

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

WINTER UNIFORM

With the cooler weather starting many students have already begun to wear jumpers to school particularly in the mornings when the day is at its coolest.

Unfortunately, we are starting to see more and more coloured jumpers appearing and I would like to remind all parents that, as part of our winter uniform, jumpers worn to school must be bottle green in colour.

We currently have numerous, almost new, jumpers for sale through our clothing pool. These can be purchased at the bargain price of just \$1-00 each.

PARENT HELPERS/VOLUNTEERS SIGN ON PROCEDURES

It is vital that all parent / grandparent / community volunteer helpers within our school follow our sign on procedures. These have changed slightly since last year.

All volunteer helpers should report to the office on arrival and sign the visitors book and then again when they are leaving. In line with school policy a name badge should be collected from the office after signing on and worn throughout the time you are helping/volunteering in the school.

It is also important that all helpers and volunteers have signed a Prohibited Employment Declaration form. This form is available at the office and needs to be renewed every twelve months. If you are unsure if you have completed the declaration form please check with our office staff. These procedures are in place to ensure the safety of everyone within our school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the numerous parents, grandparents and community members who volunteer their time to help within our school. The assistance that you provide, in a wide range of areas within our school, is invaluable. THANK YOU!

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

The NAPLAN assessments for Yrs3 & 5 finished today. Parents will receive a report on their child's achievement in the NAPLAN assessment.

Have a great week!
Kerry Dibb, Relieving Principal

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to ...

- ◆ Kyle Worrall and Nickalas Mallett for their selection in the Mid North Coast Opens Rugby League Team.
- ◆ Nickalas Mallett for being selected as a member of the Mid North Coast Boys Soccer Team.
- ◆ Good luck to both Nickalas and Jessica Midavaine who will attend trials for the North Coast Soccer team this Friday.
- ◆ Fantastic news ~ Kyle Worrall has been selected as a member of the North Coast Rugby League Opens team for 2009. He will now attend a training camp and compete against other teams from around NSW later this term.



Pictured above: Kyall Worrall and Nickalas Mallett
Well done guys ~ all the best from everyone at WPS with your sporting achievements

Good luck to all students representing our school at the District Cross Country to be held at Woolgoolga this Friday 15 May in the age divisions 8/9 year, 10 years, 11 years and 12/13 years.

Many thanks!
Mrs Sharon Rovere, Sports Coordinator

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Wanted! ... Canteen helpers ~ Friday 15 May

Parents who can spare some of their time to help in the canteen on Friday 15 May, during the District Cross Country competitions, even if just for half an hour or so, should ask for 'Marie' ~ near the Surf Club.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dist X-Country	Fri
NC Soccer Trials	15 May
NSW PSSA AFL	Mon 18 May
P&C Meeting Scripture Restarts	Tue 19 May
Nthn Beaches Debating	Thu 21 May

CONGRATULATIONS!

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Yuvraj Sidhu KD
- ◆ Brady Thelander KD
- ◆ Grace Russell KK
- ◆ Matthew Tapping KK
- ◆ Kirra Henderson-Smith 2C
- ◆ Zoe Batty 3C
- ◆ Rachel Cutler 3C
- ◆ Isaiah Koopmans 4J
- ◆ Justin Keys 5/6R
- ◆ Ravi Phoonie 6M

Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Sophy Simson 1B
- ◆ Conan Brisley 1RB
- ◆ Ethan Duncombe 1RB
- ◆ Jack Payne-Harvey 1RB



Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Isha Maan 2C
- ◆ James Bevan 5/6R

All parents and carers are welcome to attend 'Friday Assemblies' Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by **Ebony Courtenay** and **Sharn Lalli** of 1/2H
Stages 2-3 (12:20pm)
Item by 6M

WPS P&C NEWS



What a great day all the children had buying gifts for their loved ones at the Mother's Day Stall last week. We hope you all enjoyed your gifts that were so thoughtfully selected by your child/ren. Thank you to everyone who donated items and/or their time to support the stall which made it such a success. The huge variety of gifts would not have been available without the donations from local businesses and individuals who spent many hours making and preparing the lovely gifts.



