

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

GREAT TO BE BACK!

Thank you to all parents, carers, students and staff who have made 'being back' so welcoming. We certainly have a wonderful school.

Kerry Dibb has done such a fantastic job as principal in my absence, that getting back into the work has been very positive. Thank you Kerry, and to all staff and community in supporting her.

EDUCATION WEEK

I was very impressed with the way our school again has come up 'trumps' with our work, in displaying the best of our school last week.

The responses to our Art Show sounded absolutely fantastic, and having seen some of the works still hanging in the hall I am very impressed.

Principal for a Day happened and there is more written about this in our newsletter today. Heavenly, by all accounts, did an outstanding job.

Thank you to all staff who made the celebration of Public Education, at Woolgoolga Public School, so interesting and exciting.

A NEW CLASS

Our school is in the very fortunate position of being able to form a new class. This class will be our 14th class and again reflects the goodwill and confidence felt in our community for our school.

This class will be in Stage 1 (years 1/2) and will allow all of our Stage 1 classes to be smaller.

Kerry Dibb is coordinating this process. I will write more about the class in later newsletters.

NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

There will be no newsletter next week, due to the week being a short week and several staff being on leave. I, too, will be away, accompanying Year 6 on the annual 'big trip', this year to Brisbane.

Cheers

Graeme Ross, Principal

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY REPORT

Hi, I am Heavenly Hand and you may be aware that I was *Principal for a Day* on Friday 29th of May. It was an interesting day for me.



I got *Principal for a Day* because I had filled out a job application and I got two references; one from Cassandra Jolly and one from Ms Molloy. Then I handed it in to Ms Dibb. Then three people were interviewed, Alan, Jodeci and me. On Wednesday morning we got interviewed, they asked us six questions. I was pretty nervous because every time they asked a question I answered it and all you could hear were pens writing on the board. The reason I went in it is because when I am older I would like to be a teacher. I thought it would be a great experience and it was. What I had to do that day is the following:

- ◆ walk around to all classes and introduce myself;
- ◆ went to the K-2 assembly to hand out the merit certificates, the certificates of excellence and the principal's awards;
- ◆ then I had morning tea with the student councillors in my office, we talked about the re-spending of the budget for anything classes or staff need;
- ◆ then I read a book to the kindergarten class;
- ◆ then I did the 3-6 assembly and handed out the principal's award, Anzac day awards and the certificates of excellence; and
- ◆ then I did a lot of little jobs in between.

So I had a great time being *Principal for a Day* and all the teachers were so kind and the office ladies were awesome they helped me with everything I needed help with. And I just want to thank the canteen ladies for putting up with me. Ms Dibb helped me and Mrs Rovere helped me a lot too. It was a great honour to be your *Principal for a Day*. Thank you.

Heavenly Hand, Class 6M

AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students:

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Sarah Cutler KK
- ◆ Sahib Lalli KK
- ◆ Grace Russell KK
- ◆ Dekoda Farnsworth 1RB
- ◆ Rubee Frost 1RB
- ◆ Kea Murray 1RB
- ◆ Xander Pilon 1RB
- ◆ Caitlin Pitman 1RB
- ◆ Mya Thompson 1RB
- ◆ Sevak Clair 1/2H
- ◆ Georgi Curtis 1/2H
- ◆ Pavan Mullett 3C
- ◆ Brandon Webb 3C
- ◆ Jarred Benn 3/4G
- ◆ Luke Hayes 4/5M
- ◆ Samantha Sadler 4/5M
- ◆ Rickie-Lee Skinner 4/5M
- ◆ Mackinley Taylor 4/5M
- ◆ Ashley Wake 4/5M
- ◆ Courtney Endycott 5W
- ◆ Allanah Hames 5W
- ◆ Daniel Ridge 5W
- ◆ Floyd Baskett 5/6R
- ◆ Lachlan McPherson 5/6R
- ◆ Brock Sankey 5/6R
- ◆ Harman Singh 5/6R
- ◆ Elijah Woods 5/6R

Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Byron Grant 1RB
- ◆ Kea Murray 1RB
- ◆ Ciannah Robertson 2C
- ◆ Justin Keys 5/6R
- ◆ Tumma Murray 6M

Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Ainsley Wadwell 1RB
- ◆ Caleb McInerney 4/5M
- ◆ Elijah Woods 5/6R



AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT INDEX**A snapshot of children in our community**

Between May and July this year, schools around Australia are taking part in a nation-wide program called the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI).

