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

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NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 9

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From the Principal

As we enter Week 7 of this term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress our students and staff have made. With the busy calendar ahead, it's important to acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and resilience that continues to shape our school community. We are excited for the upcoming events and the opportunities for growth that they bring, and I encourage all students and families to take full advantage of everything this term has to offer. Let's continue to work together to create an environment where every student thrives and excels.

Attendance

It's always wonderful to have our students in classrooms, ready to engage and learn. Our teachers and school staff are committed to fostering growth and opportunity, and we are here to work with you to support your child to reach their full potential. Consistently going to school has countless benefits – from learning, to creating social connections and improving wellbeing through access to support and quality education. Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the school year, I'd like to remind our school community that we are here to work with you to support your child to thrive. We know that families experience a variety of challenging circumstances, and we are committed to working with you to address any barriers to regular attendance.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school, like when they are unwell. Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible, and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or to me directly. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the [NSW Department of Education website](http://www.nsw.gov.au).

Thank you for being a part of our school community and for partnering with us to ensure students access the endless benefits of regular school attendance. If you have any questions or if you need support with your child's attendance, please contact your child's class teacher or the office on 4392 7493.



Extended Leave

We would like to remind families of the procedures for requesting extended leave for holidays during the school term. While we understand that family holidays are important, we kindly ask that you consider the impact on your child's learning and school routine before making such a request.

Extended leave during term time can disrupt a student's educational progress, and we encourage families to plan holidays during scheduled breaks whenever possible. If you do need to request leave, please complete an Extended Leave Application form and submit it to the school as early as possible. This will allow us to process the application and discuss any necessary arrangements for your child's learning during their absence.

We appreciate your understanding and support in ensuring that our students continue to thrive academically while balancing family commitments.

[Extended Leave Form](#)

School Crossing

This year, there have been occasions when our School Crossing Supervisors have been absent. When this occurs, Transport attempts to arrange casual staff to fill the role, but sometimes this is not possible. Our school is notified of these absences and makes every effort to have a staff member supervise the crossing in the meantime.

It is crucial that parents also reinforce road safety by modelling safe behaviour while crossing. In addition, we ask that all parents exercise caution in the school zone, adhering to the 40 km/h speed limit and remaining vigilant to ensure the safety of all students and pedestrians. Your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment around the school is greatly appreciated.

School Photo Day

School Photo Day will be on Thursday 20 March. Students will need to bring in their photo envelopes on this day.

Mrs Bradney

Relieving Principal



Student Representative Council Term 1

We were thrilled to present our SRC representatives for 2025 with their badges at a special assembly in Week 4 and to hear the pledges from our student leaders. We now have a full leadership team who are the voice of students in the school. Congratulations to our SRC for Semester 1 2025:

HB1 – Ivy-Lee and Amelia	HB2 - Clara and Dyani
HB3 – Billy and Arielle	HB4 - Koa and Talan
HB7 – Kathleen and Jojo	HB8 – Damien and Braxton
HB15 – Mia-Rose and Haylee	HB16 – Matias and Cooper

They join our Year 6 Ministers to form Parliament:

Prime Minister - Alice	Deputy Prime Minister - Bailee
Minister - Jett	Minister - Miri
Minister - Kai	Minister - Indy
Minister - Ewan	Minister - Aaylah

Parliament will meet for the first time next week, with Mrs Hearne and myself to discuss the roles and responsibilities. SRC reps will be holding class meetings to discuss the ideas that students have for the 2025 school year.

Wallahah PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival 2025

Last week, a team of dedicated swimmers represented our school at the Wallarah Zone Swimming Carnival, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts! Each student displayed incredible determination, excellent sportsmanship, and unwavering support for one another throughout the day.

