

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

THE RAIN

Well, what a lot of rain. Tuesday morning saw quite extensive flooding outside the toilet block near the canteen. For a short time that morning students were directed to the infant's toilet, and to the staff toilets. By recess time the water had subsided and the toilets were open for business as usual, (with quite a lot of customers).



In terms of safety, we do ask that students are careful whilst moving around the school as parts of the concrete are still wet. The Rec', (oval) play area will be not be available to students for a few days as it's just too wet.

The rain has prevented Mr Ross from leaving his property so we are all pitching in to help run our school as smoothly as we can in his absence.

FUND RAISING

The Northern Beaches community of Schools, (Woolgoolga, Sandy Beach, Mullaway and Corindi Public Schools), jointly agreed to support the tragic bushfires in Victoria by joining forces to raise funds.



Students at all schools brought in coins and made a coin line.

This was great fun. At WPS the line stretched all around the COLA and all the way up to Kindergarten and raised over \$1150. We are waiting to find out the final tally from the other schools. Huge thanks to the students and indeed to whole community. Well done Woopi PS!!!

INTRODUCING OUR 2009 SRC

Congratulations to our Student Representative Council members Alisha Phoonie and Fletcher Tulloch of 5A, Joshua Murray of 5/6R, Nickalás Mallett of 5/6R, Helena Hewitt and Lily Reid of 6M and to our School Captains Ravi Phoonie and Brianna Hughes of 6M. What a thrill it was to see the students being inducted as our student leaders.

I'm sure our whole school community will support and embrace them in their roles; I only hope we don't load them up with too many responsibilities this year!

A thank you is also extended to WHS captains Jessica O'Donnell and Samuel Wiggins and principal John Ward.

Cheers

Chris Browne, Relieving Principal

WPS BUILDING SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Luke Hennessy and Jodeci Dunick of 5/6R are pictured above busily making gifts for residents of the Woolgoolga Retirement Village.

Students will present their embroidered huckaback samples as gifts when they visit the Retirement Village in mid Term 1.

The 5/6R project, as part of the school's plan to enhance school and community partnerships, is being coordinated by Mrs. Pam Singh.

Connecting with the community provides students with opportunities to develop skills in communication and develop meaningful relationships.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

District PSSA Swimming	Fri 20 Feb
St3 Info Night Rescheduled	Mon 23 Feb
St2 Info Night Reschedules	Tue 24 Feb
Kindy Ear Health Talk	Tue 24 Feb

CONGRATULATIONS!

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Mya Thompson 1RB
- ◆ Zoe Batty 3C
- ◆ Liam Smart 3/4G
- ◆ Emma Bramich 5A
- ◆ Courtney Smart 6M
- ◆ Lachlan Rook KK

Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Floyd Basket 5/6R

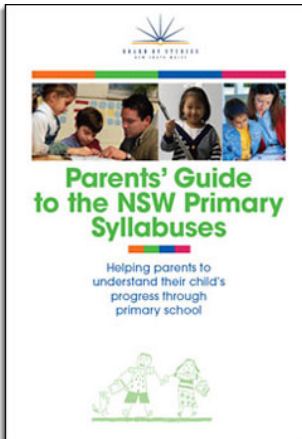
Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Kartar Singh 3/4G



All parents and carers are welcome to attend 'Friday Assemblies'

This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by **Reagan Scheuermann** and **Dana Gregson** of 2C
Stages 2-3 (12:20pm) Item by 3C

WPS WEBSITE OF THE WEEK**Parents' Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabus**

As the parent of a primary school student you will want to know what your child is learning so you can help them along at home.

You and your child's teachers will be the most important influence on your son or daughter's education.

A Parents' Guide has been developed, by the Board of Studies, to help parents follow their child's early learning and to help them talk with teachers about day-to-day classroom activities and their child's progress. The Guide provides some examples of the kinds of things children can learn in each of the key learning areas in each stage of primary school.

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents/>

CHILDREN ARRIVING AT SCHOOL BEFORE SUPERVISION BEGINS AT WPS

Occasionally our school encounters the problem of parents leaving their children in the school grounds prior to the commencement of the 'before school supervision roster'.

We are seeking your assistance in this matter as this practice poses risks to students and the Department, both in terms of child protection and a risk of injury.

We appreciate that many families have two working parents and may find it difficult to stay at home until school begins. However there are often alternatives available so that parents can arrange appropriate supervision of their children.

Thank you for your support.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPS**Coffs Harbour District****PSSA Swimming Carnival ~ Friday 20 February**

Students selected to represent WPS in the Coffs Harbour District Swimming Carnival will have received notification from Mrs Jan Martin. The carnival will be held at the Coffs Harbour Swimming Pool on Friday 20 February. Warm up time 8:30am, start time 9:15am. If you require additional information please contact the school office.

RE-SCHEDULED:**Information Night & Sausage Sizzle**

Due to inclement weather the Stage 3 and Stage 2 information nights have been rescheduled to:

St3 ~ Monday 23 February

St2 ~ Tuesday 24 February

Ear Health Talk, Kindergarten ~ Tuesday 24 February

Did you know that nose blowing can help reduce ear problems and improve hearing? If students can't hear properly, they can't learn properly.

On Tuesday 24 February Simone Watson will be talking to kindergarten children about ear health. Kindy students will learn about the structure and function of the ear and how to blow their nose and care for their ears.

**WE'VE GOT MAIL****Thank you letter from the Woolgoolga Returned Services Golf Club**

February 2009

The Committee of Woolgoolga Returned Services Golf Club would like to thank the school for the recently completed mural. The work of the students is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely
Peter Holt, Secretary

WE NOTICED THAT ...

