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NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 4

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Dates for your diary - 2025 School Calendar

Term 1

Thursday 6 February (Years 1-6 start),

Thursday 6 and Friday 7 February (Kindergarten students complete Best Start on one of these days)

Monday 10 February (Kindy starts)

to Friday 11 April

Term 2

Wednesday 30 April to Friday 4 July

Term 3

Tuesday 22 July to Friday 26 September

Term 4

Tuesday 14 October to Friday 19 December

Gift Giving to School Staff

At the end of each school year, there are often expressions of appreciation in the form of gifts from families toward staff members. These are commonly to those who have cared closely for their children and these gestures are certainly appreciated.

There are some gifts that due to departmental policy, staff members cannot accept, e.g. cash, or items that can readily be converted to cash, or items with an estimated market value of \$50 or more (this sometimes occurs when a group of families pool resources to purchase a gift for someone), or where it could be perceived to be an attempt to obtain favour.

If you intend giving gifts, please be aware of the staff member's obligations according to the Department of Education policy, as refusing a gift can evoke uncomfortable feelings for both parties.

Christmas Craft

Each year we allocate a budget of \$10 per student for Christmas Craft activities. This provides students with some fun end of year activities. Every class order is different, but you can expect to see some nice Christmas keepsakes coming home in December.

Dance Lessons

Students K-6 have been enjoying our dance curriculum lessons with the Dance Curriculum company. This is a fabulous extra experience that we have funded in 2024 at no cost to families. We are looking forward to seeing the dances performed on Friday.

Swim Scheme spaces still available

Swim scheme is highly subsidised by the school, your child can learn to swim with the School Swimming Scheme Program. We have 50 spots available and 10 places remaining. If your child is in Years 3-6 and are interested in attending please contact the School office for details.

Demountables Removed

As they are no longer required, HB19 and HB21 were removed from our site last week. Students enjoyed watching the enormous crane lift the demountables into the air and over the fence.



Grandparents Day – This Friday 8 November



The graphic is a colorful invitation for Grandparents' Day. It features a yellow and pink background with a white central box. At the top left, there are three brown circles and a pink paperclip. A speech bubble says 'YOU'RE INVITED'. The title 'Grandparents' Day' is in large black font. Below it, text describes the event: 'Woongarra Public School is very excited to welcome grandparents into the school to celebrate GRANDPARENTS' DAY with our students. Grandparents will visit classrooms, have a picnic lunch and watch our amazing students perform.' The date 'Friday 8th November 2024' is in purple, with a 'SAVE THE date' logo. The schedule is listed at the bottom: 12:30pm Visit classrooms, 1.05 - 1:45pm Picnic lunch, and 2:00pm All students will perform. A large orange flower is on the right, and three brown circles are at the bottom right.

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Friday 8th November 2024 *SAVE THE date*

12:30pm Visit classrooms

1.05 - 1:45pm Picnic lunch- Grandparents can collect grandchildren from classrooms

2:00pm All students will perform for our visitors

K-2 Athletics Carnival – Thursday 14 November (Week 5)

We will be holding our K-2 Athletics Carnival between 9 and 11 at school. Students will be reminded of their house group and asked to wear on the day a shirt of their house group:

Goanna – green

Kangaroo – red

Platypus – yellow

Dolphin – blue

with joggers, shorts, and their hat.

The day will start with students in house groups, with house chants and age races. Students will attend a House meeting to learn their team's chants on Monday 11 November. 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 and relays. The carnival will conclude at recess and students will return to class. We aim to promote participation and engagement whilst participating in fun and safe activities. Parents and other family guests are invited to attend the K-2 Athletics Carnival.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

On Wednesday 30 October we had beautiful sunny weather to welcome and meet our 2025 Kindergarten families. Kindergarten 2024 and Kindergarten 2025 students completed 4 activities and we had a picnic lunch together. All students received an ice block and a Woongarra Public School teddy bear to remind them of their visit.



Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation will occur on Wednesday 6, 13 and 20 November 9:30-12:30. We will have 2 groups, a blue and yellow group. Mrs Rawson, Mrs Kingsland and Mrs Cranstone will be teaching the groups each week. Students will visit two different classrooms, HB5 and HB6 and meet all the teachers.

Students need to wear sun safe clothes, enclosed shoes and bring a hat, fruit break, water and recess in a bag. Parents will collect an information pack from the school hall on Wednesday 6 November. The pack will contain information about the school. There will be a parent information session on Wednesday 6 November between 9:30 - 12:30.

The parent session's agenda is:

9:50 – 10:50 – The A-Z of Woongarra Public School

11am - Morning Tea provided by the P & C

11:30-12:30 – All about Kindergarten – What my child will learn, home reading, homework, Kindergarten programs etc

Leadership 2025

Mrs Buhr has collected the nominations for ministers for 2025. Year 5 students that were nominated will give their 2-minute speeches in front of Years 2-6 students on Friday 15 November commencing at 11:40. Parents are welcome to attend. Voting will occur after the speeches and students will find out if they are a minister for 2025 the following week. The Prime minister, Deputy Prime minister will be announced at Presentation Day when all ministers will receive their badges.

SRC Mufti Day

The SRC are raising money for Ronald McDonald House. On Friday 22 November (Week 6) students can wear crazy socks / hair / outfits and bring a gold coin donation for Ronald McDonald House.

Friday Assemblies for Term 4

Week 5 – K-2 Assembly with HB10 hosting at 9:15 and at 11:40 Year 5 leadership speeches with Years 2-6 attending

Week 6 – K-2 Assembly with HB5 hosting at 9:15 and 3-6 assembly at 2:15 with ministers hosting.