A special congratulations to our standout performers:

- 🏆 Liam – 3rd place in 11 Years Backstroke
- 🏆 Keira – 3rd place in 11 Years Butterfly
- 🏆 Owen – 1st place in 11 Years Breaststroke, 2nd place in Backstroke, and 2nd place in Butterfly

With his outstanding achievements, Owen has now qualified to compete at the Sydney North Championship at Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on Tuesday, 1 April. We wish him the best of luck!

A huge thank you to Mrs Lyden for her fantastic efforts as team manager, ensuring the day ran smoothly and that our swimmers were well-organised and ready to compete. Well done to all our swimmers—you represented our school with pride, and we celebrate your achievements!



Wallahah Zone Rugby League Team

Congratulations to Kai!

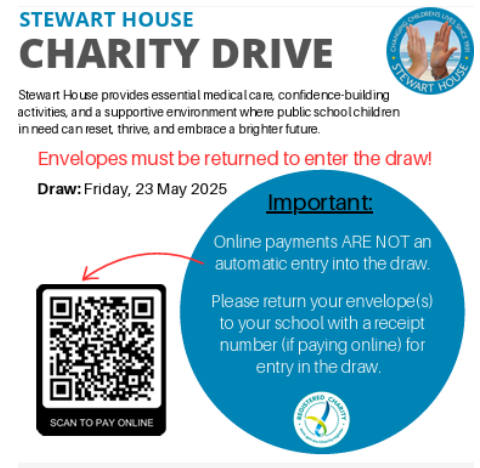
We are thrilled to announce that Kai from Year 6 has been selected to join the Wallarah Zone Rugby League team! This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of him.

As part of this exciting opportunity, Kai will now compete for a spot in the combined Central Coast Rugby League team. His selection trials will take place on Friday, the 28th of March. We know he will give it his all, and we wish him the very best of luck!

Good luck, Kai! We are all cheering for you!

Sterwart House Donation Drive 2025

Stewart House Donation envelopes are due back to School Friday 16 May 2025 to ensure they are returned to Stewart House by 5pm Thursday 22 May 2025 in time for the draw to win a \$4,000 gift voucher on Friday 23 May 2025.



STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE

Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.

Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!

Draw: Friday, 23 May 2025

Important: Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw. Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.

SCAN TO PAY ONLINE

The poster features a QR code for online payments, a circular logo for Stewart House, and a blue circle containing the important notice. A red arrow points from the QR code to the important notice.

Library

The latest issue of Book Club has now been handed out. If you wish to purchase a book, please place an order online using the LOOP Online Ordering system no later than Friday 14 March.

Money is not collected at school. Please see order forms for details or use the following link to the payment page. <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>

Sharon Gilbert (Teacher/Librarian)

Harmony Week 2025 – Friday 21 March

Week 8 is Harmony Week. Harmony Week celebrates the rich diversity of backgrounds in our school, embracing the theme 'Everyone Belongs'. Harmony Week activities reaffirm the inclusive nature of all public schools to build intercultural understanding, belonging and oppose racism. Intolerance and racism have no place at Woongarra PS.

Students are invited to wear orange mufti, the colour of Harmony Day, or traditional / cultural dress on the day. There will be activities in classes and during the middle session of the day and a whole school assembly at 2pm where there will be performances and opportunities to share and learn about the diversity of cultures that make up the fabric of our Woongarra community. Parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend this special assembly, where 'Everyone Belongs' the theme of Harmony Day.

Thanks to Mrs Black and her team for organising this event.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

If you would like your child to attend a government high school in 2026, you will need to complete an expression of interest for Year 6 to 7 transition. **Submissions close: 28 March 2025**

The expression of interest lets you indicate which school you would like your child to attend in Year 7. After you submit this expression of interest and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a government high school. All Expression of interests are to be completed online via the below link:

<https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/?schoolCode=4637>

If your child is **NOT** attending a government high school in 2026, you will need to complete the Placement Not Required section also available through the link above.

