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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 10

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Wishing everyone a safe and restful holiday and a reminder that **students and staff return on Monday 15 October.**

Kindergarten Enrolment

The poster features the school logo and the following text:

WOONGARRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN

2025 ORIENTATION

Ready, Set, Kindy!

Teddy Bears' Picnic - Wednesday 30 October 11:45-1:00

Kindergarten Orientation - Wednesday 6 November 9:30-12:30

Kindergarten Orientation - Wednesday 13 November 9:30-12:30

Kindergarten Orientation - Wednesday 20 November 9:30-12:30

Preparing students for a **Bright Future**

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Think, Dream, Believe, Achieve

We are taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2025. Please click on the link and provide the 100 points of identification to verify your address is in the school’s catchment area, birth certificate and immunisation information to enrol your child.

[Online Enrolment Application \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://nsw.gov.au)

Students who are fully enrolled will be able to participate in our Kindergarten Orientation program. Information is being emailed and posted as enrolments are received. Please enrol ASAP to ensure that your child is placed in a group with their preschool friends as we are currently organising the groups and events.

Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday 13 September many of our talented athletes went to Mingara to represent Woongarra Public School and compete in the Wallarah Zone Athletics Carnival. All students demonstrated exceptional determination and persistence and were well behaved during the course of the day.

Congratulations to the following students who represented Wallarah Zone at Homebush on Monday 23rd September:

Talan 8yrs 100m

Kai 10yrs 100m

Taj 12 yrs 100m

Tyler 12yrs 1500m, 800m

Ivy 10 yrs 100m, Junior 800m, 200m and 1500m

Lexi 12yrs long jump

Conor 11yrs 1500m and 800m

Koa 9 yrs 100m

Rory Junior 1500m

Victoria 9yrs 100m and Junior 200m

Aurey 11 yrs 100m, 800m, long jump

Book Fair and Book Parade

Thank you to all the students for dressing up last Tuesday for our annual Book Parade. There were so many amazing book characters on display. It was lovely to see everyone involved and having lots of fun. It was also great to see so many people in the audience watching.

One student from each class was chosen to select a book from the Book Fair as a lucky door prize.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Scholastic for providing the prizes.

I would also like to thank all the families who purchased a book from our Book Fair. It was particularly busy on Tuesday afternoon, thank you to the people who waited patiently to have a look. Special thanks to the families who donated a book for the library.

Based on the commission earned, the school was able to keep \$1970 worth of books. The students helped select the new books, which will be available in the library next term. Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Gilbert

Teacher Librarian

SRC Food Drive

“A special shout out to Woongarra Public School staff and pupils for their food drive this month.” An exert from the Uniting Burnside Report at Warnervale Uniting Church annual report.

New Garbage Bins

The return and earn bin is a new bin at school. This bin is only for cans such as juice bombs, water bottles, poppers, milk drinks and juices. Make sure you don't put your mac and cheese cups or any sort of plastic or other rubbish in this bin, instead put it in the normal red bin.

Don't forget you have to empty out any leftover liquid before putting it in the bin. You can leave the lids on bottles but remove straws from poppers.

We will be recycling our containers through Envirobank.



Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Year 5 Buddy talk	Wednesday 25 September 12:30pm
Talent Quest	Wednesday 25 September 11:30am
K-6 Assembly	9:15 Friday 27 September – HB16 Hosting
Colour Splash Fun Run	Friday 27 September
End of term 3	Friday 27 September
Term 4	
Start of Term 4	Monday 14 October (students and staff)
Dental van visit	Starts Monday 14 October
Water Education Incursion	Tuesday 15 October
Leaders' excursion to Rumbalara	Tuesday 15 October
Assembly	9:15 – K-2 Assembly with HB9 hosting 2:15 – 3-6 Assembly with ministers hosting
Dance Curriculum	Starts Monday 28 October
Teddy Bear's Picnic	Wednesday 30 October
Kindergarten Orientation	Wednesday 6, 13 and 20 November
Grandparents' day	Friday 8 November
K-2 Athletics Carnival	9-11 Thursday 14 November
K-2 Assembly	9:15 Friday 15 November – HB10 hosting
Leadership Speeches	11:30 Friday 15 November

Colour Splash Obstacle Course Fun Day

It is almost time for our famous Colour Splash. This year, we have decided to make the day extra fun and exciting by using inflatables as well as colour. There is a DJ dance party at the same time! This is our end of Term 3 treat to celebrate another great term of learning together.

To ensure that everybody gets a fair and safe turn on the inflatables, each grade will be allocated a time to participate on the obstacle course. Parents are invited to come and watch their child/ren during their allocated session.

