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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

What an incredible week we've had at Woongarra! Our Harmony Day celebrations were nothing short of exceptional—the best I've ever experienced. It was heart-warming to see so many community members joining us to celebrate our diversity, unity, and the rich cultural fabric of our school. Thank you for making the day so memorable and a special mention to Mrs Black for her incredible work organising the day.

Looking ahead, we have our upcoming **P&C AGM and General Meeting on Tuesday, 1 April**. We would love to see some new faces come along—it's a great way to get involved and have a say in our school's future. I hope you can join myself and the P&C in the school library at 6.30pm next Tuesday evening.

A big thank you to the **79 community members** who completed our *Your Voice Matters* parents survey. Your feedback is essential and will play a key role in shaping our new School Plan. We truly value your insights.

Last week also saw the first **Woongarra PS Parliament** of the year, with our newly elected Ministers, class SRC representatives and Sports Captains stepping into their leadership roles. It was a fantastic opportunity to hear directly from our students and ensure their voices are helping to guide school decisions.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. Together, we are building a strong, inclusive and forward-thinking school community.

Attendance

We know that sometimes it can be a challenge getting your child to school, especially if they are experiencing anxiety or are refusing to attend school. They might be worried about their schoolwork, talking with other kids or teachers, playing sports or being away from their family. If you are concerned about your child's attendance at school or any other issues that may affect their attendance, please reach out to me or one of your child's teachers.

We are here to support you and your child to make sure they are ready and engaged at school.

You can also access resources on the [department website](#) to support positive conversations with your child about attending school.

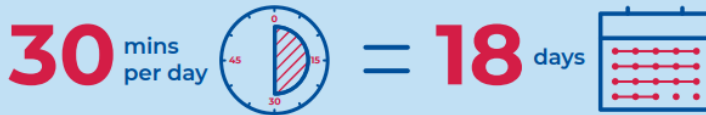
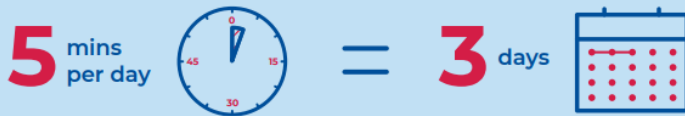
If you have any questions or if you need support with your child's attendance, please contact your child's class teacher or the office on 4392 7493.

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

education.nsw.gov.au

Mrs Bradney

Relieving Principal



NAPLAN

NAPLAN has officially wrapped up for another year, and we are incredibly proud of all our students in Years 3 and 5 for the focus, resilience and effort they demonstrated throughout the assessments. Over the testing period, students completed assessments in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language, and Numeracy.

NAPLAN provides valuable insight into student learning and progress, and we use this information to support our teaching and learning programs. While it's just one snapshot of a child's development, it helps guide us in ensuring every student is on track and receiving the support they need to grow.

We'd also like to acknowledge the work of our dedicated staff, who helped prepare students and ensured the testing period ran smoothly. A special mention to Ms Miller and Mr Vrolyk who spent countless hours making sure our school laptops were up to date with the browser needed to complete the tests.

Results will be made available to families later in the year. In the meantime, we're proud of the way our students approached the challenge and gave it their best.

Harmony Day

On Friday 21st March, we celebrated Harmony Day at Woongarra, and what a celebration it was! As well as dressing in orange, the colour of Harmony Day, many students wore traditional cultural dress, representing many of the 50 different cultures in our Woongarra community.

Students took part in a World Expo, hosted by some of our local families, showcasing 4 different countries. This year we visited India, Zimbabwe, Turkey and South Korea, where we learned about the languages, history, different foods, traditions and customs of these nations. A huge thank you to the Mangwiro, Chadha, Subramanian, McDonald and Bhalla families for sharing your fascinating stories and cultures with us. We are so grateful for your time and effort.

After lunch, we were treated to an assembly with amazing performances from our Aboriginal Cultural Group, Indian Cultural Dance Group DFF, a Bollywood Wedding Dance and a performance signed in Auslan. Students from Woongarra shared stories of their Multicultural backgrounds, celebrating the diversity of our community.

Thank you to all students, staff and our amazing community for making Harmony Day so special; a day where we celebrate our differences, a day where Everyone Belongs!

Wallarrah Zone Soccer Trials

Congratulations to the Boys!

Congratulations to the students who excelled at the Wallarrah Zone soccer trials! We are thrilled to announce that Connor, Lukas, and Matias have been selected to represent our zone at the next level of trials for the Sydney North team. We wish them the best of luck as they continue to showcase their skills in the upcoming trials.

Well done – we're cheering you on!

Year 6 Survival Challenge

Last week, Year 6 took part in a Survival Skills Challenge for STEM.

CHALLENGE: To create a shelter that could withstand rain (Mrs Lee's watering can) and wind (Mrs Baker's leaf blower) and completely protect Barbie – or Ken – from these elements.

