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

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NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 1

From the Principal:

Welcome back, everyone!

Term 3 promises to be another exciting term at Woongarra. This newsletter is to let you know about some of what's coming up in the first few weeks and how you can share in it.

- Education Week
- Interrelate Parent / Family Sessions
- Enrolling your child for Kindergarten 2024

Week 3 - Education Week

Education Week is held in Week 3 of Term 3, from Monday 31 July. The following activities are planned at Woongarra PS:

Athletics Carnival - Monday 31 July – Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival held at Mingara.

- 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.

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

Next week, Week 2 - Interrelate Family Sessions

The school has organised these sessions at the request of families every two years for many years. This event is planned for **next Thursday 27 July from 6pm** in the library, or hall (depending on numbers).



There are two sessions –

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

Session 2: Preparing for Puberty - 7:15pm: 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

We need final numbers 24 July 2023. The cost is \$41.50, it can be paid through our school website.

Now – Enrol for Kindergarten 2024

The school is now accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2024. Please enrol as soon as possible. To check that Woongarra Public School is your local school, use: [School Finder \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.schoolfinder.nsw.gov.au)

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

Planned Kindergarten Orientation events include:

- Teddy Bears Picnic - Wednesday 1 November
- Kindergarten Orientation and parent information session - 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 enrolled Kindergarten 2024 families via email in Terms 3 and 4. If you have any questions about Kindergarten 2024, please contact our Deputy Principal, Mrs Sharon Buhr.



eSafety and Cyber Bullying

Finally, like you I imagine, I was alarmed with the recent media around the statistics on cyber-bullying for our young children. I thought this extract from the newsletter from the eSafety Commissioner was worth sharing:

Protecting our (increasingly younger) children from cyberbullying

The internet has given children and young people new opportunities to learn, play and socialise. However, this increased online presence, especially since the Covid-19 pandemic, also exposes them to new harms and risks.

Concerningly, reports to eSafety's cyberbullying complaints team show younger children are increasingly experiencing negative online behaviour. Reports of serious cyberbullying of children between the ages of eight and 13 years has more than tripled compared to pre-pandemic 2019 – jumping from a little over 200 complaints in 2019 to almost 740 in 2022.

With Term 3 just around the corner, take a few minutes to [learn more about cyberbullying](#)– what it is, ways to protect your child, and how to get help if your child experiences it.

[Read more](#)

Tools and resources to safeguard children from cyberbullying

- eSafety is here to help with advice and resources to help you support your family's online safety.
- Set up a [family tech agreement](#) and [parental controls](#)
- Explore ways to stay safe online for [parents](#), [kids](#) and [young people](#)
- Learn digital skills for staying safe in games and apps using [The eSafety Guide](#)
- Get help for online issues by [reporting to eSafety](#)
- Join an [eSafety webinar](#) to help your children have positive online experiences
- Download [online safety resources](#), including this [guide to reporting cyberbullying](#)

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools.
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools.
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal: [Home - Nationally Consistent Collection of Data \(nccd.edu.au\)](https://nccd.edu.au) .
If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact Mrs Sharon Buhr.

First Holy Communion

If your child is in year 4 or older and you would like him/her to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion (First Eucharist) on Sunday 17th September at 12noon- you can now enrol/register your child with St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish at Warnervale.

There will also be an information and enrolment session on Tuesday 1st August at 7pm at MacKillop Catholic College school staff room. Enrolment forms will also be distributed on the night.

What's on at Woongarra Public School

WEEK 2

THURSDAY 27 JUL

Interrelate Parent Evening Session 6pm

FRIDAY 28 JUL

Mufti Day for Smith Family – Wear your PJs.
3-6 Assembly HB22 2:15pm - 3pm

WEEK 3 - EDUCATION WEEK

MONDAY 31 JUL

Athletics Carnival- Mingara

WEDNESDAY 2 AUG

Open Day – 12.30pm

FRIDAY 4 AUG

K-2 Assembly HB6 2:15pm - 3pm

WEEK 4

TUESDAY 8 AUG

Public Speaking Finals Stage 2&3

WEDNESDAY 9 AUG

Moving into the Teens Y5 9.30am – 11am
Moving into the Teens Y6 11.30am– 1pm

THURSDAY 10 AUG

Touch Football Gala Day Stage 2-3

FRIDAY 11 AUG

3-6 Assembly HB15 2.15pm -3pm

WEEK 5

WEDNESDAY 16 AUG

Moving into the Teens Y5 9.30am – 11am
Moving into the Teens Y6 11.30am– 1pm

FRIDAY 18 AUG

K-2 Assembly HB14 2:15pm - 3pm

WEEK 6

WEDNESDAY 23 AUG

Moving into the Teens Y5 9.30am – 11am
Moving into the Teens Y6 11.30am– 1pm

FRIDAY 25 AUG

3-6 Assembly HB7 2.15pm -3pm

WEEK 7

FRIDAY 1 SEP

K-2 Assembly HB13 2.15pm -3pm

WEEK 8

THURSDAY 7 SEP

CC Choral Festival Rehearsal

FRIDAY 8 SEP

3-6 Assembly HB16 2.15pm -3pm

WEEK 9 - BOOK FAIR

WEDNESDAY 13 SEP

Book Parade

FRIDAY 15 SEP

K-2 Assembly HB12

WEEK 10

WEDNESDAY SEP 20

GATS Camp

THURSDAY SEP 21

GATS Camp

FRIDAY SEP 22

GATS Camp

3-6 Assembly HB8 2.15pm – 3pm