

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE SUPPORT

In responding to the devastating bushfires in Victoria over recent days our school, together with Sandy Beach, Mullaway and Corindi Public Schools are fundraising on Friday in support of the 3 schools burnt down and the 56 schools closed, in Victoria.

In this way we hope to be able to unite in our support for these students, teachers and families who are so needy at the moment in terms of access to school and learning, together with all the support schools normally offer to students and families.

Our school will be creating a coin line where we are asking all students to contribute with any 'loose' change that might be at home, that students can use to become involved in such a worthy fundraising event.

A note went home with students yesterday explaining this as well.

OUR SCHOOL PLAN 2009-2011

Our school plan is currently being finalised. Our major focus area, as documented in the plan, for the next 16 months is reading.

We are having an intensive focus on reading, where we acknowledge and teach students that reading can be for a variety of purposes. The ability to read fluently and with expression is stressed in all class programs together with reading for meaning.

The aim is to lift our reading results for all students in our school.

We will be encouraging parents and carers to be part of this process with us, by participating in home reading programs, attending information nights about how to further assist your child with reading, together with affirming the work many families already do in reading together at home.

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION NIGHTS

Last night was the first information night for parents and carers with children in years 1 and/or 2 (Stage 1). It was great to see the interest that so many of you have in supporting your child at school.

It is acknowledged in research that when these partnerships are at their strongest your kids do their best at school. Thank you

Stage 3 (years 5 & 6) and Stage 2 (years 3 & 4) nights are next week; Monday and Tuesday resp. (And don't forget to join us for the BBQ after the talk!)

Cheers

Graeme Ross, Principal

EXCUSE ME I WAS HERE FIRST

Promoting positive ways to resolve conflict

Tuesday's visiting performance proved to be an exciting, imaginative and very worthwhile learning experience for WPS students from Years K-6.



It was not only an opportunity for students to come away with strategies they can confidently implement themselves but it was also a lot of fun too.

DOES YOUR CHILD SUFFER FROM ASTHMA?



If so, we need your assistance as we are currently reviewing our Asthma Register

When a student enrolls at WPS, parents and carers are asked if their child has any medical conditions, including asthma. From this information the school maintains an Asthma Register, which is available to all school staff.

Immediate access to reliever medicines, for our asthmatic students is essential.

To assist us to update medical details please contact the school if your child suffers from asthma. You will need to obtain an Asthma Register form, for your child, as soon as possible.

Maxine McClelland, Admin. Manager

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Stage 3 Parent Evening	Mon 16 Feb 6pm
MNC Cricket Trials	Mon 16 Feb
Stage 2 Parent Evening	Tue 17 Feb 6pm
P&C Meeting	Tue 17 Feb 7pm

CONGRATULATIONS!

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Jason McInerney 1B
- ◆ Felix Farwell 1RB
- ◆ Sarah Goodman 1/2H
- ◆ Lily O'Brien 1/2H
- ◆ Oskar Farwell 4J
- ◆ Jaspreet Kaur 4J
- ◆ Caleb McInerney 4/5M
- ◆ Damian McTighe 5/6R

Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Allannah Hames 5A
- ◆ Xanthi Hand KD



All parents and carers are welcome to attend 'Friday Assemblies' This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by **Sevak Clair** and **Malachi Iustini** of 1/2M Stages 2-3 (12:20pm) Item by 6M

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPS**Empty Glass Jars Required for 'P&C's Mother's Day Stall'**

Do you have any empty glass jars at home that you are not using? Small jars such as baby food jars, small condiment jars, cocktail onion jars etc with tin lids (plastic lids can't be sterilised).

P&C urgently need jars to start preparing for the Mother's Day Stall. Kellie Simson would be delighted to receive as many washed jars as possible (she is willing to remove all the labels). Donations can be left at the front office.

Woodworking and Construction Techniques for 5/6R

This year 5/6R will be learning various woodworking and construction techniques here at WPS and will be involved in various gardening projects. Classroom learning will be linked to practical skills to engage students in skills and activities they can be proud of.

Students will be taught the appropriate and safe use of numerous hand tools such as chisels, spades, manual wood drills, concreting tools and much more.

'Rock & Water' for Stage 3 Boys/Girls & 4/5M

Throughout this year students will be involved in a world renowned program called 'Rock & Water'. This program helps young people get to know themselves better, to develop strategies to protect themselves against bullying, promote acceptance and tolerance of others and contains a physical component where students challenge themselves and others so they understand their abilities and limits.

During Term 1 Stage 3 & 4/5M boys will participate in various types of swimming and water skills whilst the girls will concentrate on a Self Defence/Karate program ~ swapping in Term 4.

Mathletics

Mathletics will continue to support the 2009 Mathematics class program for all students. Students will have access to 'Mathletics' 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Students will receive a new username and password once payment of \$10 (or \$20 per family) is received. Mathletics promises to captivate and challenge students in a stimulating and interactive environment.

Tuesday Scripture Classes

Please note that Scripture Classes will recommence on Tuesday 17 February.

Parent Information Evenings

Stage 2: Tuesday 17 February

Stage 3: Monday 16 February

Stage 1 held their Information evening last night, followed by a sausage sizzle. Stage 2 & 3 dates are advised as above. The information nights are a great way for parents to meet their child's teacher and also hear about routines, requirements and expectations.

