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

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NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 8

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From the Principal

As we move into the final weeks of Term 2, thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

This week, we are placing a strong focus on attendance, especially the importance of arriving at school on time. A calm and punctual start sets students up for a successful day of learning and ensures they don't miss out on key instruction at the beginning of the day.

Attendance Matters

To encourage consistent attendance, we've launched a number of fun initiatives:

- A random draw at some of the morning assemblies, where students who are drawn out and are present at school on-time student will win a Zooper Dooper voucher.
- Weekly recognition of the Top 3 Classes for Attendance on our Facebook page, with the top class receiving Zooper Doopers for all students.
- At the end of the term, students with 100% attendance in either Term 1 or Term 2 will be invited to a Hot Chip Party with Mrs Bradney.

Semester 1 Reports

We're also preparing to release Semester 1 student reports via Sentral in Week 10. This semester, reports will look slightly different, following changes introduced across all NSW public schools. The updated format will provide a clearer picture of your child's strengths and learning goals, helping you better understand their progress and next steps. Comments for Key Learning Areas (other than English and mathematics) will appear in the General Comment section. Following the publishing of reports in Week 10, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher. I will also be seeking feedback on the new format early next term.

Kindergarten 2026

Looking ahead to 2026, we are now taking enrolment enquiries for **kindergarten next year**. If you have a child starting school in 2026, or know someone in our community who does, please contact the school office as soon as possible and begin the enrolment process online. This helps us plan appropriately for staffing and classroom spaces.

To support this, we will be holding a **Kindergarten 2026 Parent Information Session** on **Thursday 26 June**, with two session times available:

- **9.30am or 5.30pm**

We encourage any families considering enrolment, especially those new to our school, to come along and learn more about what Woongarra Public School can offer your child.

Additionally, we are excited to share that our **Kindergarten Transition Program for 2026** has now been finalised. We're proud to offer a range of opportunities designed to support children and families as they begin their journey with Woongarra Public School. In **Term 3**, we will be hosting **playgroup sessions** to help children become familiar with the school environment in a relaxed and welcoming setting. This will be followed by our **formal transition program** in **Term 4**. We are thrilled to offer **six sessions each term**, providing families with plenty of chances to connect, engage and feel part of our school community. A flyer outlining all transition opportunities is included below. We look forward to meeting our newest students and welcoming their families into our school.

If you live within our school's intake area and have a child starting school in 2026, please make contact by **August** to ensure your child is included in our planning. Please note, while families with siblings already attending our school will be considered, all new out-of-area applications will be placed on a **waitlist** while we confirm capacity for local, in-area enrolments.

More information, including enrolment guidelines and intake area details, can be found on the **school website** under the *Enrolment* tab ([direct link here](#)). If your family is planning to leave our school community at the end of the year, please inform the office so we can plan accordingly.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week 2025 will be celebrated at Woongarra Public School in Week 10 this term. This year's theme – **The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy** – invites us to celebrate 50 years of honouring and elevating Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander voices, culture, and resilience. It celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of communities, and the legacy of ancestors.

Throughout the week, our students will have the opportunity to engage in a range of meaningful activities that explore Aboriginal perspectives and celebrate the richness of First Nations cultures. These experiences aim to deepen understanding, foster respect, and strengthen our connection to Country and community. We look forward to sharing more details soon about the exciting events planned for our students and school community.

Thank you once again for your continued support and we look forward to finishing the term off strong.



Mrs Tricia Bradney
Relieving Principal

Wallarah Zone Soccer Trials

On Friday 6 June 3 of our students attended the Wallarah Zone Soccer Trials. A huge congratulations to Matias for being selected in the boy's team and Connor D for being selected as reserve.

Buzzing into Spelling Bee Week!

We're excited to share that classroom Spelling Bees are taking place this week for students in Years 3–6!

Stage Finals will be held on Monday 30 June, and invitations will be sent home to the families of class winners early next week. We'd love for you to come along and support.

Students who expressed interest have already received their word lists. Extra copies are available in classrooms, or you can find them online at:

[NSW Premier's Spelling Bee | The Arts Unit](#)



[NSW Premier's Spelling Bee - The Arts Unit](#)

The Premier's Spelling Bee is an engaging way for NSW public primary school students to expand their vocabularies and improve their spelling. Designed for Stage 2 and 3, Stage 1 students are welcome to participate.
artsunit.nsw.edu.au

Password: pollen2025

We're looking forward to a buzzing week ahead as students put their spelling skills to the test!

