

Seahorse Tales

TERM 1, ISSUE 2

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

OUR CLASSES FOR 2009

13 classes have been formed for this year. These classes are:

Stage 1 & Early Stage 1

KD	Ms Kerry Dibb
KK	Ms Jenny Kingsley & Mrs Jayne Featherstone
1B	Mrs Barb Booker
1RB	Mrs Jenny Read & Mrs Deb Baker
1/2H	Ms Kerriane Holani
2C	Mr John Carter

Assistant principal Ms Kerry Dibb supervises these classes and teachers.

Stage 2

3C	Mr Phil Critten
3/4G	Ms Jo Goodenough
4J	Ms Jan Martin

Assistant principal Ms Jan Martin supervises these classes and teachers.

Stage 3

4/5M	Mr Graham McKeough
5A	Ms Tracy Abbott
5/6R	Ms Sharon Rovere
6M	Mr Rowen McRae

Assistant principal (relieving) Sharon Rovere supervises these classes and teachers.

Support staff include:

Mr Terry Smellie, Support Teacher Learning Assistance
Ms Pam Singh, Community Language (Punjabi) teacher
Ms Dasion Singh, ESL teacher
Ms Lynne McKeough, Support teacher Specialist Learning
Ms Tanya Molloy, Teacher Librarian
Ms Nicola Fraser, Music Tutor
Assistant principal Mr Chris Browne supervises these teachers.

Meet your child's teacher evenings are planned for the next few weeks, and we will invite you to join us in a special invitation, once dates are finalised.

If you as parents or carers have any concerns or questions re your child's welfare or learning please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance, or the stage supervisor.

Over the coming months you will get to know all our staff in our special new feature here in the newsletter highlighting a staff member a week.

OUR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Tomorrow our annual swimming carnival is planned, for students aged 8 and above.



It is expected that all students will attend, with additional activities planned for students who do not compete in races. Students need to return both the permission note and \$4 to partake.

I'm sure it will be a great day.

Cheers

Graeme Ross, Principal

HOUSE CAPTAINS ELECTED

The children in Years 3-6 held their House Meetings this week to talk about the upcoming swimming carnival and elect house captains.

Congratulations to the following students who were elected and **'Best of Luck'** to all swimmers.

Stingrays

Captains: Elizabeth Hanna
Kyle Worrall
Vice Captains: Kiara Jones
Josh Butterworth-Harvey

Whales

Captains: Jordan Forrest
Liam Armitage
Simran Mann
Arjun Gill
Vice Captains:

Sharks

Captains: T. Holcombe-Nancarrow
Tumma Murray
Vice Captains: Tanisha Lalli
Manjinder Sahota

Dolphins:

Captains: Kayla Connelly
Sunny Commandeur
Vice Captains: Jessica Midavaine
Wyatt Anderson

Phil Critten, Sports Coordinator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visiting Performance	Tue 10 Feb
AFL	Mon 16 Feb
P&C Meeting	Tue 17 Feb
Scripture Classes Commence	Tue 17 Feb

CONGRATULATIONS!

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Sophy Simson 1B
- ◆ Jasdeep Singh 1B
- ◆ Sukhjeet Tiwana 1B
- ◆ Emmett Weiss 1B
- ◆ Floyd Baskett 5/6R



"Please note that electronic copies of this newsletter will be emailed on Monday to families on the e-distribution list"

All parents and carers are welcome to attend **'Friday Assemblies'** This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by **Chelsea Mallett** and **Kaylee Parker** of 1/2H
Stages 2-3 (12:20pm)
Item by 5A

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPS**Class 6M to Visit Ontario Canada!**

Mr. McRae is thrilled that he and his class will soon be visiting Canada!

6M have been given the opportunity, through the educational website <http://www.epals.com>

to participate in several collaborative learning experiences with a classroom of students from Ontario, Canada.

The aim of this activity is to compare cultural differences as well as to work together on various projects by exchanging research information, student work samples and pictures of the local areas. We look forward to getting an update from 6M as the term progresses.

Music Initiative for Year 2

This year we are continuing an exciting initiative at WPS. Every student in Y2 will participate in a weekly recorder lesson during school hours with our music tutor Ms Nicola Fraser. By purchasing a \$6 recorder Year 2 students will be encouraged to enjoy a musical experience.

Once students reach Year 3 they may wish to further their musical education by continuing with the school's recorder ensemble (with a possibility of playing at the Sydney Opera House) and/or the school band.

