

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

P&C CONCERNS

Last night at the monthly P & C meeting a number of concerns were raised by the members present.

DANGEROUS PARKING

Concern was expressed about the dangerous way in which some parents/caregivers are parking in order to collect their children in the afternoon.

This is an ongoing issue which our school has tried to address on many occasions. I urge all parents to park legally when collecting their children in the afternoon and to also exercise caution with the way in which children are taken across the road to waiting vehicles.

Children have been witnessed being called across the road (where no designated crossing is present) to parents and caregivers waiting in cars.

The safety of all students within our care is of utmost importance.

ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION IN BELLINGEN

The attempted abduction of a primary school aged student in Bellingen recently was also raised by P & C members.

Students within our school are taught how to best protect themselves from this sort of event with lessons which reflect the outcomes of the PD, Health, PE syllabus and the Child Protection syllabus where a clear 'NO, GO, TELL' message is given.

I urge parents/caregivers of students who walk to or home from school to discuss safety issues with their children and to encourage them to deliver the 'NO, GO, TELL' message when faced with a dangerous situation.

Another great idea is to discuss with your children the idea of Safety Houses on route to school where a child could seek help if needed. This may be local businesses or the house of a family friend or relative.

EDUCATION WEEK

25TH MAY – 29TH MAY IS EDUCATION WEEK

This is a chance for Public Schools across NSW to showcase the wonderful achievements of their students.

We have a wide range of activities happening within our school which members of our whole school community (parents, grandparents, friends and community members) are being invited to attend.

Attached to this week's newsletter is a copy of our Education Week activities. I hope to see you joining us in celebrating the amazing achievements of the students here at our school.

Have a great week!
Kerry Dibb, Relieving Principal

U.F.O'S SIGHTED AT WPS!

A number of Unidentified Fantastic Objects have been sighted in various parts of our school environment! Strangely, this also happened at the same time last year!

As mystery and intrigue mounts within our school it is becoming more apparent that these very unusual UFO's seem to be multiplying at a rapid rate as Education Week approaches.



Pictured above: David Amos of 5W and Rickie-Lee Skinner of 4/5M

If you are as curious as everyone else then be sure to visit our 2nd Annual Art Gallery Exhibition, on Wednesday 27 May between 5:00 and 7:00pm in the school hall, when all will be revealed!

AWARDS



CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students:

Certificate of Merit

- ♦ Jesse Beresford KD
- ♦ Paige Cox-Simpson KD
- ♦ Tori Duncombe KD
- ♦ Talisha Harboe KD
- ♦ Shannon Harvey KK
- ♦ Lachlan Rook KK
- ♦ Alyssa Jenkins KK
- ♦ Felix Farwell 1B
- ♦ Bailie Duroux 2C
- ♦ Gypsy-Rose Eggins 2C
- ♦ Claire Turner 2C
- ♦ Lachlan Jenkins 3/4G
- ♦ Joshua Butterworth-Harvey 5/6R
- ♦ Matthew Alford 5W
- ♦ Drew Cardwell 5W

Silver Award

- ♦ Joshua Murray 5/6R

(To be presented at the end of year assembly)

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

This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by **Chenoa Skinner** and **Adam Hill** of 2C

Stages 2-3 (12:20pm)
Item by 5W

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPS**EDUCATION WEEK 24-31 May****Monday 25 May ~ Open Classrooms**

Classrooms will be open for parents to read to students and students to read to parents.

Monday 25 May ~ Sausage Sizzle

Order forms need to be returned to school no later than 22 May.

Tuesday 26 May ~**5/6R & 5W to Visit Woolgoolga Retirement Village**

As part of our School and Community Partnership program, 5/6R and 5W will be visiting residents at Woolgoolga Retirement Village on 26 May. The students have made some beautiful embroidered samplers to present as gifts. Students are looking forward to some members of the retirement village visiting WPS later this term to watch various school activities and view the interactive whiteboards in action.

Wednesday 27 May ~ Computer Skills Competition**Wednesday 27 May ~ Didjeribone Spectacular**

A performance by Tjupurru, a descendant of the Djabera Djabera Tribe of the Western Australian Kimberlies, will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 27 at 1:30pm. The cost is \$4.00 per student.