Session Times:

10:00am – 10:30am: Year 6

10:30am – 11:00am: Year 5

RECESS

11:30am – 12:00pm: Year 4

12:00pm – 12:30pm: Year 3

12:30pm – 1:00pm: Kindy

LUNCH

1:30 - 2:00pm: Year 1

2:00 – 2:30pm: Year 2

Thanks to Mrs Hearne and Mrs Khan for organising us and to the P&C for providing the coloured powder



NSW Health Primary School Dental Program

The NSW Health Primary School Dental program will be visiting our school from the 14 October.

Parent Information and consent forms have been sent home.

Please don't forget to return your Forms to the front office before the end of this term.

Water Education Incursion

The Water Education primary school program teaches children about water and why it's our most important natural resource.

Designed and led by experienced educators, our primary school programs are fun, interactive and linked to the curriculum.

The water education program will be visiting our school on:

Tuesday 15th October 2024

9am K-2

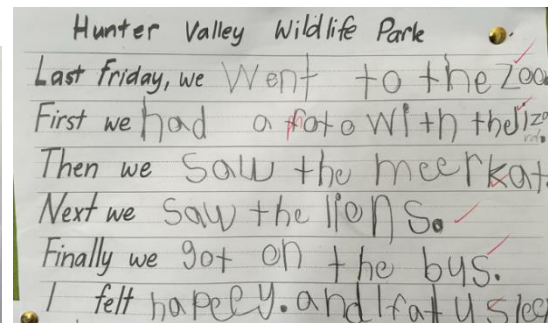
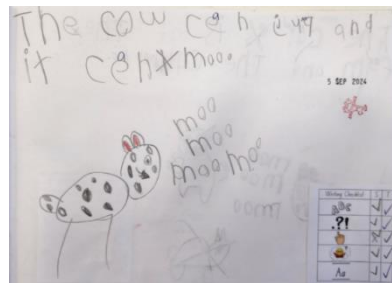
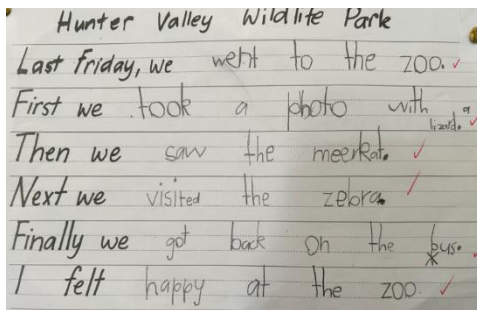
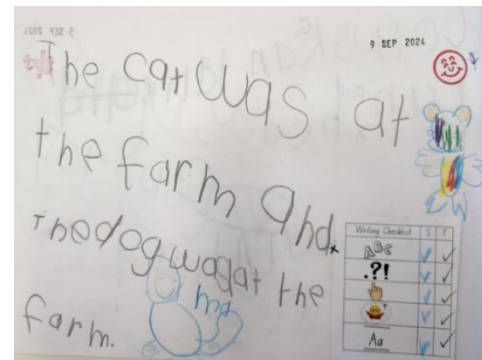
10am 3-6

All students will be attending.

Kindergarten Term 3 in Review

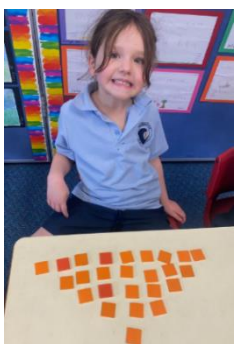
English

In English, students have been learning about fiction and non-fiction texts, sequencing texts and discussing the beginning, middle and end of narratives. They have learnt about simple sentences and the subject, verb and objects in sentences. Students have been writing simple and compound sentences using their knowledge of heart words, phonemes, graphemes, capital letters and punctuation. Students have been learning to self-edit their writing. Students have continued to learn to read with great progress being made. Students have continued to borrow books from the Library and read their Home readers.



Mathematics

In mathematics, students have continued to learn about numbers, additive strategies and problem-solving strategies. They have also learnt about patterns, making groups, compared lengths and area. They have also learnt how to identify half by dividing an object into 2 equal parts.



Term 3 was full of lots on incursion

Incursions including the Olympic day, Public Speaking Competition, Book parade, Education week and PJ mufti day.



