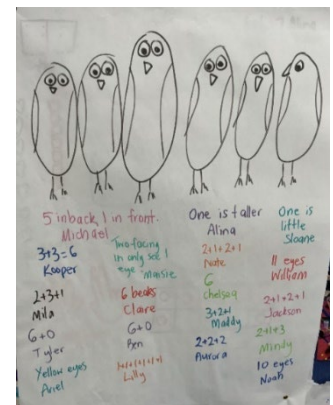
English

In English, students have been learning about context, narrative, character, imagery, symbol and connotation by listening to a variety of texts and then responding orally. Many students are now able to write a sentence using a subject-verb and preposition. Students have also been improving through phonological awareness skills e.g. identifying rhyming words, initial, medial and final sounds of words, etc through the Heggerty program. Most students have learnt the yellow, red and green letters and heart words. They are regularly reading decodable texts at school and at home.



Mathematics

In mathematics, students have been learning to represent whole numbers, combining and separating quantities, mass, time, data, length, forming and separating groups. Students engage in daily Number Talks to build numbers sense, mental maths, and flexibility with numbers. In maths lessons students have been learning to read and write numbers, and to show, discuss and justify their mathematical ideas and solutions and connect maths to their everyday world.



Science



This term, students have learnt about living things. Students were taught how to sort living and non-living things as well as plants and animals based on their characteristics. Students also learnt about the needs of plants and animals. Student enjoyed an excursion to the Hunter Valley Zoo to consolidate their learning about animals.

Creative Arts

This term, students have learnt lots of visual arts skills including painting, drawing, and construction using a variety of materials. Many of their art works linked to the letters they have been learning. The classrooms are very colourful.



Incursions

Incursions in Term 2 included the responsible pet show and NAIDOC celebrations.



We have had a wonderful term of learning and look forward to an exciting Term 3.

Mrs Buhr, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Cranstone and Mrs Gillan

Term 2 in review- Stage 1

Cross Country

Term 2 has been a busy time for our Stage 1 students. A lot of our year 2 students (8 year olds) got to participate in their first ever school cross country. The boys and girls did an excellent job running the track and we had three year 2 students who finished in the top ten and went on to compete at Zone. Congratulations to Penny, Nixon and Clara on performing so well against eight and nine year olds. Clara competed at a Regional level and finished in the top 50.



Australian Reptile Park

During week 4, the stage 1 students visited the Australian Reptile Park. This excursion supported the students learning in Science with the unit Living Things and part of our new mathematics units based on data. The boys and girls had a fantastic time watching and touching some of the animals. For quite a lot of the students it was their first school excursion. All of the teachers were extremely proud of the way they behaved and followed instructions.

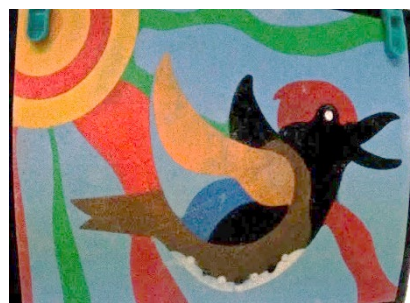
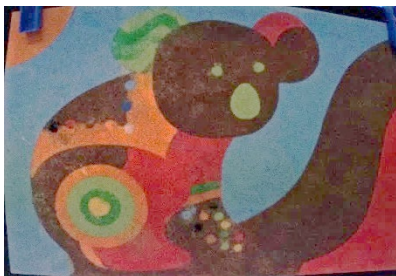


National Sorry Day

Students celebrated National Sorry day listening to stories and completing art works to celebrate First Nation culture.

In HB9 students created a collaborative artwork by combining smaller pictures together.

In HB13 students created sand art pictures of Australian animals.



HB 14

Created artworks to show changes in our environment.

The destruction of a bushfire and the regrowth in flowers. The students used the wash technique with the bushfire paintings, while the flowers are multi media, creating a 3D effect.