In the first few months of the year the P&C have raised nearly \$3000. The Mother's Day Stall, just one of many fund-raising activities, raised over \$1200 alone. Stay tuned for further information about what additional equipment and resources we have been able to purchase for our school with the money raised throughout the year.

Reminder: the next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday, 19 May, at 7:00pm in the school staff room. Being part of the P&C gives you the opportunity to be involved in how our school is run. Meetings usually finish between 8 and 8:30pm, so it's not a late night and you get to hear about what is happening at school. We also discuss various school projects and develop new ideas for activities that will benefit students. New ideas and new members are always welcome. Hope to see you there!

2009 WPS P&C Committee



Name: Tanya Molloy

Position: Teacher / Librarian

Favourite Foods: Thai

Favourite Season: Summer

Favourite TV Programme: Any travel show

Favourite Movie: Out of Africa

Favourite Song: Galway Girl

Favourite Colour: Purple

Favourite Holiday Destination: Ireland

Favourite Hobbies: Reading, horse riding, bush walking

Favourite Animal: Horse

Favourite Sports: Tennis, walking and swimming at the beach

WE NOTICED THAT ...

- ◆ **Sukhraj Tiwana** of **1B** is a caring and responsible classmate
- ◆ **Alex Rook** and **Macy Stewart** of **2C**, **Madison Jurotte-McVey** of **1/2H** and **Hana Truban** of **4/5M** danced at the Community Centre on Tuesday for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
- ◆ **Years 3** and **5 students** have been busily completing their NAPLAN tests
- ◆ **James Bevan** of **5/6R** was on the ball with assisting staff in relegating places for Cross Country
- ◆ **Brianna Hughes** of **6M** has been a reliable mentor to a Year 1 student

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

2009

Privacy Information

Students in various classes from K-6 have been participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge as part of their library lesson. Parents and caregivers need to be aware that all students who successfully complete a validated on-line reading record qualify for a PRC certificate and will appear on the PRC Honour Roll which is published in the Sun Herald newspaper.

Families who do not wish their child to receive a certificate, or to be on the honour roll, should let me know so names will not be sent to the printers when the challenge is completed. The privacy information is available on the following website:

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/privacy.html>

or please feel free to discuss the matter by phoning the school.

Ms Tanya Molloy, Teacher / Librarian

TIME TO LAUGH

Teacher: Why is your homework in your father's handwriting?

Student: I used my Dad's pen!



AVAILABILITY OF OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT

Information re Application Forms

Applications for students seeking opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2010 will be available at WPS next week.

All students seeking placement in an opportunity class will be required to sit the **Opportunity Class Placement Test** on **Wednesday 5 August 2009**. Parents who wish their child to sit the test will need to obtain and complete an application form and submit it by **Friday 22 May 2009**. Further information about the opportunity class placement process, plus sample tests, are available on the internet at:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/ocplacement.php>

The 'WOW' Factor Program

Assistant Principal, Mrs Jan Martin has been running a Year 5 Literacy group as part of the **WOW Program** since the beginning of Term 1. The focus has been concentrating on forms of written language, in preparation for this week's NAPLAN testing. Below, are cinquain poems by Jake Rovere and Jory Ramsey of 5W and drafts of narratives by Emma Bramich, Jordon Henderson-Smith and Alisha Phoonie of 5W.



Once upon a time in the fairy kingdom high above our land there was soft fluffy clouds and on those clouds a beautiful castle with sharp tipped towers sat. Everyone in the kingdom watched the dazzling sunset every afternoon because it was so peaceful. The turquoise stream below the castle was always sparkling and it reflected the sunset.

