

Seahorse Tales

TERM 3, ISSUE 1

JULY 30, 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back

Our school term has begun on a great note! We have increased our student enrolments again, and welcome to all our new families. A particular mention must be made of the two families that have joined us from Africa – Ethiopia and the Congo.

And then there is the joy on the faces of all our kids who are back and really looking as though they had great holidays, and are so happy to be back with their buddies and their teachers.

We also welcome several new staff this term: Danny Kelsell – English as a Second Language Teacher (Mon & Thurs); John Paul Ndayiragije - Teachers Aide support (Swahili); Nelly Singh – KK teacher on Wednesdays, and teacher support Thursdays; Nicole Pearson, prac teacher on KK; and Julie Blachett, prac teacher on 4J.

Maxine McClelland has indicated that she will be taking leave for the rest of the year. Marion Nolan will be the relieving office manager, ably assisted by Dee Neale and Kristen Seymour.

Term 3 initiatives

It will be another busy term this term, with several 'big' events already looming in the thinking of the school:

- ◆ Kindergarten 2010 classes have started, as part of the transition to 'big school' program;
- ◆ Tree Day is on Friday, with all our classes participating in tree planting in the garden established last year on the Hastings St corner, beyond the hall;
- ◆ the Athletics Carnival is next Wednesday, with field events (High Jump etc) already commenced;
- ◆ Science Week (week 4) and Numeracy Week (TBA);
- ◆ K-2 and 3-6 musicals/shows in the final weeks of the term; and
- ◆ the initiation of an Aboriginal languages program (Gumbainyar) in year 2.

Events will be noted in our weekly newsletter. (Don't forget, if you or an extended member of your family would like to receive our newsletter, just email us so we can add you/them to our *contacts*, in our email system.)

Staff Professional Learning Day – last Monday

This day was spent by all our staff reviewing our school plan and future directions, together with some 'big picture' activities, and exploration of some Science resources, to better assist teaching and learning.

Again, a very valuable day for us, as enthusiastic and dedicated Woolgoolga Public School teachers and staff.

Cheers

Graeme Ross

Principal



Athletic Carnival

Field events finals will be held on Monday 3rd from 9:45am. On Wednesday 5th August we will be holding our annual Athletics Carnival, track events will be held on this day. Students may come dressed in house colours. The program of events is attached to today's newsletter.

Athletics ribbons will be handed out in the hall on Thursday morning 6th August.

Parents, carers, grandparents, and family members are most welcome to attend both events.

Woolgoolga Public School P&C will be holding a special canteen on the day in the AFL building on the oval.



AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS! TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Sukhman Gill KK
- ◆ Emerson Bhatti 1B
- ◆ Sophy Simson 1B
- ◆ Sangam Singh 1B
- ◆ Jaxon Elliott 1RB
- ◆ Byron Grant 1RB
- ◆ James O'Connor 1/2E
- ◆ Cameron Hayne 1/2S
- ◆ Sherydan Simson 3C
- ◆ Alisha Phoonie 5W
- ◆ Symantha Simson 5W
- ◆ Matthew Landi 5/6R



Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Akash Singh 3C
- ◆ Bryce Nicolson 3/4G

Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Lani Goodman 4/5M
- ◆ Parveen Singh 4/5M

All parents and carers are welcome to attend

'Friday Assemblies'

This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted **Pavan Singh** and **Niam Semple of 2C**

Stages 2-3 (12.20) awards will be handed out, there will be no item this week.

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

New Click! now online



The latest issue of the Department of Education and Training's web-based technology guide for parents, Click!, is now online. Topics include cyber-bullying and how to protect your child; the pitfalls to avoid when sharing private photos to the net; whether kids can really study while listening to music, texting and chatting online; and how to avoid 'phishing' scams. Complete with vodcasts and podcasts and an informative blog by industry experts, keep up with your kids at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click. You can also subscribe by email so you never miss an issue.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPS

TERM 3

31 July ~ Tree Day

4 August ~ ICAS English Competition

5 August ~ Athletics Carnival

7 August ~ Jeans for Genes Day



Students are invited to wear their favourite pair of jeans to help raise much needed funds for the Children's Medical Research Institute who conduct research into childhood diseases. Gold

coin donation.

Denim wristbands will also be available at a cost of \$3.00. The wristbands must be pre-ordered.

19 August ~ ICAS Mathematics Competition

9 & 10 September ~ Stage 2 State and National Parks

An overnight excursion is planned for Stage 2, staying at the Coffs Coast Conference Centre, Bonville.

Students will visit Bongil Bongil National Park, Muttonbird Island, the National Marine Science Centre Aquarium and Sandy Beach Reserve.

This great opportunity covers the HSIE (Human Society & It's Environment) Unit that students will be studying during Term 3.

Anticipated cost approx. \$100.00 inclusive of venue entry, accommodation, food and bus hire ~ as well as hire of a big movie screen! Permission notes were sent home on Wednesday.

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WPS SCHOOL CANTEEN



OPEN: Tuesday to Friday

CLOSED: Mondays

If you would like to help out, our canteen manager, Maree Hartin would love to hear from you.

Take Home Reading Reward System

Congratulations to the following 'Award Recipients'

K-2 CLUB 20

Kaylee Parker

K-2 CLUB 80

Travys Downton

Congratulations! You have caught the reading bug.

You have caught the Reading Bug!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Woolgoolga Public School does not endorse or make any recommendation concerning community notices

"Cubs to re-start in Woolgoolga"

1st Woolgoolga Scout Group is hoping to start up cubs in Woolgoolga, catering for boys and girls in the age range of 10½ to 14½ years old. Cubs introduces bush skills and outdoor activities, and encourages team work and initiative in a fun and enthusiastic environment.

If you would like further information, please come to our information session at the Woolgoolga Scout Hall, Hastings St, Woolgoolga between 7pm and 8pm on Tuesday 11th August. Refreshments will be available. Please phone Dianne Kimber, Cub Leader on 66560728.



What do computer operators eat for lunch?
Chips!

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

For more information about 'After School Care', please contact the program coordinator Ph 6654 8554 or 1300 656 203
 Vacation Care is also available each school holiday. Venue ~ Short St, Woolgoolga.

Monday
 to
 Friday

1B's Sport for Term 2

We enjoyed a fun gymnastic session every Thursday during Term 2. These are the comments the students in 1B wrote about describing this time.



"At gymnastics my favourite activity is big jumps." Jasdeep

"At gymnastics I did forward rolls and backward rolls." Octavia

"I like doing the Superman on the mat and springing off the tramp was fun." Prabraj



"I like doing forward rolls at gymnastics and jumping off the trampoline onto the mat then standing like a motor bike." Izaak

"I like to do tuck sit." Sophy

"At gymnastics I like to do 'Doggy with a Sore Leg.' I was good at the tuck sit." Tahlia

"I like doing Superman."

Max, Jason, Dean, Inderjot, Sukhraj



"I like gymnastics. I like doing gymnastics and I like front supports." Sukhjeet

"I like doing Superman on the mat." Mitchell, Sangam

"We do front flips on the bars and we also do back flips but the most important part is that we have fun." Georgia



"I feel good at gymnastics. It was good because I learnt how to swing on the bar." Gloria

"The best part was jumping on the trampoline and jumping on the mat." April

"I like doing Superman because you have to stretch your body." Kamran

"My favourite activity is forward rolls. I can tuck my head under." Byron



"I like to do any work my teacher gives me.

I like being at Woolgoolga Public School because it is fun." Emerson

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