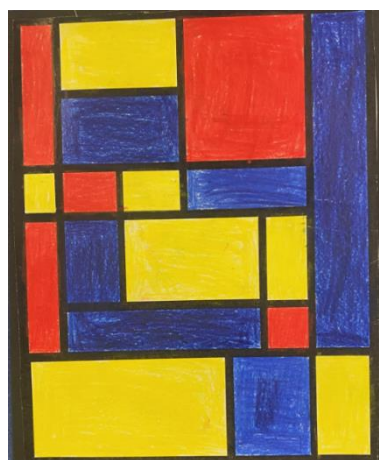
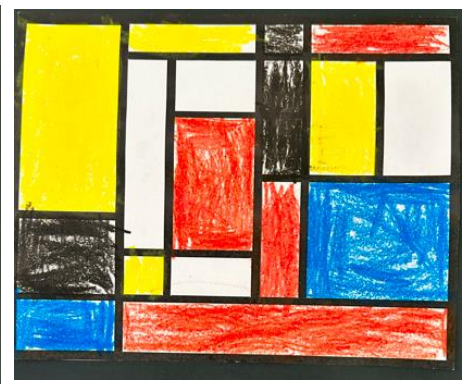
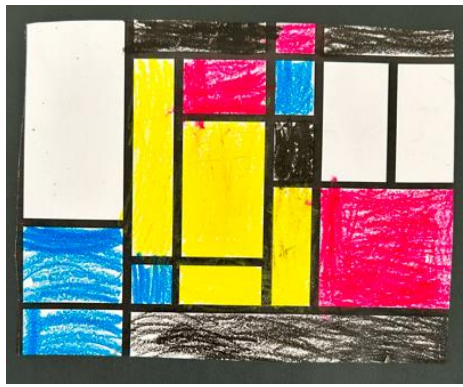
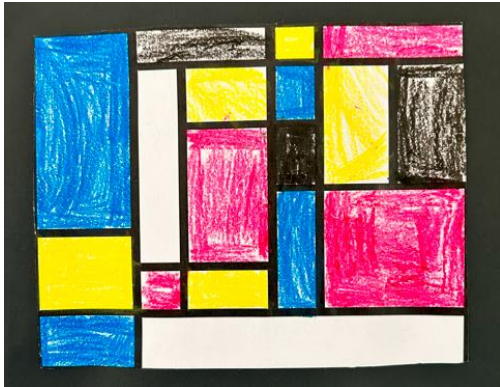
Excursion

Our excursion in Term 3 was related to the Science unit “Living Things.” We went to the Hunter Valley Zoo to learn about the animals and their needs.



Creative Arts

This term, students studied the art of various artists including Mondrian, Van Gogh, Matisse, Picaso and Aboriginal artists. Students then produced art using the same materials and styles.



We have had a wonderful term of learning, and we look forward to an exciting Term 4. In Term 4 some of the activities include the Teddy Bear's Picnic, K-2 Athletics Carnival, a mufti day, Presentation Day and transition to Year 1 classes.

Mrs Buhr, Ms Cranstone, Mrs Rawson and Mrs Morrison.

Aboriginal Education Term 3

Cultural Classes

Cultural classes have continued. Students look forward to this time each week with either Jono or Rmsay from Dhinewan Mentoring.

When available, the didge boys are invited to practice didge during lunch times and are encouraged to bring a friend.



NAIDOC DAY



NAIDOC Day was a huge success. This whole day event included a variety of activities that celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Year 6 cultural leaders were proud to lead the morning assembly and performed with pride as they danced the water dance for the entire school.

They continued their leadership with the support of other Stage 3 students to lead an entire activity. The students became 'teachers for a day' and taught every student – Years K-6 – all about Aboriginal artefacts.

Their sense of pride for their culture was a highlight for their day.

Activities across the day:

- Aboriginal dancing
- Artefacts
- Storytelling
- Indigenous games
- Art
- Weaving



NAIDOC DAY 2024



**Keep the Fire
Burning: Blak,
Loud & Proud!**

Literacy and Numeracy at WPS

In the last newsletter, we looked at the tools and representations used to support additive thinking. This week we will show you how students use these tools to support them into the abstract world of maths.

When teaching students a new concept, it is important to build deep understanding using a systematic approach. In the early stages of learning something new, children need experiences with physical objects such as blocks, money, counters, measuring tapes, etc. As understanding develops, these concrete representations begin to be enhanced by visuals such as drawings or diagrams. These two stages support students to deal with the concept in more formal and abstract ways.



Figure 1 shows the stages of developing a student's knowledge of simple addition using the concrete, pictorial, abstract approach. The use of colour is also effective as it helps the children visualise mathematical concepts and see connections between the representations.

Enjoy the photos of our students and teachers engaging in teaching and learning maths at our school. You will notice the use of the concrete, pictorial, abstract approach in the pictures.



P&C News

It's official, Woongarra Public is running its first ever Billy G's Cookie Dough fundraiser!

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! Students will receive a Billy G's Order Form and you can now start browsing which yummy flavours take your fancy.