Down below the fairy kingdom there lived a girl named Bella. She was as beautiful as a butterfly fluttering over a stream of light. Bella lived in a small cottage at the edge of the deadly forest of doom. There she sang the most beautiful lullabies with a voice as soft as a giant pillow under our heads. Bella's parents died when she was just three months old so she doesn't remember them well. Her parents choose three fairies named Fauna, Flora and Fleur to watch over Bella until she was an elegant sophisticated grown woman ... **Written by Emma Bramich**



Jake

Comical, intelligent
Thinking, creating, constructing
Exhausted but excited
Super dude

Jory

Academic, Rapid
Creating, Thinking, Reading
Exhausted, Shocked
Super dude



Randomly in the humongous ocean there was a little fish called Nemo. He had been traveling for days, day in day out. Until he swam miles just to reach rainbow lake. He has heard from all over the ocean that it's the most astonishing lake that you will ever see in your whole life.

Surprisingly he found a note at the bottom of the ocean saying rainbow lake is gruesome and there are dead fairies everywhere ... **Written by Jordon Henderson-Smith**



Two centenaries ago lived a lady as wicked as a witch and her name was Danny. She ruled in the land of shadows and darkness. This was a place where Danny and her miniature bird called Bitty lived. Everyone else lived in the magnificent kingdom sunshine and water. Danny was depressed and furious because all she owned was this dreadful threatening land. No one paid visits not even a quick visit. This was because of the electrifying kingdom of sunshine and water. Everyone else hung about at the kingdom with Jackie and James.

Randomly Danny came up with an extreme idea. It was she who would pay the kingdom a visit. While she was there she would give everyone a taste of her new recipe which of course was her magical cookies ... **Written by Alisha Phoonie**

HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS

Pedestrian Safety

Hold hands with children in and around traffic, until they are at least 10 years old. If your hands are full, make sure children hold onto a shopping trolley, pram, bag, or even your arm or sleeve.

Kids are always watching; they want to be just like adults so make sure you set a good example.

While walking, talk with children about why it is necessary to stop, and what you need to look and listen for. Explain where it is safer to cross and why.

Remember that wherever a car may be moving can be dangerous. This includes quiet and busy streets, traffic lights, roundabouts, pedestrian crossings, footpaths, drive-ways, car parks and around schools.

WPS encourage all parents and caregivers to promote safe walking to children.

Road safety education is addressed within the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) curriculum.



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

Yr6 Excursion, Brisbane ~ 9 June to 12 June
Please note that all payments are due by 29 May.

Yr5 Excursion, Great Aussie Bush Camp ~ 10 June to 12 June
Please note that all payments are due by 29 May.

International Competitions for Assessments for School (ICAS)

- Computer Skills ~ Wednesday 27 May
- Science ~ Wednesday 10 Jun
- Spelling / Writing ~ Tuesday 23 Jun
- English ~ Tuesday 4 August
- Mathematics ~ Wednesday 19 August

School Photographs ~ Wednesday 1 July
More information will be sent home soon.

Athletics Carnival ~ Friday 3 July
Details to be advised closer to the date.

Education Week ~ 24 to 31 May
More information will be sent home soon.



IS IT HALF EMPTY OR HALF FULL?

Whatever the answer may be we'd love to fill our **Norco Cash Cap** box right to the top! Can you help us by saving your caps?

K-2 CLUB 20

**Take Home Reading Reward System
Congratulations to the following
Club 20 'Award Recipients'**

- Brynd Storrie 1/2H
- Beau Pearce 1/2H
- Alex Greenhalgh 1/2H
- Mya Thompson 1RB
- Jaide Topp 1RB
- Jaxon Elliott 1RB

You have caught the Reading Bug



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

CANCER COUNCIL ~ BAN JUNK FOOD ADS FOR KIDS

Fed up with junk food ads targeting your kids?



Children see around 10 food ads on television every day, and almost two-thirds of these are for unhealthy foods.

This means children see around 18 hours of junk food ads per year, the equivalent of three full school days! When one in four Australian children are obese or overweight why do we continue to allow advertising of unhealthy food to children?

Add your voice to our campaign by visiting:

<http://www.burgercorp.com.au>

and tell Minister Roxon that you, like 9 out of 10 parents, support a ban on advertising of unhealthy foods when children are watching television.

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
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Friday

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