

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Our Athletics Carnival yesterday

What a day! Didn't the kids look the part and gee didn't they enjoy the day. Participation was fantastic! And what about some of those performances!

Also it was great to see so many families and friends here sharing the spirit of the day.

Our P & C did a fantastic job as well with the flags and the jelly cups, hot dogs and other snacks.

A thank you to all our staff for their efforts and particularly Graeme Sibbald, who marked out the fields and was on hand to help with so much.

Tree Day

Last Friday Mrs Jenny Read led the school in the organisation for Tree Day. All classes planted a tree/shrub up in the top garden. This garden is developing very well.

Again, the joy with all students involved was wonderful to share.

Our office team – Marion, Dee & Kristen (and Maxine)

I want to publicly acknowledge our wonderful office team for all the work they do, much of it 'behind the scenes' – producing letters, managing finances & money, student banking etc, but in addition to this for their sterling efforts in getting our newsletter out. Maxine was responsible for this and always took a great deal of pride in the way it was presented. As we know Maxine is currently on leave.

The newsletter process has had to be 're-learned' by Marion, Dee and Kristen and they have done a fantastic job with this. The assembly and publishing of the newsletter, including to the web, is a very complex job.

We all say thankyou.

Cheers

Graeme Ross

Principal



What is Schools' Tree Day?

Each year, around 200,000 Australian school students participate in a special National Tree Day event.

It's a wonderful opportunity for school children to make a "tree-mendous" contribution to Australia's natural environment and have lots of fun at the same time.

This year classes throughout the school participated in establishing a new 'green' corner of our school playground. Trees and shrubs were planted in the S.W. corner of the fenced area behind the school hall. During the day each class planted a tree or shrub which will grow and become part of a garden for students to enjoy in years to come.

Tree Trivia

- ◆ Australia's floral emblem is the Golden Wattle

State & Territory emblems are:

- ◆ Tasmania - Blue Gum
- ◆ New South Wales - Waratah
- ◆ South Australia - Sturt's Desert Pea
- ◆ Australian Capital Territory - Royal Bluebell
- ◆ Northern Territory - Sturt's Desert Rose
- ◆ Queensland - Cooktown Orchid Victoria - Pink Heath
- ◆ Western Australia - Red and Green Kangaroo Paw

Jenny Read, National Tree Day Coordinator

AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Talisha Harboe KD
- ◆ Ty Woolley KD
- ◆ Alyssa Jenkins KK
- ◆ Matthew Tapping KK
- ◆ Sukhjeet Tiwana 1B
- ◆ Ashley Dawe 1RB
- ◆ Jack Payne-Harvey 1RB
- ◆ Chelsea Mallett 1/2E
- ◆ Brooke Stewart 1/2E
- ◆ Addisen Mallett 3/4G



Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Jaxson Weiss 1RB
- ◆ Karn Brocklehurst 3/4G

Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Brooke Vandermeel 2C

All parents and carers are welcome to attend

'Friday Assemblies'

This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted Ashlee Vandermeel and Joshua Grgovic of 2C

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



Book Week 2009

During Week 5 this term we will be celebrating Book Week. Leading up to this special week, students will partake in activities related to the short-listed titles in the 2009 Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards.

Book Safari

We will be holding a Book Fair in the library from 24th August—27th August. Each class will be given the opportunity to view the fair during class time. Families are invited to attend Wednesday 26th August from 3.15pm—5.00pm.



Book Character Dress-Up Day

We are also having a day during the week when students can come dressed as a book character. Start thinking about costumes now. More details to be advised in future newsletters.

Tanya Molloy—Teacher / Librarian



Q: What kind of dance do you do on a trampoline?

A: Hip Hop!

Q: Why was the nose sad?

A: Because he did not get picked.

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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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPS



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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.

Life Education

The Life Education van will be visiting our school on the 10th & 11th August. Students in K—2 will be attending.

Kindergarten Transition 2010

Our second kindergarten orientation day will be held on the 12th August from 9.30am—10.30am in the library.

Kindergarten Yoga

Yoga commenced for Kindergarten students on the 5th August and will continue every Wednesday for this term.

District Athletics

The District Athletics carnival will be held on the 14th August 2009. Good luck to our competitors.

19 August ~ ICAS Mathematics Competition

- WE NOTICED THAT ...**
- ♦ Addison Mallett : being immensely proud of the fact he was "going in everything" at the Athletics Carnival.
 - ♦ Adam Mutton: his fantastic effort in keeping us informed with the team scores at the Athletics Carnival.
 - ♦ Chloe Burton: the care she took when a friend fell over in a race.
 - ♦ KD & KK loving yoga.



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

Quarters
If an object is divided into 4 equal shares they are called quarters.





Halves
If an object is divided into 2 equal shares they are called halves.






1/2S Newsletter Class Item
Jane Seemann—Class Teacher

Since the formation of our class 1/2S last term, we have been enjoying “Getting To Know You” activities including drawing self portraits and cutting out words from magazines to match our photograph and personality traits. Last term 1/2S learned about people who help us at school. Notice the beautiful drawings of Mr Ross, Ms Molloy and the ladies In the Canteen. In mathematics, we have been learning about fractions, in particular halves and quarters. We have also been tessellating hexagons, as displayed by Malachi which relates from the H.S.I.E Unit, ‘From the Farm to the Table’ about bee farms.



People Who Help Us



Take Home Reading Reward System**Congratulations to the following 'Award Recipients'****K-2 CLUB 20**

Evie Riley, Brock Parker, Jamie Newland

K-2 CLUB 40

Sharn Lalli, Byron Grant, Dekoda Farnsworth,
Jack Payne-Harvey, Sheldon Koopmans, Sandon Barkley

K-2 CLUB 60

Matthew Tapping, Manish Saharan, Jaxon Elliott,
Brady Thelander, Sangam Singh, Sukhraj Tiwana

K-2 CLUB 80

Ashley Dawe

K-2 CLUB 120

Alyssa Jenkins, Bridget Jones

Congratulations! You have caught the reading bug.



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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

"Coffs Coast Swing Katz Dance Studio"

Will be holding a beginners class on 14th August commencing at 6.30pm in the Woolgoolga Public School hall. Cost is \$10.00.

Please phone Kristy on 66993033 for further information.

NSW Department of Community Services

Local foster carers needed. We are looking for people to provide care for children and young people who are unable to live with their own families.

Interested! Please phone: 1800236783

"How to Drug Proof Your Kids"

Have kids? Then you need to prepare for the battle against drugs. How to drug proof your kids is a practical course for parents. It will Empower, Equip and Encourage you to Steer your children away from the harmful use of drugs.

Location: Coffs Harbour Christian Community School, 27 Curacoa St, Coffs Harbour

When: Thursday evenings: September, 10, 18, 25 & October 1, 22 & 29.

Cost: Individual \$35.00, Couple \$50.00

Please phone Philip Babbage on 0428519342 for further information.

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