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 20 June**.

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)

LIBRARY BORROWING

Monday

Catch up
borrowing
day

Tuesday

HB 10
HB 11
HB 1
HB 12
HB 7

Wednesday

HB 4
HB 13
HB 5
HB 6
HB 3
HB 9

Thursday

HB 15
Catch up
borrowing
day

Friday

HB 16
HB 2
HB 8
HB 14

2025 Year 6 Shirt Designs



The spirit of creativity and school pride is alive and well at Woongarra, as 13 of our talented Year 6 students have stepped up to submit their original designs for the 2025 Year 6 shirts.

This competition has given students a unique opportunity to leave their mark on the school while showcasing their artistic talents. From bold colours to symbols that represent friendship, leadership, and growth, this year's submissions reflect the vibrant personalities and teamwork of our graduating class.

Each design was carefully thought out, with students considering not just the look of the shirt, but what it represents; unity, achievement, and the special memories shared by the Class of 2025. Teachers and staff were truly impressed by the creativity and attention to detail shown in each entry.

In the coming days, Mrs Bradney will announce the winning design that will be featured on the inaugural 2025 Year 6 shirts.

Well done to all 13 students who submitted a design, you've already made your mark! Stay tuned for the big reveal!

Kindergarten Transition Program 2025



KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM 2025

Parent Information Session

- 📅 Thursday 26 June
- 🕒 9.30am or 5.30pm (choose one)

Term 3 Playgroup Program

- 📅 Wednesday 6/8, 20/8, 3/9
- 📅 Thursday 14/8, 28/8, 11/9
- 🕒 9.30 - 10.30 (parents attend with child)

Term 4 Orientation Program

- 🕒 Session 1 - 9.30am - 10.55am
Teddy Bears Picnic (parents attend with child)
- 📅 Tuesday 21 October
- 🕒 Session 2 - 9.15am - 11.45am
- 📅 Wednesday 29 October
- 🕒 Session 3 - 9.15am - 11.45am
- 📅 Thursday 6 November
- 🕒 Session 4 - 9.15am - 11.45am
- 📅 Wednesday 12 November
- 🕒 Session 5 - 9.15am - 12.30pm
- 📅 Thursday 27 November
- 🕒 Session 6 - 9.15am - 12.30pm
- 📅 Wednesday 3 December



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Upcoming Events

- Thursday 19 June – PSSA Netball
- Friday 20 June – HB16 hosting 3-6 Assembly (Silver Awards)
- Friday 20 June – Class Spelling Bee
- Friday 20 June – Year 6 Wadalba Community School Academic Enrichment Interviews
- Monday 23 June – Year 5 Girls CCDF performance at Laycock St Theatre (evening)
- Tuesday 24 June – Year 6 Wadalba Target Sport Program Visit
- Tuesday 24 June – P&C General Meeting 9:15am in the hall
- Wednesday 25 June – Year 6 Girls CCDF performance at Laycock St Theatre (evening)
- Thursday 26 June – Kindergarten 2026 Parent Information Session 9:30am or 5:30pm
- Friday 27 June – HB11 hosting K-2 Assembly (Silver Awards)
- Friday 27 June – Stage 3 Excursion
- Monday 30 June – Spelling Bee Stage finals
- Tuesday 1 July – Boys Group CCDF performance at Laycock St Theatre (evening)
- Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July – Woongarra Public School NAIDOC Week

P&C News

P&C Meeting

You are invited to join us for our general meeting to be held on the Tuesday 24th June at 9.15am in the hall. This is a great opportunity to learn more of what the P&C does and hear what is happening behind the scenes of the school. Everyone is welcome.

Executive Position Available - Secretary

The position of Secretary is currently available if you are wanting more information on what is involved, please reach out. We have meetings 1-2 times per term some of the job description is taking minutes, creating the agenda, looking after the google drive and emails. This position is not hours of work some weeks you have to commit time other times you don't, we would love to have a chat with you to discuss what it looks like.

Second Hand Uniform Stall

The second-hand uniform stall will be opened at assembly on Friday 20th June 2-3.15pm under the cola. EFT accepted.

Thank you
Michelle Gatt
President