- ◆ **Imogen McPherson** of **3C** is doing great work in the WOW maths program
- ◆ **Samantha Sadlier** of **4/5M** created an interesting creature using her name as part of a pattern
- ◆ **Cameron O'Connor** of **3C** displayed wonderful manners when collecting paper to recycle from the administration block
- ◆ **Adam Mutton** of **5/6R** had a fantastic 'Rock and Water' swimming session on Wednesday morning
- ◆ **Maree Hartin, Dot Falzon and Scot Simson** battled through storm and tempest to work in the canteen on Tuesday during the terrible weather
- ◆ **Emma Bramich** of **5A** is having a wonderful time at girls self defence

TIME TO LAUGH

Q. Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher?

A. He couldn't control his pupils!

Q. What do you get when you cross a mean dog with a computer?

A. You get a mega-bite!



Name: Phil Critten

Position: Year 3 Classroom Teacher

Favourite Food: Big Mac and Pizza

Favourite Season: Summer

Favourite TV Programme: Star Trek

Favourite Movies: James Bond

Favourite Song: The Monkees

Favourite Colour: Yellow

Favourite Holiday Destination: Anywhere north

Favourite Hobby: Fishing, reading, walking

Favourite Animal: Zebra

Favourite Sport: Soccer, cricket

4/5M Newsletter Article

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 1 2009. 4/5M is fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in many initiatives.

Here are a few student accounts of their involvement.

Mr. Graham McKeough, Classroom Teacher



Girls Education

On Wednesday mornings between 9.30am and 11.00 we do karate / self defence with Rick and Tracy Burton in the school hall.



We are learning how to do punches and kicks. We have learnt never to throw the first punch, but we are learning how to defend ourselves. All the girls think it is good for kids and makes you fit.

By Rickie-Lee and Rebecca



Rock and Water

Each Wednesday Senior boys walk to Woolgoolga Swimming Pool to do Rock and Water.



We go to the pool to improve our swimming skills in the water. On our first day we were tested to see how well we could swim in the pool.

By Luke and Blake

4/5M Happenings

4/5M has been doing Punjabi after recess on Monday with Mrs Singh. We did flowers and wrote on the petals about Holi, then pasted the petals onto the flower (picture above).

With Mrs Singh we were writing a Punjabi poem about Holi. We have also completed Punjabi work sheets.

By James and Ryan

Aussie Icons and Heritage

In class for H.S.I.E we have been talking about Australia's special icons and our heritage. We've been discussing icons like the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Kangaroos and the Australian Flag.



We have also talked and written about Surf Life Saving, Anzac Day, Cricket and Australia's History.

By Hana and Lani



Reading Activities

We have a reading activity session on Tuesday at Midday and Thursday afternoon. We wrote a story based on the book, "What a Day!" which is about a dog having a terrible day. We wrote about us having a make-believe terrible day. This week we will start Mathematics.

By Mackinley and Sami

HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS**New Label, Better Behaviour**

When a pattern of behaviour persists over a long time, it's easy to think that it's part of your child's personality.

But watch what you say about your children. As one child told his father, 'Tell me often enough how bad I am, but don't be surprised if I get worse.'

What message are we sending?

A child who drops things often gets labelled as 'clumsy' or a child who forgets things often gets labelled as a 'scatter brain'. When something happens in line with the label, it takes patience and self-control on the part of the parent not to say 'There you go again'. But labels like 'clumsy' or a 'scatterbrain' make the situation worse. It communicates a message about the child that becomes part of their self-image and they will act in line with it.

To change the label, change the message

Help your child to change by sending messages that help them to see themselves differently.

Say your child is very lazy, how can you help him or her to change their ways? First, imagine how you would like your child to think about himself or herself, for example, as co-operative, helpful and energetic. Then, send out messages to this effect by your words and your actions.

Send the message that your child can be different

Reinforce good behaviour. Catch your child 'doing something right' and show them that you've noticed. For example, if your child gets up and helps as soon as you've asked, just comment approvingly and leave it at that. Acknowledge what they have done, such as 'thank you for helping me clear the table'. Don't be gushing in your praise, such as 'you are just SO helpful' ~ it's much better to 'drip feed'!

Above all, resist the temptation to compare with their 'usual behaviour'. It will eventually pay off and benefit everyone.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Have you tried our school canteen's salad sandwiches?

What about their salad bowls with a choice of different meats? They are simply delicious!

Price lists are available from the school office.



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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.

FUN THINGS TO TRY AT HOME**Make Your Own Rainbow****What You Need:**

- ◆ A small mirror
- ◆ A glass of water
- ◆ A flashlight

Activity

Place a mirror inside a full glass of water. Make sure the room is dark, and has white walls. Shine the flashlight into water, moving it around until a rainbow can be viewed.

Another way

Take a CD. Wipe it to make sure it is not dusty so it will look better. Place it on a flat surface, label side down, under a light or in front of a window. Look at the CD, and see the rainbow. You can also hold the CD in between your fingers and move it to see how the colours move.

Have you seen Mr. Browne's creation of rainbow CDs in the school gardens?

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

AVROS HOCKEY CLUB

The club is looking for players for the 2009 Season beginning in April. U7', 9's, 13's. 16's and Seniors. Boys and girls welcome. Most games on turf.

Training each Tuesday. More info contact :

Peter McPhillips Ph: 6642 5147, or

Email: pmcphill@hotmail.com

CATHOLIC SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

Parents and carers of children in Yr2 and above wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and/or First Eucharist not already enrolled, please Ph: 6652 5714 for more information by Friday 27 February.

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