The AEDI looks at how young children are developing in the years before they begin school. As part of the AEDI, schools around Australia will be collecting information on **children in their first year of school**. This will involve teachers completing an online 'checklist' ~ like a survey or questionnaire ~ for every child in their class.

Summary results of the AEDI checklists will be available for communities based on whole groups of children in a way that means no one will be able to identify individual children. The findings will provide communities with a snapshot of young children's development. This will help communities understand how their children are developing and where improvements can be made to give children the best start in life.

Parents will receive more information about our school's involvement in the AEDI in the coming weeks.

You can find out more about the AEDI at:

www.aedi.org.au

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPS**5 June ~ North Coast PSSA Soccer Knockout**

Selected students will travel to Corindi soccer fields on Friday for the soccer knockout competition. Departure time is 9:30am, private transport. Cost 50c. Shin pads, lunch and a water bottled required.

9-12 June ~ Yr6 Brisbane Excursion

Have a great time Year 6!

10-12 June ~ Yr5 Aussie Bush Camp Excursion

Have a great time Year 5!

18 June ~ Northern Beaches Interschool Debating**26 June ~ Opera House Recorder Excursion**

Students participating in the Opera House concert will be travelling to Sydney to perform on Friday 26 June.

29 & 30 June ~ Northern Notes Music Workshops

Students need to have registered and been accepted in to the program.

More information Nicola Fraser Mob: 0415 991 521.

1 July ~ School Photos

6 July ~ Athletics Carnival

Week 10 ~ Student reports to be sent home

Week 11 ~ NAIDOC Week

Week 11 ~ Parent-student-teacher interviews.

STAGE 1 RESTRUCTURE

Due to an increase in our student enrolments we will be forming a 14th class within Stage 1.

The class will be a 1-2 composite and will begin operation on Wednesday 10 June.

Care is being taken to ensure that minimal disruption occurs during the set-up. Parents of students being placed into the new class will be contacted as soon as possible. We hope that you agree that the benefits of lower number in classes will be highly beneficial to students in the long term. If you wish to discuss this matter please do not hesitate to contact either Kerry Dibb (Assistant Principal) or Graeme Ross (Principal).

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

**WE NOTICED THAT ...**

- ◆ **Moon Deen** has returned to school who together with **Chloe, Tanisha** and **Kodie**, are working well during group work in **5W**
- ◆ **1/2H** were listening wonderfully to Mrs Ewart and class stories
- ◆ **Mrs Singh** has purchased **gold**, blingy, racey, fast, joggers **especially** for the Yr6 excursion
- ◆ **Simran Maan** and **Simran Heera** of **6M** are showing responsibility in their roles as library monitors
- ◆ **Marcus Grgovic** and **Bailey Wadwell** of **5W** are reading well with Mrs McKeough

SHADOWS NO MORE

Woolgoolga Public School is pleased to be able to offer the Shadows No More program to our K-6 Indigenous students, and the boys' classes.



Pictured above: Kerry Neill & Temeka Dunn, Program Presenters

The program aims to keep the Aboriginal culture alive within our community; the underlying behavioural aspect through the entire program is '**Respect**' and it is about developing pride in oneself and one's culture.

The program will be held every Tuesday for approximately 10 weeks. Various components of the program include: relationship skills, dance and culture workshops.

Sharon Rovere, Program Coordinator

NEWS ARTICLE BY KK

This term KK have been: writing their name using the computer mouse; focusing on 'This is Me' in HSIE and will be painting self portraits; concentrating on recounts in their journal writing; continuing to learn their sounds through art/craft/song; and using free play opportunities to socialise within small groups.