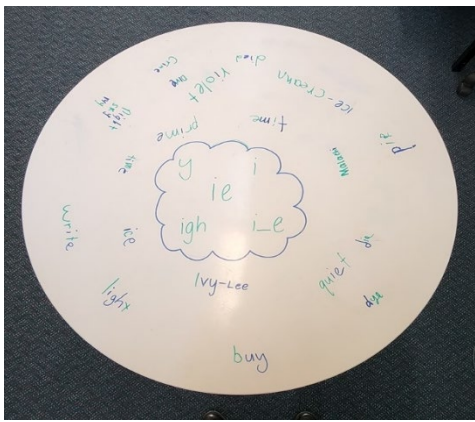


Dioramas were made by the students to show their comprehension of stories read.

Students also created their own information books on animals from the Antarctic.

Stage 1 students have been completing new units of work from the Department of Education in both mathematics and literacy. The students have worked hard to learn different styles of learning activities.





Discovery table: students find words that have the same sound and write them on the whiteboard table top.

Students working hands on with patterns and learning about fractions using fairy bread.



In geography, students looked at the purpose of different places. They then designed and created their own playground/park model.



In science, students looked at materials and their purpose. They examined the materials used in face masks and then created their own.

Students looked at musical patterns and continued the patterns using percussion instruments.



Stage 2's

Road of Learning for Term 2

Assembly

Each hosted and performed and item at 3-6 assembly

Excursion

Bobbin Head to learn about habitats, bug & mud-crab catching

Cross Country

Competed in Cross Country and many successful in Zone

Spelling Bee Cultural Groups Anzac Day

Sport

Gymnastics & Jump
Rope for Heart

In Science

- Lifecycles and Materials of the World

In Music

- used beat, tone, rhythm to "Where the creatures roam"

In Maths

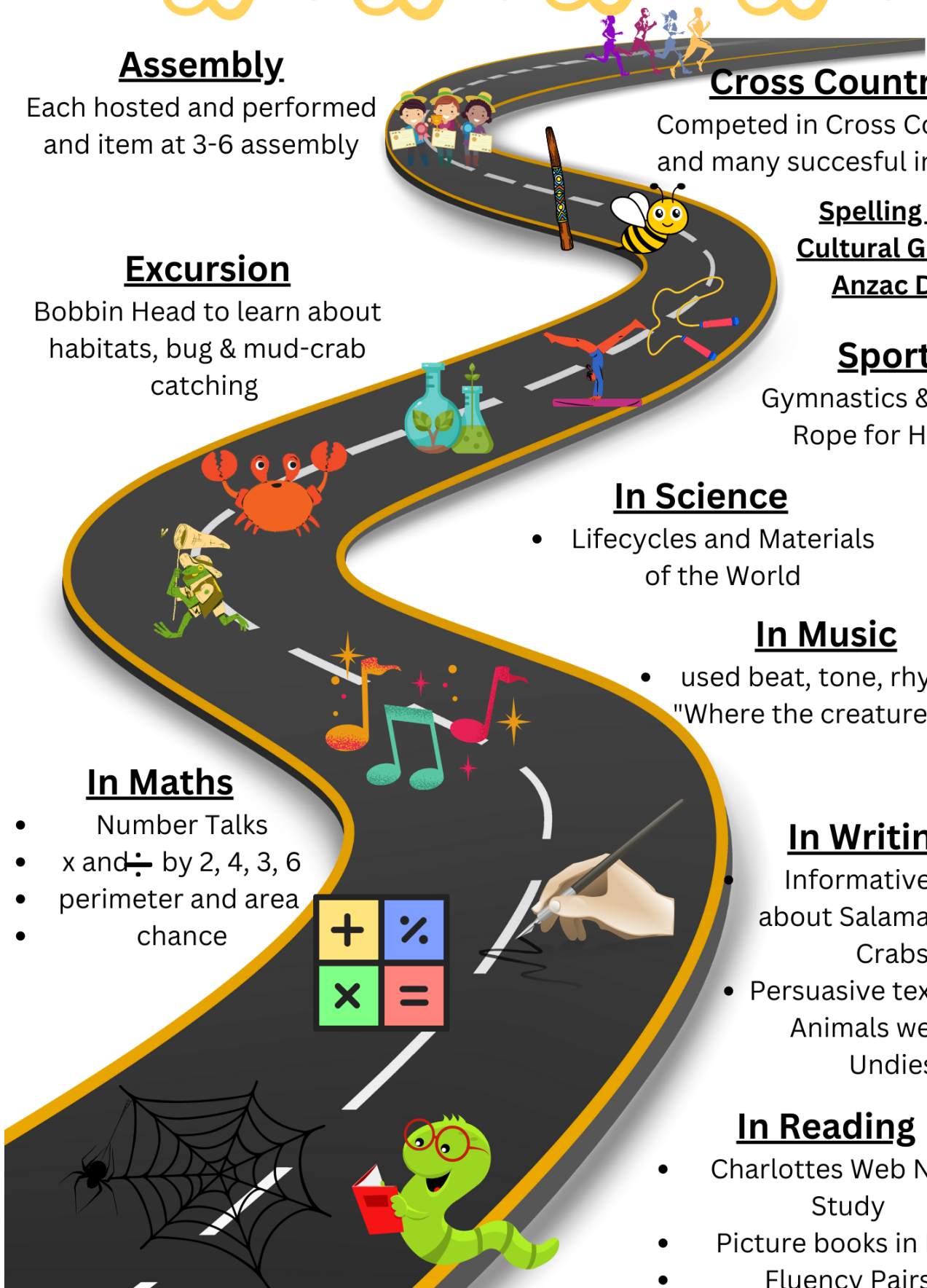
- Number Talks
- \times and \div by 2, 4, 3, 6
- perimeter and area
- chance