Elective lessons, during school time, are provided at a cost of \$12 per week and instrument hire (if applicable) costs \$30 per term. Some of the instruments we have available include flute, alto saxophone, clarinet, trumpet, trombone and electric bass. It has been demonstrated in many studies that a musical education benefits students in many ways, particularly in other academic subjects. If you are interested in your child progressing further with their musical education please contact the school.

Mr Chris Browne, Assistant Principal

Rising Costs Send Year 6 Northward Bound

The annual excursion for Year 6 students is an important part of the curriculum and supports ongoing classroom learning with real and practical experiences.

In the past this excursion has been to Canberra but due to rising costs WPS has decided to head north. This year a fantastic, and affordable four day trip away has been organised to Brisbane in T2, Wk7. The excursion will provide Y6 students with the opportunity to visit State Parliament House, Australia Zoo, Seaworld, Mt. Cootha Planetarium and several museums and places of interest.

A note has been sent home requesting that parents secure a place for their child by forwarding a \$50.00 deposit to the school by 2 March 2009.

Mr Rowen McRae, Organiser

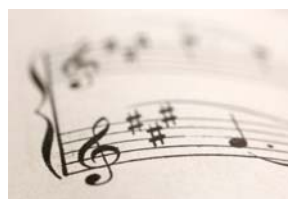
Netball Yrs3-6 ~ Commences Tuesday 10 February

Students from Years 3-6 are invited to train and learn about netball. Lessons will commence next Tuesday at 8:00am (Y3-6 Primary Cola) with Miss Holani. Registration days for the local Woopi Netball Comp will be held on Sat. 14 & 21 Feb at 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Woopi Netball Courts. See last week's newsletter for more info. This is a great way to practice skills.

Kerrienne Holani, Netball Coordinator

WE NOTICED THAT ...

- ◆ **Jordan Seery** of 5A helped Ms Kingsley welcome new KK students on Monday.
- ◆ **Sherydan Simson** of 3C offered to play with a new girl to our school.
- ◆ **Adam Mutton** of 5/6R was very helpful cleaning and organizing storeroom cupboards for 5/6R
- ◆ **Kye Goodman** of 5/6R has been helping out in the library during lunchtimes.
- ◆ **Tumma Murray** of 6M has fabulous manners.
- ◆ **Trent Hames** of 6M worked hard on his English.

BAND NOTES

Music lessons will take place next Tuesday, 10 February, *after* the visiting performance. Please remember to bring your instrument and music to school. See you then!

Nicola Fraser, Music Tutor

TIME TO LAUGH

Q: What did the scientists say when they found bones on the moon?

A: The cow didn't make it!

Q: What do you call a pony with a sore throat?

A: A little horse!

**STAFF PROFILE**

Name: Tracy Abbott

Position: 5A Classroom Teacher

Favourite Food: Chocolate

Favourite Season: Summer

Favourite TV Programme: Play School (see ref. below)

Favourite Movie: I have young children, so what is a movie?

Favourite Song: Anything from the Wiggles (see above ref. to young children)

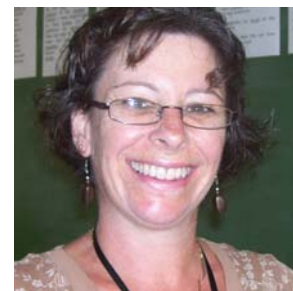
Favourite Colour: Orange

Favourite Holiday Destination: Anywhere my husband will take me

Favourite Hobby: Refer above to having young children (options limited)

Favourite Animal: Cat

Favourite Sport: Not applicable!



WPS Welcomes Kindergarten 2009 & Year 1 to 6 'Back To School'

On Monday 2nd February 2009 Woolgoolga Public school welcomed 35 kindy students into two classes, KD and KK. See below how the first week has developed for Kindergarten.

Classes for Years 1-6 commenced for Term 1 on Wednesday of last week. The articles below describe how students in different classes were given the opportunity to share information and 'get to know' their fellow classmates and teachers in various activities.

KD ~ Ms Kerry Dibb



Students in KD have been very busy familiarising themselves with the staff and layout of the school; borrowing books from the library for their classroom and making a visit to the canteen.

In the classroom, KD have been learning the numerals 1-10 and writing their names. Classroom teacher, Ms Kerry Dibb notes the students have settled in beautifully.