Ms Jennifer Kingsley, Classroom Teacher



A POEM BY KK

KK kids are clever
 KK kids are cool
 KK kids are all good friends
 KK kids love school



WPS Students Played Prominent Role ~ Education Week 09

Students from Woolgoolga Public School played a prominent role in Education Week celebrations last Wednesday by showcasing some of their creative and amazing artworks at our 2nd Annual Art Gallery Exhibition held in the school hall. Below are just a few of the many wonderful comments made by school community members who visited the exhibition. In it's second year, the art show is proving to be so popular with students and the wider school community that it has already been included in our calendar of events for 2010!

Below: Comments from the WPS 2nd Annual Art Gallery Exhibition

Paige: 6M art work was quite nice. I wish it was on my wall at home. Keep up the computer art!

Kim: Beautiful work, can we buy some for home?

Loretta: This is absolutely wonderful thank goodness for Mr Browne putting all this inspiration into our school. We all love it.

Kandola family: It's wonderful ... keep up the good work.

Mrs Woods: I'm amazed at the talent and in awe of the abilities.

Cassandra: Wonderful. Great variety and creative input. Lovely to see art-work from every child showcased.

Anon: Do it again next year please!

Singh Family: It's so good. I thought high school people did it.

Anon: Maybe an auction at the end of the night ~ use money for new art supplies or art programs.

Alford Family: Some of the best school art work we have seen!

Josh: The best art show ever!

Judy: The show looks fantastic, it's a credit to all our wonderful little artists and the wonderful Mr Browne! There could be a people's choice vote maybe?

Sunny: 3D stuff cool. Could be judged and get prizes.

Leila: That was fantastic art, it made me smile!

Skinner Family: The art here tonight should be in the National Art Gallery, worth more than some famous art works!



HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS

Ways to boost your child's brain power

According to child psychologist Bernadette Tynan there are a number of techniques that parents can use to develop their child's special talents and boost brain power.



A few tips and techniques

- ◆ Help children to achieve their personal goals by breaking big goals down into little ones. This is the art of successful goal setting and works to map out a route for the brain to follow. No map and it's like driving a car; you might know where you want to go but the important thing is how to get there. Helping children break down their big goals into little ones gives the brain a road map to success.
- ◆ Boosting their brain power isn't all about sitting and writing. A simple but fun body and brain training activity used by NASA in fact is trampolining! Every time you land your brain has to figure out how exactly to land in the same place. Do this and your child is quite literally toning their brain!
- ◆ Children are born with lots of natural curiosity and often ask lots of 'why' questions. Manage them effectively and you are helping them develop logic and reasoning. The next time they ask you a question, don't just give them the answer: let them figure out the answer with you by using a gentle and fun 'thinking conversation'. For example if the question is asked, 'why do echidnas have spikes?', then reply with an open question such as 'why do you think they might have spikes?', so you can reason it out together. That way they are building up connections in the brain that will help them remember things better.

<http://raisingchildren.net.au/>

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

K-2 CLUB 20

Emerson Bhatti, Jacob Butterworth-Harvey, Kaela Forbes, Dekoda Farnsworth, Bridget Jones, Jack Payne-Harvey, Brock Parker, Callum Jackson, Sevak Clair, Sangamdeep Singh

K-2 CLUB 40

Bridget Jones, Jaxson Weiss, Jayden Nolan

K-2 CLUB 60

Lachlan Rook



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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.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you goes to Glen Rook, Alice Lipman and Maree Hartin for helping with the sausage sizzle during Education Week 09 at WPS.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

All parents and carers are welcome to attend our weekly assemblies. This week: **Stage 1** (10:20am) will be hosted by **Tristin Forrest-Waddell** and **Tayah Harvey-Wood** of 1/2H.
Stages 2-3 (12:20pm) ~ Item by 4/5M

TIME TO LAUGH



Father: How are your grades, son?

Son: Under water, Dad.

Father: Under water? What do you mean?

Son: They're below C level!



We Love the Library!

Beau, Danielle, Dylan and Kane made the shape of a heart out of zool pieces to show Ms Molloy just how much they love the library!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

OTITIS MEDIA AWARENESS DAY

FREE ear health checks children 0-18 years. No appointment necessary. Thursday 18 June, Centro Toormina, 10-5pm. Checks take about 10 minutes!

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