This gave all students the opportunity to practise problem-solving skills and think like an engineer!

However, there were some clear winners who managed to create a solid structure and keep Barbie dry:

1st Place: Kyza and Tiffany

2nd Place: Sophie

3rd Place: Annika and Aurey



Year 6 Teachers

Parent/ Teacher Interviews 26 March and 2 April

We are looking forward to welcoming families who have made a booking for our upcoming **Parent/Teacher Interviews**, to be held on **Wednesday 26 March** and **Wednesday 2 April** from **3:15pm to 5:00pm**.

These interviews are a valuable opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, discuss their progress, and work together to support their learning goals for the year.

Each interview is scheduled for **10 minutes**, and we kindly ask all families to arrive on time and adhere to the allocated time to ensure the afternoon runs smoothly for everyone.

Bookings are essential and can be made via the **Sentral Parent Portal**. Most teachers still have a limited number of time slots available, so we encourage you to book as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you there and strengthening the partnership between home and school.

Cross Country 9 April

Our annual **Cross Country Carnival** for students turning **8 years or older** this year will be held on **Wednesday 9 April 2025** at **Woongarra Oval**, running from **9:00am to 2:50pm**. If you have not yet given permission for your child/ren to attend, please do so in Sentral Parent Portal by **Thursday 3 April**.

Students participating in the event will need to come prepared with:

- A hat
- Enclosed running shoes
- A water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Their sports uniform or a t-shirt in their house colour

It promises to be a fun and active day, and we look forward to cheering on all our runners!

Easter Hat Parade 11 April



Woongarra Public school would like to invite our K-6 families to celebrate Easter with us at our annual Easter Parade on Friday 11 April at 9.15am under the school COLA.

K-6 students are to make their parade items at home and bring them to school on the day of the parade. They can make a hat or mask, decorate a poster or basket or bring any other Easter themed items. Students are not to wear costumes or fancy dress. Please wear normal school uniform.

We look forward to celebrating this fun event with our K-6 families

P&C News

AGM

1 April at 6.30pm in the school library join us for the meeting and pizza!!! We would like to see some new faces to our meeting to create a wonderful school community. Hope to see you there. If you are a member, you would have received some paperwork to complete and return by email.

Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has donated Easter Eggs, Chocolate, Craft, Vouchers etc we are still taking donations until the 4 April. Please drop them into the office.

Tickets can be purchased online tickets starting from \$2 with bundles available. The Raffle will close at 9.30am and be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on the 11 April.

[Woongarra Public School P&C Fundraising Raffle | RaffleLink](#)

First prize is valued at \$200 including \$150 cash!!!

Second is valued at \$100

30 prizes in total

Second Hand Uniform Stall

We will be opened at the Easter Hat Parade (last day of school) 9.15am 11 April.

We welcome clean logo uniforms especially looking for Shorts & Polo shirts.

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 woongarrapandc@gmail.com or send us a pm on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/woongarrapandc>

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

Kind regards
Michelle Gatt
President





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Application for P&C Membership Woongarra 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

I a Parent or Caregiver of a child at Woongarra Public School

I 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: Woongarra 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:/...../.....

Sentral Parent Portal

Our school uses the Sentral Parent Portal. The Parent Portal is used to notify the school of your child's absences, receive your child's academic reports and to schedule Parent Teacher Interviews.

If using a computer:

1. Please log on to the Internet
2. Register for access to our Parent Portal here:
<https://woongarrahps.sentral.com.au/auth/portal?action=register> -You must use a valid email address to create your username.
3. Once successfully registered you will be prompted to enter your username (email address) and the password you created.
4. To see information from the school and to link to your enrolled children, enter the access key provided. If you do not have your access key, please contact the office.
5. Please note that the access key is case sensitive so copy it into the box provided on screen, exactly as it appears in this letter.
6. The URL for continued access to the portal is: <https://woongarrahps.sentral.com.au/auth/portal>

If using a phone/ipad

1. Download the app. Depending on your device, visit either the Apple App Store, or the Google Play Store.
2. Search for your school in the search box.
3. Tap Next.
4. Tap Register here.
5. Enter your details.
6. Tap Create Account. You can use the login details created here to access the app, and the Parent Portal.
7. You will receive a confirmation email.
8. Click the link in the confirmation email to verify your details.
9. Log in to the app.
10. Use your access key to add your child or children to the app. Access keys can be added in the Settings menu. If you do not have your access key, please contact the office.
11. You will then see the Home Screen.
12. View the QuickStart guide.
13. You're now ready to use the app. The Parent Portal will become significant in your day-to-day management of your child's enrolment at our school. Should you experience difficulties please do not hesitate to contact the school for assistance.

Refer to the below link for frequently asked questions:

<https://www.sentral.com.au/portal-app-help>