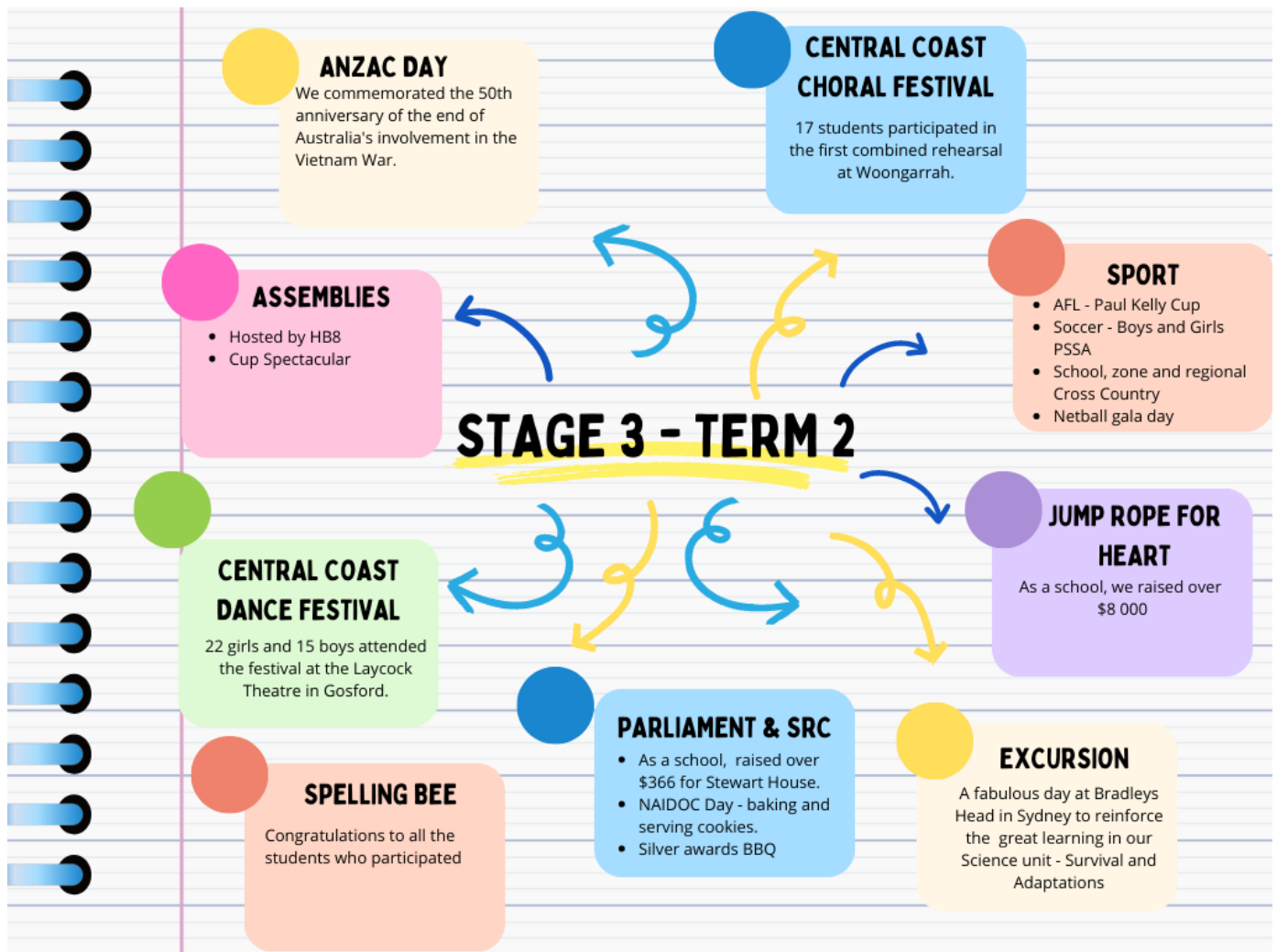
In Writing

- Informative texts about Salamanders & Crabs
- Persuasive texts about Animals wearing Undies

In Reading

- Charlottes Web Novel Study
- Picture books in LOL
- Fluency Pairs





Thursday 27 July

6:00pm - Session 1: Where Did I Come From?

Audience: Year 3 and 4 students and their parents/carers

Program focus:

- Discuss the male and female reproductive systems, foetal development and the birth process
- Personal safety and protective behaviours

7:15 pm Session 2: Preparing for Puberty

Audience: Year 5 and 6 students and their parents/carers

Program focus:

- Discuss the physical changes of puberty, emphasising that it can be different for everyone
- Develop students' understanding of periods and sperm production, as well as the physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for both boys and girls
- Enhance awareness of children's personal safety and protective behaviours

Note: Younger students are welcome to attend at the discretion of their parents/carers.

A note has been sent home with an RSVP and payment slip.

Canteen News



HAPPY HEALTHY KIDS CANTEENS



Autumn/Winter Extra Menu Items Term 2 2023

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 a 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