KK ~ Ms Jennifer Kingsley



Ms Jenny Kingsley says her students in KK are delightful and are settling in well after Monday's staggered enrolment. Parents were appreciative of the quality time they were able to spend with the Kindergarten teachers on their child's arrival. In the classroom KK have been playing name circle games to get to know each other and looking at numerals 1-10 with student Evie, keen to be a classroom helper.

1RB ~ Mrs Read & Mrs Baker's Class

~ shared stories passed down through their families about sharks.

1/2H Miss Holani's Class

~ wrote about their name, age and family then shared their information orally in circle time.



3/4G Mrs Goodenough's Class

~ shared their name, one like and one dislike with each other.



Pictured Below:

KD students proudly displaying their hard work.



4/5M Mr McKeough's Class

~ made a 'Coat of Arms' each detailing their name, strengths and interests.



5A Mrs Abbott's Class

~ each wrote and published on the computer an autobiography.



5/6R Mrs Rovere's Class

~ enjoyed an activity learning about humour.

The students wrote a 'good thing,' followed by a humorous, ironic 'bad thing.' e.g:

- ◆ **Good thing:** "I went shopping yesterday"
- Bad thing:** "It was for Mum's clothes"
- ◆ **Good thing:** "I found a \$100 note!"
- Bad thing:** "It had Monopoly written on it!"



HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS

Talking about school



It's a common complaint:
'My child never tells me what's going on in school. When I ask, all I ever get is a one-word answer!'

There is no easy solution, but some approaches are bound to work better than others.

One approach could be to create a family ritual in which everyone shares something about their day at dinner, or:

- ◆ rather than posing a general question, ask about a specific event or class. For example, 'How was the big assembly?' or 'What did your class do in sports today?' Questions that begin with 'What did you do in ...' are often better for this purpose than ones that start 'How was ...' or 'Did you ...'
- ◆ don't jump in with your questions first thing after school. Instead, do something fun together and wait for your child to bring up whatever's on their mind naturally.
- ◆ keep open channels of communication with your children's teachers. Teachers who know that you are interested and friendly are usually glad to keep you abreast of what's going on.
- ◆ respect your child's privacy, but let them know that you are open whenever they feel like sharing their thoughts.
- ◆ kids are like clams: the harder you work to pry them open, the tighter they clamp their shells. On the other hand, when children don't feel as if they're being forced, they often talk a lot.

<http://raisingchildren.net.au>

WPS WEBSITE OF THE WEEK FOR PARENTS

Interactive Lunch Box



Try the interactive lunchbox, at the 'Choice' website, to see how different snacks can contribute to your child's diet. Simply drag snacks into a typical school lunch box to see how much sugar, saturated fat and sodium there is in your selection.

A great way to help your child make the right choices.

<http://www.choice.com.au/viewArticleAsOnePage.aspx?id=104577>

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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.

New Weekly Article



FUN THINGS TO TRY AT HOME

Ice Experiment

What You Need:

- ◆ 1 foam cup with cold water
- ◆ 1 foam cup with same amount of very hot tap water (under parental supervision)
- ◆ The Freezer,
- ◆ A clock or timer

Activity:

Most people figure that cold water would freeze faster than hot water. This experiment will give the definitive answer. Fill one foam cup with cold water and one foam cup with the same amount of very hot tap water. Place the cups in the freezer and start the timer. Check the cups every fifteen minutes.

To the surprise of most the hot water in fact freezes first! How amazing!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

PHYSICAL CULTURE CLASSES

Resume at SBPS on Mon 16 Feb (Pre-schoolers and 5/6's, 7/8's, 13/16's & Ladies); Tue 17 Feb (9/10's and 11/12's. Further information contact Gail Airlie on Ph: 6654 2362 (ah) or 6656 1777 (school hours).

WOOLGOOLGA JNR RUGBY LEAGUE

Registration days Sat 7 & 14 Feb. 9:00am to 1:00pm U/7s to U/16s ~ Centennial Reserve. Coaches and Managers applications now being taken. Further info contact Peter Holmes on Ph: 6654 7081.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

For more information about 'After School Care', please contact the program coordinator on Ph: 6654 8554.

Vacation Care is also available each school holiday. Venue ~ Short St, Woolgoolga.

Monday
to
Friday

February 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 2009 Kindergarten Commences	3 	4	5 Swimming Carnival	6 	7
8	9	10 Visiting Performance Student Banking	11 Stage 3+4/5M Boys Swimming Commences through to end of term	12	13	14
15	16 	17 P&C Meeting	18 	19	20	21
22	23	24 Student Banking Every Tuesday	25	26	27	28 