

# Seahorse Tales

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Extra programs

Our school is really a special place to be. Our students now have opportunities to partake in many new and innovative programs. Many of these programs have 'sprung up' due to perceived student needs and others because of teacher interest.

Examples of these include:

- A special Friday afternoon boys' shed activity where stage 3 boys have 'stumbled' upon a little business, making and supplying other Nth beaches schools with tapping sticks;
- A Wednesday program that offers 7 year six students a weekly intensive focus on 'High School', preparing these students (and helping them with 'high school' anxiety) for their transition to High School;
- A specialist Aboriginal languages program (Gumbaingir) for our year 2 students. This is taught through song;
- A Monday program around the development of social skills for a small group of stage 3 students;
- The WOW programs (currently focussing on high achieving year 2 & 4 students in Literacy and Numeracy) operating on Thursdays; and
- The development of a specialist stage 3 choir.

I've been astounded at how many of these individualised programs are currently in operation. These are in addition to all our other programs such as boys/girls education, Reading Recovery, intensive literacy support and our English as a Second Language (ESL) program; to name but a few.

They all operate with student achievement and engagement at the core of the program. We are going to feature several of these programs over coming weeks in this newsletter in place of class based pages.

Woolgoolga Public School is certainly an exciting place to be. It is a school we can be immensely proud of.

### P & C canteen

Congratulations to Jody Keys who has been appointed as our new canteen supervisor. The canteen is now operating 5 days a week, with a great menu reflecting the *Healthy Canteens* push of the State Government.

If you can volunteer to support our canteen I know Jody and the P & C would appreciate the help.

### Our kids

You know, nothing makes me prouder, as the Woolgoolga Public School principal, than when a member of the public (in this case a lady that came into our canteen) commented on both the manners and the respect shown by our kids to others. This is great! Thank you.

Cheers

Graeme Ross

Principal



### YR2 READING RECOVERY

### ANNUAL VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS



Each year we ask parents and carers to consider making a small voluntary contribution to the running of our school.

The suggested amount is currently \$20 a year per student (4<sup>th</sup> and subsequent children are free) and this money is used to help support the operation of the school.

Our targeted budget figure this year is \$2 500, of which we have received approx. \$900.00. Thank you to those parents and carers who have made this contribution.

If you would like to contribute to this please complete the attached named envelope and return it to the school office as soon as possible; we appreciate all the contributions we receive.

## AWARDS

### CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

#### Certificate of Merit

- ♦ Emily Burgess KK
- ♦ Alaura Panagaris KK
- ♦ Grace Russell KK
- ♦ Jesse Beresford KM
- ♦ Jaxon Elliott 1RB
- ♦ Riya Miller-Naidu 1RB
- ♦ Mya Thompson 1RB
- ♦ Sevak Clair 1/2E
- ♦ Geoffrey Tapping 1/2E
- ♦ Jacob Butterworth-Harvey 2C
- ♦ Alex Rook 2C
- ♦ Pavan Singh 2C
- ♦ Chloe Smith 3C
- ♦ Jayden Amos 3/4G
- ♦ Bryce Nicolson 3/4G
- ♦ Samantha Sadlier 4/5M
- ♦ Amandeep Singh 5/6R
- ♦ Simran Heera 6M



#### Principal's Values Award

#### Certificate of Excellence

All parents and carers are welcome to attend

#### 'Friday Assemblies'

This week Stage 1 (10:20am) assembly will be hosted by

Sharn Lalli & Blake Cox  
1/2S

Stage 2/3 assembly (12.10pm) item will be by

5W

**Take Home Reading Reward System  
Congratulations to the following 'Award Recipients'**

**K-2 CLUB 40**

Max Pierce, Reece Mitchell,  
Niam Semple, Jamie Newland

**K-2 CLUB 60**

Jack Payne-Harvey, Kalarnie Henderson-Smith

**K-2 CLUB 80**

Mya Thompson, Jesse Beresford

**K-2 CLUB 100**

Jayden Nolan, Alex Greenhalgh,  
Geoffrey Tapping, Brady Thelander

**K-2 CLUB 120**

Conan Brisley, Jacob Gorman

**K-2 CLUB 140**

Bridget Jones

**K-2 CLUB 160**

Lachland Rook

**K-2 CLUB 200**

Alyssa Jenkins

**K-2 CLUB 220**

Alyssa Jenkins

**Congratulations! You have caught the reading bug.**



**WE NOTICED THAT ...**

- ◆ All of K/1 are enjoying water safety.
- ◆ Mr Sibbald is doing a fantastic job on the gardens and also maintaining our cricket pitches.
- ◆ Year 6 were looking forward to their transition day at the High School Oval.



