

# Seahorse Tales

TERM 3, ISSUE 4

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## AWARDS

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### Surveys

Attached to today's newsletter are 2 surveys we would like you to complete.

One of these asks questions around the teaching within our school, and the other focuses on our key target for this year – Reading.

These surveys are intended to provide information for our school in reflecting on what we can improve on, or indeed celebrate. It would really be appreciated if you could help us with this important information.

Teachers and students will also be asked to complete surveys around these 2 key areas as well.

Results will be analysed and a report will feature in the 2009 Annual School Report.

Your survey responses need to be returned to your child's class teacher in the confidential envelope provided, by **Friday September 4**. The first class with all their surveys responses returned will score a pizza party.

All responses are treated confidentially. And thank you for taking the time to help us with our work in helping your child(ren) in the education process.

#### Nicola's band workshops

Last Monday and Tuesday we hosted Nicola Fraser's *Northern Notes* band program in our hall.

53 students from Public Schools across the Nth Coast joined Nicola and several other teachers in the pursuit of making fabulous music. And fabulous music is exactly what these kids did make. It was a pleasure to hear the music as it 'wafted' out of the hall over the 2 days.

By all accounts the kids had a fantastic time. Nicola, thank you.

#### Science Week

Wow! Stars, constellations and lava lamps! Science Week in our school has been fantastic! The theme this year has been Astronomy.

Kindergarten – Year 2 had their Science Day on Monday, with Years 3-6 following on Wednesday. Jo Goodenough (thank you) led the organisation of these days as students were put into groups and circulated through some brilliant science activities.

Groups were led by our teachers, visiting Woolgoolga High School scientists (students) and specialists from the Bureau of Meteorology.

It was great – high student engagement and in depth science work!

Cheers

Graeme Ross

Principal

#### A very keen scientist!



## Reminder

**Book Character Dress-Up Day**  
**24th August**



### CONGRATULATIONS! TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

#### Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Emily Burgess KK
- ◆ Eden O'Brien KK
- ◆ Max Pierce 1B
- ◆ Jaxson Weiss 1RB
- ◆ Chenoa Skinner 2C
- ◆ Renee Rovere 3C
- ◆ Kartar Singh-Thiara 3/4G
- ◆ Behn Swatten 3/4G
- ◆ Adam Mutton 5/6R

#### Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Bryron Hartin-Singh 1B
- ◆ Ashley Dawe 1RB
- ◆ Zara Saxby 1RB



All parents and carers are welcome to attend

#### 'Friday Assemblies'

This week Stage 1 (10:20am) assembly will be hosted by Rajeena Chahal and Blake Dennehy of 1/2S

Stage 2/3 assembly (12.20pm) item will be by 3/4G; "Murder Under the Microscope".

**YEAR 6 MINI FETE**

Please help support our Year 6 mini fete.  
 The Year 6 mini fete is to be held on Tuesday 8th September.  
 We are asking for donations of items including books, games, toys, plants and knickknacks.  
 All items can be sent to Mrs Rovere for storage until the day.  
 Thankyou—Mrs Rovere and Mr McRae.



**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**

**TERM 3**

**Book Safari**



We will be holding a Book Fair in the library from 24th August—27th August. Each class will be given the opportunity to view the fair during class time.

- ◆ Families are invited to attend Wednesday 26th August from 3.15pm—5.00pm.

**Book Character Dress-Up Day—24th August**

We are also having a day during the week when students can come dressed as a book character. Start thinking about costumes now.

- ◆ PSSA Boys Soccer knockout will be held in Grafton on the 27th August.
- ◆ The Great Debate will be held on Monday 28th August.

**Kinder Orientation**

Monday 31st August—9.30am to 11:00am

Parents are invited to stay for morning tea in the library whilst children enjoy their morning tea in the Kindergarten area.



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

**K-2 CLUB 40**

Mitchell Batty, Kaela Forbes, Jaide Topp

**K-2 CLUB 60**

Brynd Storrie

**K-2 CLUB 80**

Alex Greenhalgh, Beau Pearce

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



Q: What did the limestone say to the geologist?  
 A: Don't take me for granite!

Q: What kind of star is dangerous?  
 A: A shooting star!



**WE NOTICED THAT.....**

- ◆ Madeline Allen was very polite and gracious at the front office.
- ◆ Caitlin Pitman handed in lost items to the school office.
- ◆ Behn Swatten was very honest when he handed an item he found into the office.



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**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

## 6M Happenings

This term 6M are examining the importance of conserving rainforests. We are looking at exactly what constitutes a rainforest, what kinds of animals and plants you would find there and the effect logging and deforestation is having on global climate.

We have begun designing a "Save the Rainforest" television commercial using pictures and only minimal words with an 'emotive' soundtrack to demonstrate the effect cutting down rainforests may have on it's inhabitants.

Photostory3 is our computer program of choice and is freely available for download at the Microsoft website .