Healthy Harold



We are excited to inform you that our students will be participating in a Healthy Harold Life Education incursion, which is funded by the school for this year. Life Education delivers interactive lessons designed to empower students with essential knowledge and skills in physical health, safety, and social-emotional wellbeing. Each class will explore age-appropriate topics:

- **Kindergarten:** Building respectful relationships and learning to manage emotions.
- **Year 1 & 2:** Preparing for challenges by developing healthy habits and resilience.
- **Year 3 & 4:** Online safety, responsible digital behaviour, and recognising risks.
- **Year 5 & 6:** Understanding the effects of smoking and vaping, critical thinking, and making informed choices.

Please see below the timetable for your child's class to visit the Healthy Harold van. If you do not wish for your child to attend, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Week 9			
			Friday 28 th March
9.15-10.45			HB5 (9.15-10.15)
11.30-100			HB8
2.00-3.00			HB14

Week 10			
	Wednesday 2 nd April	Thursday 3 rd April	Friday 4 th April
9.15-10.45	HB7	HB2	HB13 (9.15-10.15)
11.30-100	HB16		HB1
2.00-3.00	HB10	HB6	HB9

Week 11			
	Wednesday 9 th April	Thursday 10 th April	
9.15-10.45	HB3	HB4	
11.30-100	HB15		
2.00-3.00	HB12	HB11	

If you would like more information, click the links below.

Kindergarten [LEA-nsw-PARENT-FLYER-HFS_09.24_web.pdf](#)

Year 1 & 2 [LEA-nsw-PARENT-FLYER-RSG_09.24_web.pdf](#)

Year 3 & 4 [LEA-PARENT-FLYER-BCW_03.24_web.pdf](#)

Year 5 & 6 [LEA-PARENT-FLYER-TAB.pdf](#)

If you would like to order any merchandise for your child, purchases can be made through the online store. Select '*Parent/carer ordering for child*', choose your desired items, add them to your cart, and complete the checkout process. Online orders close **one day before our school visit begins**. To ensure delivery, please place your order **by March 27**. All items will be distributed by the Life Education educator during our school's Healthy Harold visit.

For more details and to access the online store, please refer to the attached flyer.

Mrs Sandy Rawson
Life Education Coordinator



The flyer features a blue header with the Life Ed. logo and a QR code labeled 'Scan to shop'. The main title is 'Healthy Harold products' with the subtitle 'Bring Healthy Harold home with you' and a giraffe illustration. Below are two rows of products with their names and prices.

Product Name	Price
Healthy Harold Plush Toy (Small 20cm / Large 35cm)	\$8 / \$15
Healthy Harold Lunch Bag	\$14
Healthy Harold Drink Bottle	\$10
Healthy Harold Backpack	\$20
Healthy Harold Value Pack	\$39.95
Healthy Harold High Bounce Ball	\$3
Healthy Harold Temporary Tattoo	50c
Healthy Harold Pencil Case	\$5
Healthy Harold Stikki Note Pad	\$1.50
Healthy Harold Keyring	\$4

How to order Healthy Harold merchandise online:

- 1 Visit the Healthy Harold Online Store:** Go to <https://bit.ly/haroldshop> to access the store
- 2 Select your customer type:** Choose 'Parent/Carer ordering for child' to have your child's items delivered during their Healthy Harold visit at school.
- 3 Place your order:** Once you've selected the items you'd like to purchase, simply add them to your cart and proceed to checkout.
- 4 Important Dates:** Orders for the school delivery open six weeks before the Healthy Harold visit date, and **close one day prior**. Be sure to mark your calendars and place your orders in time!
- 5 Delivery:** All orders will be conveniently delivered directly during your child's Healthy Harold visit at school.