STOP PRESS

Apologies to families who were unable to purchase school hats sizes medium and large, or school polo shirts size 14, (due to diminished stock levels).



Please note these items were ordered from our supplier this week and should be available for sale again soon.

WE NOTICED THAT ...

- ◆ Our **2009 SRC** are doing a fantastic job in raising the flags each morning as well as folding them up again beautifully each afternoon
- ◆ **Everyone** in **KD** has beautiful manners
- ◆ **Mrs Rovere** had very cold feet (in fact 'icy cold') at the swimming carnival ~ did someone play a trick on her?
- ◆ **Brock Goodman** in **KD** can now write his name by himself
- ◆ **Callum Jackson** in **1/2H** cleaned up the whole COLA area without being asked during recess play
- ◆ **Lani Goodman** of **4/5M** enjoyed practising karate during the 'Rock and Water' program
- ◆ **Jordon Henderson** of **5A** went extremely well in her spelling test achieving 20 out of 20
- ◆ Our principal enjoyed a birthday this week ~ **'Happy, Happy Birthday Mr Ross'!**

TIME TO LAUGH**Tongue Twisters**

Try saying these tongue twisters at least three times each ~ really fast!



1. **Greek grapes, Greek grapes, Greek grapes!**
2. **Mrs. Smith's Fish Sauce Shop!**

WPS Staff Profile


Name: Dasion Singh

Position: ESL (English as a Second Language)

Favourite Food: Chinese

Favourite Season: Autumn

Favourite TV Programme: Oprah

Favourite Movie: Gone with the Wind

Favourite Song: Long & Winding Road (The Beatles)

Favourite Colour: Red

Favourite Holiday Destination: Bollywood

Favourite Hobby: Shopping and watching DVD's

Favourite Animal: Don't do animals

Favourite Sport: Not applicable!

SNAP SHOTS OF WPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL



The official timekeeper and judge hard at work!



'Cheering our swimmers'
Thursday 5 February 2009



Top Pic: WPS enjoying a 'free time' period during the carnival
Middle and Bottom Pics: Year 6 boys and girls enjoying the swimming carnival together



FUN THINGS TO TRY AT HOME**Bouncing Raisins!****What You Need:**

- ◆ Vinegar
- ◆ Baking Soda
- ◆ 1 tall clear glass or jar
- ◆ Water
- ◆ 8 or more raisins

**Activity**

Begin by half filling your glass or jar with water, then add the vinegar and baking soda to the water.

The mixture in the glass will begin to fizz. Drop the raisins one at a time into the glass. The raisins may initially sink to the bottom but eventually they will rise up and then sink, then rise again.

Children should be able to watch the raisins bounce for up to an hour!

NEXT P&C MEETING:

To be held on Tuesday 17 February ~ 'All Welcome'

HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS**It's important to beat the HEAT with hydration**

Hydration is important for children of all ages particularly through the heat of summer. Water is the best choice as it contains no kilojoules, but some drinks, like milk, soy drinks and fresh fruit juice also provide vitamins and nutrients that growing children need.

Hydration tips for children

Children need a little extra attention to make sure they get enough fluids.

When it comes to encouraging children to drink more try these tips:

- ◆ add a slice of lemon or sprig of mint to water
- ◆ freeze fresh fruit juice into ice cubes and add a block to the drinking water to make it tasty
- ◆ many foods have high water content such as oranges, watermelon, grapefruit, celery, lettuce and grapes ~ try and add these foods to their lunchboxes or have them as snacks in the fridge
- ◆ serve drinks at moderate temperature, this helps children to drink more!

<http://raisingchildren.net.au>

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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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

WOOLGOOLGA DANCE STUDIO

Woolgoolga Dance Studio is running classes from WPS on Thursdays in Boys Break, Hip Hop, Lyrical Contemporary and Jazz/Funk. Regular classes also running at the studio in Featherstone Drive.

Please call Rebecca Ross for further information, on Mb: 0417 698 914.

WOOLGOOLGA UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration day Saturday 14 February at VRO Hall, Beach Street, Woolgoolga. 6-9yrs \$120, 10-16yrs \$140. New players need to provide birth certificate. Additional info Club Registrar Ph: 6654 8217 or go to <http://home.wusc.org.au>

ARL REGISTRATION FUN DAY ~ BOYS & GIRLS

At Advocate Park, 14 February 10am-2pm. Meet Penrith Panthers and join in lots of RL activities. Info call Jay Sakaio Ph: 6658 8556 or Mb: 0402 892 474.

COUNTRY CLUB SWIM SCHOOL

Enrolling now for Term 1, 2009. Our pools are indoor and heated. Specific programs for; Babies, Pre School age & School Age Learn to Swim program, Stoke Development Squads all levels. Adults welcome. Qualified, experienced teachers. Bookings essential. Email: info@woolgoolgaswimschool.com.au or Ph: 66542858.

CORINDI PONY CLUB

Corindi Pony Club will hold it's Annual General Meeting Tuesday 17 February 7:15pm at Woolgoolga RLS Club. All current and prospective members are encouraged to attend. The first Rally & Registration Day will be towards the end of February. If you would like to find out more about what's involved please email your contact details to:

corindiponyclub@live.com.au

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