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!

Happy Holidays!



The Music Bus

The Music Bus has opened their term 4 enrolments and are inviting new students to apply.

Classes offered are: · Keyboard (Prep-y6) · Ukulele (Prep-y6) · Drums (y1-y6) · Guitar (Y2-y6)

Lessons are: 30 minute duration - once per week and held in the hi tech music classroom on wheels on our site. The cost is \$20 per week (\$22 drums) payable by the term on commencement. Lessons are held before school. If you wish to take part please complete this expression of interest form.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ee4627a5204c46158e1ab17e7c8069c6>

Lowes – Annual Price Review

We have been informed of a price increase of our uniforms at Lowes as of Term 4 this year. This will be applied as an average of 4.6% across all school wear garments.

This decision was made after a careful analysis of increased: -

- Production and Distribution costs &
- Retail Wages.

Lowes are conscious of the impact to families. To minimise this, Lowes have kept the increase to the minimum required to maintain our product quality & service levels. Lowes will continue to offer our regular "20% off" sale days through the year. Lowes will continue to explore alternative production methods to offer cost-saving solutions.

SPRING INTO A WORLD OF HOLIDAY FUN!



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Build
Friendships



Discover
Adventure



Create
Memories

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
BOOKINGS
NOW OPEN**



VARIETY

Over 200
experiences



CONVENIENT

300+ locations
nation-wide



AFFORDABLE

Child Care Subsidy
for eligible families

FUN AWAITS!

YOUR SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Woongarra Public School

Address: 63-73 Mataram Rd WOONGARRAH NSW 2259

Phone: 0411298277 Program Times: 06:30 am - 06:00 pm

Mon 30 Sep Mission Takeoff: Pirate Palooza

Ahoy, matesy! Let's set sail as we go on a swashbuckling adventure today, decorating treasure chests, playing pirate math, and braving the Walk the Plank game!

Full Fee \$83.30 | After Max. CCS* \$8.33



Project Incursion

Tue 01 Oct Operation: Under the Sea

Join us for an exciting exploration of the ocean's greatest mysteries! Discover the wonders under the waves as we have some fun enjoying all things oceanic.

Full Fee \$65.00 | After Max. CCS* \$6.50



Base Camp Day

Wed 02 Oct Project: Music Makers

Ever wondered how music works? Come on over today and build your own music box! We'll also be getting into some exciting experiments that explore the wonders of sound waves with your friends using our groovy melody tubes!

Full Fee \$88.00 | After Max. CCS* \$8.80



Project Incursion

Thu 03 Oct Adventure: Warrior Quest at Obstacle Course Racing School

Join us at Obstacle Course Racing School for a thrilling day tackling monkey bars, rock walls, trampoline jumps, Tarzan swings, and the famous Warped Wall. Get ready to unleash your inner ninja for an action-packed adventure!

Full Fee \$110.50 | After Max. CCS* \$11.05



Excursion

Fri 04 Oct Experience Takeover: Martial Power Hour

Get ready for Martial Power Hour with a special guest from No Limit Sports! Learn awesome karate moves, develop motor skills, and build spiritual strength. Don't miss this exciting, action-packed day!

Full Fee \$90.00 | After Max. CCS* \$9.00



Experience Takeover Incursion

Tue 08 Oct Big Art Day: Ultimate Craft Off!

What fun challenges can you expect from a box of crafty goodies? Let's find out as we get creative with bursts of colour, shapes, and our imagination!

Full Fee \$76.00 | After Max. CCS* \$7.60



Base Camp Day

Wed 09 Oct Project: A Taste of Türkiye

Discover the delights of Turkish culture as we create colourful hot air balloon art, make some delicious Gözleme, and engage in exciting Turkish trivia! Get ready for a day full of creativity, flavours, and cultural exploration.

Full Fee \$89.50 | After Max. CCS* \$8.95



Project Incursion

Thu 10 Oct Adventure: Ultimate Inflatable Challenge at Tuff Nutterz

Get ready for an exhilarating day at Tuff Nutterz! Tackle Australia's biggest inflatable obstacle course, stretching 300 metres of fun and excitement. Join us for the ultimate inflatable challenge – a day of bouncing, climbing, and laughing!

Full Fee \$112.00 | After Max. CCS* \$11.20



Excursion

Fri 11 Oct Operation: Footy Frenzy

Get ready for an action-packed day celebrating NRL and/or AFL grand finals! Enjoy fun activities, make new friends, and show off your sports skills. Cheer, play, and experience the excitement of footy today.

Full Fee \$65.00 | After Max. CCS* \$6.50



Base Camp Day