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**WPS SCHOOL CANTEEN**



**OPEN: Monday to Friday**

*If you would like to help out, our Canteen committee would love to hear from you.*



The P&C are pleased to welcome Mrs Jody Keys to the position of Canteen Supervisor. Jody begins her new position this week and is very keen to hear from any parents/carers/grandparents who would like to volunteer time to work in the canteen. With our new 'Healthy Kids' menu being a huge success we still have days left on our roster that need to be filled. The canteen is the P&C's biggest fundraiser with all profits going back into the school to benefit each and every student and so support is vital to maintain this service within our school. If you can help one day a week, or one day a month, you can contact Jody through the front office or in the canteen between 9am and 2pm.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

- ◆ Woolgoolga Neighbourhood Centre— Local parenting workshops will be run free of charge at the centre in November. "ABCD Parenting" and "Dads On Their Own". Please contact 66541598 for further information.
- ◆ Uniting Care Burnside have courses for parents on how to cope with temper tantrums. Please phone 6656 1866 for further information.
- ◆ Lee Winkler's Surf School are now taking bookings for his next course. For further details please phone 6650 0050.
- ◆ Coffs Harbour City Council are holding a welcome function for newly arrived students and their families. Further information can be obtained from Samantha Thomson 66484086.

Q: Why did the racing car go crazy?



A: It was being driven around the bend!

Q: What's the yummiest day of the week?

A: Sundae!

**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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPS

### TERM 4

- ◆ **29th October** Combined Year 6 transition activity  
K & Yr 1—Swimming
- ◆ **30th October** Cricket— Inter-school competition  
Woolgoolga will play Corindi Cost is \$3.00 per week
- ◆ **3rd November** Kinder orientation 2.00pm—3.15pm  
Students will enjoy a craft afternoon.
- ◆ **4th November** Stage 3 Girls Swimming Stage 3  
Boys karate



Congratulations and best of luck to Jessica Midavaine *wicket keeper* and Brianna Hughes *bowler* who gained selection in the North Coast Girls PSSA Cricket Team. This weekend they are heading off to North Haven for practice, and then to Sutherland in Sydney from the 2nd – 5th November to play against teams from other school districts. Bat well, bowl well, catch well, run well!!



**Name:** Jody Keys  
**Nick name:** "Keysie"  
**Position:** Canteen Supervisor  
**Favourite Food:** Seafood  
**Favourite Season:** Spring  
**Favourite TV Programme:** Glee!  
**Favourite Movies:** Mad Max  
**Favourite Song:** Let there be Rock– AC/DC  
**Favourite Colours:** Blue  
**Favourite Holiday Destinations:** Bali  
**Favourite Hobby:** Reading  
**Favourite Animal:** Elephants and my Dog Buddy  
**Favourite Sport:** Softball

## WATER

### We need to drink water because:

- Water is used for digestion, absorption and transportation of nutrients.
- Water helps to flush away our waste products and to regulate our body temperature.
- Water is good for growing teeth!
- Water is the best choice for hydration on sports day and after physical activity.

### Tips to drink more water!

- > Freeze small bottles of water for the lunch box
- > Drink water with a slice of lemon or ice cube
- > Dilute 100% fruit juice 50% with water.

### Hawkesbury Child Nutrition Project

## Tips For Parents

Don't make reading together a test. Enjoy reading together and vary what you do. Take a walk around your surrounding and read the signs as you go. Read a magazine or newspaper together. Sit back and relax while your child reads to you. You do not have to follow along with every word nor do you have to watch over your child's shoulder. From afar you can say things like '...oops, that did not make sense to me. Take another look at that.' Rather than become the instant word factory, make suggestions like: 'Try reading on, go back to the beginning of the sentence and reread that for a clue'; 'Look at the pictures, what does it look like might happen?'



# Boys in Education



Last week Mr Browne asked us to find some long strong sticks from under the trees on the hill. We then cut them into short lengths, after that we had to sand them till they were smooth. Now we have made them into clapping sticks to use when we sing or play music. We hope to be able to sell them to other schools.

Stage 3 Friday Boys Group



Mr Nolan has been a student teacher on 3/4G he has taught us to write a song it is called "**We are the Boys of 3/4G**" Mr Nolan played his guitar and some boys played the clapping sticks and we sang our song to Mr Ross, Dave and the ladies in the office. Everyone thought our song was great.

3/4G Boys