Upcoming Events

- **Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Starts** – Wednesday 12 March
- **K-2 Assembly hosted by HB12** – Friday 14 March at 2:15pm
- **School Photo Day** – Thursday 20 March
- **Harmony Day Whole School Assembly** – Friday 21 March at 2:15pm
- **Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Finishes** – Monday 24 March
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews** – Wednesday 26 March
- **3-6 Assembly hosted by HB8** – Friday 28 March at 2:15pm
- **Healthy Harold** – Friday 28 March – Thursday 10 April
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews** – Wednesday 2 April
- **K-2 Assembly hosted by HB13** – Friday 4 April
- **Cross Country** – Wednesday 9 April
- **K-6 Easter Parade** – Friday 11 April
- **Last day for students** – Friday 11 April

P&C News

Thank you to everyone who attended our P&C meeting it was a lovely morning. It was great to meet Mrs Bradney and have some new parents join us.

Some items we discussed

- Fundraisers and events throughout the year
- School community
- What's new at the school in Principals report
- Recap of event

If you would like to be more involved and receive the minutes of meetings, please reach out to become a financial member. Our membership form is attached.

Our AGM will be held on the 1 April at 6pm in the school library - pizza will be supplied and we will have a general meeting to follow.

Teacher Meet & Greet

The P&C held a free sausage sizzle at this event it was lovely to see our school community enjoying a snag so many happy faces! A huge thank you to our volunteers for helped make this event happen. A special mention to Mr K and the teachers. Coles Lake Haven donated a voucher to help - thank you.

Easter Raffle

We are looking for donations from our school community.

Donations suggestions

- 🐰 Easter Eggs
- 🐰 Easter Craft and activities
- 🐰 Baskets, ribbon and cellophane etc to wrap prizes
- 🐰 Any small business wanting to donate vouchers or prizes

We are looking at 30 prize packs to be raffled.

If you can please drop in your donations to the office by the 4th April. Stay tuned for the link to purchase raffle tickets to win a yummy prize. Thank you for your support



Second Hand Uniform Stall

We are seeking clean logo polos and shorts to be donated to our pool, if you can help, please drop them into the office.

The second-hand uniform stall will be opened at the Easter Hat Parade on the last day of school 11th April. We are stocked up with dresses and jumpers. Cash or EFT accepted.

What do you want?

We would love to hear from you with any ideas of events and fundraisers you would like to see happen this year.

Please email us at woongarrahpandc@gmail.com or send us a pm on our Facebook

page <https://www.facebook.com/woongarrahpandc>

The more helping hands we have the more events we can hold.

We also would love to hear what you prefer for Mother's Day a stall or breakfast event please let us know.

Looking forward to a fantastic 2025!

Thank you
Michelle Gatt



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Application for P&C Membership Woongarrah Public School P&C Association

Please complete and return via email to the P&C Secretary woongarrahpandc@gmail.com

Alternatively, please complete & drop it into the school office ensuring that it is addressed to
Att: Secretary of P&C Committee

Contact Details

Name:.....

Address:.....

Phone :.....

Email:

Membership Type: NEW or Renewal (please circle one)

Please tick one – note you must be over the age of 18 years old

a Parent or Caregiver of a child at Woongarrah Public School

a local community citizen/member

Membership cost is \$2 and is payable at the time of application.

I hereby enclosed \$2 as payment of my membership
OR

I have transferred my \$2 membership into the P&C bank account listed below
Account Name: Woongarrah Public School P&C Association
BSB: 032 570 Account Number: 20 0959 Ref: Please use your name

Please note all memberships lapse at the P&C AGM (March) and therefore need to be renewed annually.
Subcommittee office bearer positions (ie: President, Treasurer and Secretary) require a current P & C membership.

I agree to be bound by the constitution of the P&C and by all valid resolutions passed by the Association. I agree to work within the boundaries of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. I agree to be bound by Education NSW's Code of Conduct which includes the following:

Personal Privacy –information obtained as a P&C representative MUST be considered confidential and treated accordingly

Courtesy, respect, dignity and fairness will be observed at all times

Discrimination against any person will not be tolerated (refer Anti-Discrimination Act 1991)

Signature:.....

Date:...../...../.....