Week 8 – K-6 Assembly with HB1 hosting and Super Gold awards

Selective High School and Opportunity Class Applications Open soon

Applications for Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes open on 7 November until 21 February 2025.

What year is my child in when I apply?

Opportunity classes Parents apply when their child is near the end of Year 3 in 2024 or at the beginning of Year 4 in 2025.

Selective high schools Parents apply when their child is near the end of Year 5 in 2024 or at the beginning of Year 6 in 2025.

Learn more on our website about the application process and residency requirements at who can apply for opportunity classes and who can apply for selective high schools

Resources for parents and carers

[Guide to selective high schools and opportunity classes](#)

[Applying for an opportunity class or selective high school](#)

[Submit your application in 5 easy steps](#) (PDF 152 KB)

Aboriginal Leadership Day

On Wednesday 23 October, Laila and Zoe, two outstanding cultural leaders attended the Year 6 Aboriginal Leadership Day with Mrs Baker at Tuggerawong Public School. Throughout the day, they met with other leaders from other schools and engaged in various cultural activities with students, teachers and principals.

Aboriginal Family Connection Day – 27 November (Week 7)

On Wednesday 27 November our Aboriginal Students and one Parent/Carer have been invited to an Aboriginal family connection day at the Walkabout Wildlife Sanctuary, Calga.

If you have not already submitted your child's permission via the Sentral Parent Portal, please do so by 20 November.

Ngara AECG Meeting – Monday 11 November

The next AECG meeting will be held on Monday 11 November at Tuggerah PS.

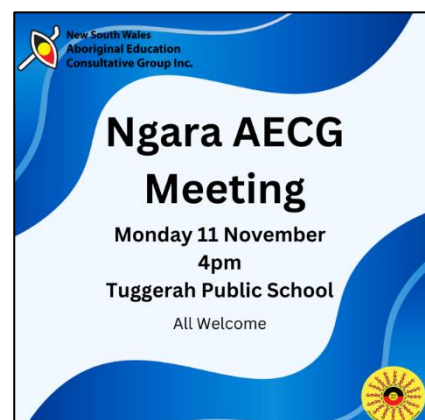
The Ngara AECG AGM was held last week. The 2025 executive committee was voted in and is as follows:

Joan McCallum - President

Deanna Beecroft - Vice President

Korrine Miller - Secretary

Monique Prest - Treasurer



Uniform Check

Last Friday, Mrs Buhr visited the classrooms to do a uniform check as suggested by the SRC. Mrs Buhr was very pleased with the uniform standard in the classes. 3 classes had 100% of students in correct uniform. Mrs Buhr did remind a few students that the following items are not part of the school uniform: black shorts, black tights or leggings, boots, black hoodies, navy skirts, navy bike shorts or navy tights or leggings.

There were quite a few representative jumpers worn on Friday and that is the only day that they can be worn.

Other dates for your Term 4 diary

Our organising staff will provide more information as these events draw closer:

- **SRC Mufti Day** – Friday 22 November (Week 6). Crazy socks / hair / outfits gold coin donation for Ronald McDonald House.
- **Ngara Assembly of Excellence for Aboriginal students** – Friday 29 November (Week 7)
- **Dance groups** visit to Warnervale Gardens Aged Care – Thursday 5 December (Week 8)
- **Presentation Day** – Wednesday 11 December. Years 3-6 starting at 9:15am. Years K-2 starting at 2pm (Week 9)
- **Year 6 farewell** - Wednesday 11 December (Week 9)
- **Swim scheme** – 8 days commencing 9 December (Weeks 9 and 10)
- **Year 6 Assembly** – Wednesday 18 December (Week 10)
- **Last day for students** – Wednesday 18 December (Week 10)


Writing Competition Years 3-6

CALLING ALL YOUNG WRITERS

WRITING
COMPETITION
YEARS 3-6

Prizes
to be won

STAGE 2 WINNER & STAGE 3 WINNER



UNLEASH YOUR IMAGINATION!

Are you a creative writer looking for a place to express your ideas? Enter our writing competition, where your ideas can come to life and you can win amazing prizes.

For this competition you can write any piece of writing that makes connections to the stimulus image. Your writing can be imaginative, persuasive or informative. It could be written as a narrative, poem, news article or journal.

Purpose: Entertain, persuade or inform
Audience: 3-6 students
Judges: A panel of teachers and representatives of the SRC.



Your piece of writing needs to:

- Use the structure and text features appropriate to the purpose and audience.
- Engage the audience in imaginative, interpretive, emotive or creative ways.
- Uses a range of language features, vocabulary and punctuation.

Due: Friday Week 6 Send your writing to the office

P&C News

Students have now received a Billy G's Order Form and you can now start browsing which yummy flavours take your fancy. Our goal is to sell 600 tubs over the 4 weeks so get on board and help the P&C raise some money for our wonderful school.

Get started!

Please note Billy G's is a completely cashless fundraiser. All orders must be placed online and paid by credit or debit card or PayPal, so make sure you create your online fundraising page at www.cookie dough.com.au today!



Once you have created your page, you can share your link with family and friends to ensure all orders are linked to your child/family. Orders can be placed from the first day of term 4 and will be open for 4 weeks, however families are welcome to register and share their link before this date so you're ready to hit the ground running. There may even be some cool prizes up for grabs too!



Volunteers will be requested to help on distribution day and all orders will need to be collected from the hall on the allocated date.

Start Date: 14th October 2024

Final Orders Due: 14th November 2024

Estimated Delivery Date: 28th November 2024 from the school hall.

Happy baking!

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