Thursday 28 May, 4 June and 18 June ~ Northern Beaches Interschool Debating

A number of students from 6M have been selected as a member of the WPS Debating Team. The program aims to enrich effective communication delivered to an audience. Today the team debated 'That computers are more rewarding than pets' for the affirmative.

Tuesday 9 June to Friday 12 June Yr6 Brisbane Excursion

This year's major excursion for Yr6 will be a 4 day trip to Brisbane visiting Australia Zoo, Underwater World, Mt Cootha Planetarium and several museums.

Note: Final payment for the excursion is due Fri 29 May.

Wednesday 10 June to Friday 12 June Yr5 Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion

The major excursion for Yr5, to the fitness camp at Tea Gardens, just north of Newcastle, is getting closer! Students will experience many exciting activities. More information about the camp can be found at:

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

Note: Final payment for the excursion is due Fri 29 May.

Wednesday 1 July ~ School Photos**Friday 3 July ~ Winter Sports Carnival****Wednesday 8 July ~ Athletics Carnival****Week 10 ~ Student reports to be sent home****Weeks 10/11 ~ Parent-student-teacher interviews.****Week 11 ~ NAIDOC Week**
WPS Staff Profile


Name: Christopher Steinbeck

Position: Choir Master

I was born and grew up in Switzerland, where I acquired a lot of my musical knowledge and song repertoire.

I have enjoyed singing and music for as long as I can remember. Later I developed a passion for choir singing and have been singing in many different choirs over the years. I particularly love African, eastern Europe and gospel songs. At present I am conducting the 'Diehappy Singers' in Thora, where I live.

I am very excited to have been given the opportunity to work with classes **3/4G** and **5/6R** and hope I will instill some passion for singing into them too.

Starting with developing essential listening skills and a feel for rhythm and beat, we are working towards becoming a musical team of skilled singers.

EDUCATION WEEK 09**Open Classrooms for Shared Reading**

As part of our **Education Week Celebrations** we are holding open classrooms on Monday afternoon. Our school Management Plan 2009-2011 has a strong focus on Literacy and to reflect this we have decided to encourage parents, caregivers and grandparents to come and enjoy reading books with their child/grandchild from 2:00pm on this day.

Students are also being encouraged to bring along their favourite book for this event to share.

Principal for the Day

This week Year 6 students will be given the opportunity to apply for the position of principal for the day. The successful candidate will take up their position, during Education Week, on the day of Friday 29 May. Interviews for the position will be held early next week.

Last year Principal for the Day Daniela Hagl said, 'It was a great honour for myself to be chosen and I learned so much but the job is much harder than it looks'.

MUSIC NOTES

Next week (Wk 5) music lessons will take place on Friday 29 May instead of Tuesday 26 May. Please remember to bring instruments and music to school on Friday. Many thanks.

Nicola Fraser, Music Tutor



LIBRARY NEWS**Library Monitors**

Thank you to all the students in Year 5 & 6 who assisted in the library during Term 1. Library monitor badges have been presented to the following students:

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| Jory Ramsay 5W | Jake Rovere 5W | Daniel Ridge 5W |
| Jodeci Dunick 5/6R | Sunny Commandeur 6M | Simran Heera 6M |
| Rebecca Atkins 4/5M | Amanjot Kandola 6M | Emily Mathis 5W |
| Simran Maan 6M | Elizabeth Grgovic 4/5M | Shania Pitman 5W |
| Chloe Joreid 6M | Amrit Tiwana 5W | |



Thank you to these students for giving up their free time and for the commitment they showed during Term 1 to help the library to function effectively.



We already have three students who have finished the **2009 Premier's Reading Challenge**. Congratulations to:

Jake Rovere 5W

Samantha Sadlier 4/5M

Parveen Singh 4/5M

Tanya Molloy, Teacher / Librarian

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ AT HOME ~ INFORMATION SESSION

When: Friday 22 May 9:30am
Where: WPS Library

Many parents would like to help their child to read at home but are unsure if the techniques and strategies they are using are effective.