House Made = HM

EARLY START

Warm Cheese & Ham Roll	\$2.50
Hot Milo	\$1.20
Pikelets Plain, Butter or Jam	\$0.40
House made Muffins Blueberry, Apple cinnamon	\$0.50
Hot Ham & Cheese Pocket	\$1.00

HOT FOOD (Orders Only)

Large Chicken Tenders	\$1.40
Chicken Wedges (each)	\$1.00
Gluten Free Nuggets (each)	\$0.70
Corn Cob	\$1.00
Lean Sausage Roll	\$3.20
Lean Small Pie	\$2.50
Lean Large Pie	\$4.00
TOMATO/ BBQ SAUCE	\$0.50
In House Pizza:	\$4.00



- Salsa, Mushroom, Capsicum, Cheese V	
- BBQ Sauce, Chicken & Cheese	
- Salsa, Ham, Pineapple, Cheese	
- Salsa & Cheese V	
Ham, Cheese, Wrap (toasted)	\$4.00
Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$4.50
Pasta Tomato Salsa & Cheese V	\$4.00
Pasta Bolognese & Cheese	\$4.50
Lasagne	\$4.50
Fried Rice GF	\$3.50
Vegetables & Hokkien Noodle Stir Fry V	\$3.50
Add Chicken	\$4.50
Nachos - Corn Chips Tomato Salsa & Cheese GF V	\$4.00
Nachos - Corn Chips Beef & Cheese GF	\$4.50
CREATE YOUR OWN BURGER	\$5.20
Choose from: Lean Beef Patty/Grilled Chicken Patty	
Choose Your Salad and Sauce	
Lettuce/tomato/Carrot/Cucumber/Beetroot/Pineapple/Cheese/	
Mayo/BBQ/Tomato or Sweet Chilli	
Chicken Lettuce Mayo Burger (Grilled Chicken Patty Lettuce Mayo)	\$4.50
Chicken & Cheese Burger Chicken Patty Cheese & Sauce	\$4.00
Cheese Burger Lean Beef Patty Cheese & Sauce	\$4.00