If you would like to have the reading process explained to you and be given useful, effective strategies to use, this session will help you achieve this.



KINDERGARTEN 2010

Enrolment Forms Now Available

Enrolment forms and information booklets are now available at the school office for parents wishing to enrol their child at WPS in 2010.

An information session, entitled 'Getting Your Child Ready for School' will be held shortly. Further information will be sent home shortly and included in future newsletters.

WANTED ~ FORMER WPS STUDENTS TO COME 'BACK TO SCHOOL'



We would like to reconnect past students with Woolgoolga Public School.

Both students and teachers at our school would love to hear from people who went to this school and as role models can help our students to gain insight into their own purpose, passion and pathway in life.

Back to School

... are you willing to tell your story?

If you are willing, or know of anyone who would like to support the school community that helped you/or them succeed in life then please get in contact with us and let us know when you'd be available to come Back to School.

What is Back to School?

Back to School is a nationwide campaign that celebrates the incredible role public schools play in our nation's development and success. Across the country people from all walks of life go back to school to tell their stories and provide positive role models for young people. It's about connecting schools with the wider community and inspiring students to succeed. Can you help? We'd love to hear from you.

Maxine McClelland, Administrative Manager
On Behalf of the School Community Partnership Committee





HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS

Sweets and Treats

Though most parents agree that they don't want sweets to play a big part in their child's life, and they know the deal with sweets, nutrition, and dental health ~ somehow it just always creeps in and becomes a problem.

No matter what you serve your child and what rules you set up, if desserts and sweets are a big part of your life, your child will get the message about the role that sweets play.

- ◆ Try not to use sweets (or food) of any kind as a reward or as first aid. In doing so you may inadvertently set your child up to need to be rewarded or soothed with a sweet. Sweets are then given emotional significance. This is different from having a celebratory meal for an accomplishment or a milestone.
- ◆ If your cupboard is filled with sweet treats it will be really hard for your child to focus on other foods. If you don't have any sweets in the house, they will just have to pick something else.
- ◆ Beware of the 'How much do I have to eat in order to eat dessert?' trap.

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

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.

WPS WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

Fun & Games Adventures ~ Digger & the Gang



This site is packed with learning activities in English, Maths, Science and lots more. Great for children aged between 5 and 11yrs. Heaps of fun, games and adventures. Enjoy!

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/digger/7_9entry/7_9.shtml

TIME TO LAUGH

Q: What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?

A: Stop going around in circles and get to the point!



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

WOOLGOOLGA AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Open Day ~ Monday 25 May

Come along and join in our **Biggest Afternoon Tea**. We are raising money for the Cancer Council. Please come and find out what we do at after school care. There will be a yummy afternoon tea provided and lots of arts and crafts activities to do. We look forward to meeting you. Parents and children all welcome from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. We are located on the corner of Scarborough and Short Street opposite Woolgoolga Public School. Enquiries Rochelle Beaman Mob: 0447 693 007 or Ph: 6654 8554

COFFS HARBOUR CITY LIBRARY

Writers Workshop ~ Thursday 28 May 5:30pm

Wine and cheese evening. Join guest speakers Ian Ridgeway & Michael Davies, two local writers, to talk about the joys and difficulties of writing. For more information please Ph: 6648 4905.

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

K-2 CLUB 20

Makirra Winkler KK, Sukhjeet Tiwana 1B,
Sophy Simson 1B, Jesse Beresford KD,
Travys Downton KD, Xanthi Hand KD,
Matthew Tapping KK, Sheldon Koopmans 1RB,
Xander Pilon 1RB, Conan Brisley 1RB, Macy Stewart 2C

K-2 CLUB 40

Sukhraj Tiwana 1B, Kobey Styles KD,
Ashley Dawe 1RB, Georgia Holcombe-Nancarrow 1B,
Alyssa Jenkins KK, Lachlan Rook KK

These students received their awards at last week's K-2 Assembly ~ Congratulations and Happy Reading!
Mrs Barb Booker

You have caught the Reading Bug!



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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