Gluten Free = GF. V = Vegetarian

SANDWICHES WRAPS & ROLLS

All can be toasted

White rolls & Wraps (extra)	\$0.60
Vegetable/ Honey/ Jam	\$2.00
Cheese/ Baked Beans/ Spaghetti/Egg & Mayo	\$2.50
Ham/ Chicken/ Tuna/ Salmon	\$3.00

Extra Filling:

Lettuce/Tomato/Carrot/Cucumber/Pineapple/Beetroot/	
Cheese	each \$0.50

Basic Salad Sandwich V	\$4.00
(Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber, Cheese).	
Add: Ham/ Chicken/ Tuna/ Salmon	\$1.20

Chicken Wedge Wrap (Wedges, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cheese)

Sauce Sweet Chilli/BBQ/Tomato Sauce/ Mayo	\$5.00
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CREATE YOUR OWN SALAD BOX GF V

Small \$4.50 Large \$5.50

Choose from:

Lettuce/ Tomato/ Carrot/ Cucumber/ Pineapple/ Corn/	
Beetroot/ Cheese.	

Add:

Ham/ Chicken/ Tuna/ Salmon/ Whole Egg	\$1.50
Beef or Chicken Patties	\$2.00

Caesar Salad Small \$4.50 Large \$5.50

(Lettuce, Lean Ham, Cheese, Egg, Croutons, Caesar Dressing)

Add: Chicken \$1.50

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 & class clearly marked and we will store in our freezer.

WOONGARRAH WEEKLY \$4 DEALS

Please check the board at the front of the canteen to see the weekly dollar deal

These deals will combine food and small drink and will be changed weekly.



ALL DAY SNACKS

Ham & Cheese Pocket	\$1.00
Warm Macaroni & Cheese Cups	\$1.20
Large Beef Steamed Dim Sims	\$0.60c
Fresh Fruit Kebabs	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Salad OR Watermelon Cups	Sm \$1.20
	Lge \$1.60
Fresh Fruit	\$1.20
Mango or Mixed Berry & Vanilla Custard cups	Sm \$1.20
	Lge \$2.00
Red Rock Deli Chips Honey Soy	\$1.50
Popcorn Plain GF V	\$1.00
Hummus & Veggie Sticks V GF	\$1.50
Hummus & Corn Chips V GF	\$1.00
Custard Cups GF	\$1.00



DRINKS AVAILABLE ALL DAY

Fruit Cups (Apple, Apple & Blackcurrant) GF	\$1.00
Water 300mls	\$1.00
Water 600mls	\$2.00
Flavoured Milk Light 300ml	\$2.50
(Chocolate, Strawberry, Banana)	
Juice Bombs 99% sparkling Fruit Juice(Watermelon, Blackcurrant)	
Orange Passionfruit	\$2.50
Juice 250ml (Apple, ABC & Orange)	\$2.00
Hot Milo	\$1.20
Slushy 99% Fruit Juice	\$2.00
Fruit Smoothie Seasonal Fruit & Honey GF	\$2.00

FROZEN TREATS

Frozen Fruit Cups (Apple, ABC) GF	\$1.00
Vanilla Ice Cream Cups GF	\$1.20
Quelch Fruit Sticks (99% Juice) HALF \$0.30 FULL	\$0.50
Juice Tubes 98% Fruit Juice (Tropical, Berry)	\$1.60
Moosies (Chocolate, Blue Moon)	\$1.50
Frozen Juice Pops	\$0.10

PLEASE STATE ON LUNCH BAGS OF ANY ALLERGIES

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Woongarra Public School 2023

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