

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

THE BUZZ!

It is remarkable just how much learning and positivity with highly engaged students, is occurring in our school.

To give one example, last Thursday, I witnessed the WOW program in action with our 'top' year 5 students studying very carefully, some pictures in books that supported the meanings in the text. Jan Martin was leading this. I then saw Jo Goodenough taking a 'top' year 5 Maths group for some very challenging web-based tables work.

Meanwhile, in John Carter's year 2 class all the kids were 'spot on' with their reading, in groups. And this was in addition to what was happening in 1/2H ~ Kerrieanne Holani's class ~ the parent volunteers together with Kerrieanne and Karen (SLSO) all engaged in deep reading activities.

And then we read week by week all of the other additional activities that are occurring ~ art (painting and clay work), music, gardening, swimming, karate, the Premier's Reading Challenge, and film-making!

Wow! What a school.

BUILDING EDUCATION REVOLUTION

I am currently finalising the Building Education Revolution wish list that I spoke of in last week's newsletter. This application needs to be in by Monday at the latest.

Thank you to all people who have helped the school in this process. I will keep you informed on it's progress.

PARKING ZONES AROUND THE SCHOOL

I have received advice from the Council Rangers' Office re the penalties for not observing the zone signs:

- ♦ Stopping on or near a children's crossing - \$324 + 2 demerit points
- ♦ Stopping in a school bus zone - \$243 + 2 demerit points

I have been advised there will be further patrols over the next weeks and months.

Thank you to those parents who are taking time to park, drop-off and collect children safely.

Cheers

Graeme Ross, Principal

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Whether it's inside or outside the classroom volunteer helpers contribute invaluable expertise and service.

Family and community involvement plays a critical role in a student's educational development.

It enables members of the community to contribute their time and energy to the lives of the students by engaging them in activities and improving their lives by promoting their social, emotional, and intellectual development.



Pictured above is Kathryn Fenton, a local artist, who generously volunteers her time and talents each Friday at WPS.

Kathryn has been working with students at WPS, in the art room, to really highlight the talents of our students.

Over 45 students now use the art room each Friday.

OUR CRICKETERS BOWL 'EM OVER

Last Thursday, WPS senior boys played cricket against Grafton in the PSSA State Knockout. Our boys scored 82 to defeat Grafton who scored only 21 runs.

Our best batters were Liam (15), Nick (15), Angus (14) and John (12 not out).

All of our bowlers were fantastic ~ which is why Grafton could only score 21.

Well done Arjun and Harmon.

The best fielder of the day was Michael who took 3 terrific catches. He was ably supported by James, Cadan, Kyle, Josh and Ravi in the field.

Mr Phil Critten, Cricket Co-ordinator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

P&C AGM 7:00pm	Tue 17 Mar
Rugby League Trials Open 11's	Thur 19 Mar
Stage 3 Boys Swimming	Every Weds
Stage 2 Boys & Girls Swimming	Every Weds

CONGRATULATIONS!

Certificate of Merit

- ♦ Brady Thelander KD
- ♦ Sahib Lalli KK
- ♦ Alaura Panagaris KK
- ♦ Grace Russell KK
- ♦ Daniel Alford 1B
- ♦ Sandon Barkley 1RB
- ♦ Byron Grant 1RB
- ♦ Brock Parker 1RB
- ♦ Gurpal Bhoria 2C
- ♦ Salina Chahal 4/5M
- ♦ Marlay Commandeur 4/5M
- ♦ Lani Goodman 4/5M

Certificate of Excellence

- ♦ Chris McIntosh

Principal's Values Award

- ♦ Kyle Worrall 5/6R
- ♦ Kaylee Parker 1/2H

Stop Press ...

Next week's newsletter will include an article on the Assistant Principals and their roles.

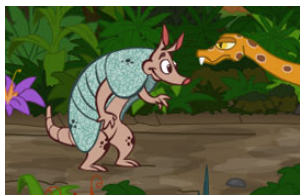
All parents and carers are welcome to attend 'Friday Assemblies'

This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by **Grace Duncan** and **Velvet Allen** of 1/2H

Stages 2-3 (12:20pm)
Item by 5/6R

WPS WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

**Games, Puzzles, Quizzes
Kids National Geographics**



Go bowling with an armadillo. Be an archaeologist and dig up buried treasure! Take a deep breath and dive down into the world of blue whales. Travel across the solar system with Nat and Geo to find out why Pluto is no longer a planet.

A parents' choice recommended winner in 2008.

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Games/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPS

WPS Harmony Day ~ Friday 20 March

Harmony Day provides an opportunity for us to celebrate our successes as a culturally diverse society and re-commit ourselves to harmony and mutual respect.

On Friday 29 March students are invited to wear 'Orange' and join in the celebrations. Peer/buddy reading classes will be the main focus of the day.

New 'Design' Year 6 Shirts \$35.00 (Sizes 10 to 18)

Notes have been sent home to order Yr 6 shirts. Please return to Mr McRae as soon as possible.

TIME TO LAUGH

Q. What do you call a pan spinning through space?

A. An unidentified frying object.!

Q. Why did the judge send the turtle to jail?

A. Because he was known as a hard case!



REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS



Woolgoolga Parents and Citizens Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting next Tuesday 17th March at 7.00 pm, in the staff room. Membership is open to parents, caregivers, and interested citizens from the school area, and grandparents are especially invited to become involved. The cost is just \$2 for the year. This gives members the right to vote and covers volunteers for insurance purposes.

At the AGM a new committee will be formed. No doubt it will continue and build upon the great work of past committees, who have contributed to make a better learning environment for the children.

P&C meetings provide a forum to discuss ideas and issues relating to the school and students. If you would like to join in and have some input, please do not hesitate, as new members are very welcome.

This will be the last message from me as President, as I will be stepping aside from an executive role this year to pursue other challenges. I would like to thank the committed volunteer members who have met each month to determine the needs and aspirations of the school community, the ever helpful administration staff, the dedicated teaching and support staff, our Principal, and all of the students and their families for supporting the efforts of the P&C Association.

I have every confidence that the new committee will bring with it new energies to make a positive contribution for each and every student of our great school. I wish all of the members the best of luck in their endeavours for the future, and implore each of you in the school community, to please continue to support their good work. Thank you.

Judy Niven (P&C President ~ Outgoing)

**WPS SRC
Profile**



Name: Fletcher Tulloch

Class: 5A

Favourite Food: Nachos

Favourite Season: Spring

Favourite TV Programme: The Simpsons

Favourite Movie: Dragon Wars

Favourite Song: 'You' by Wes Car

Favourite Colour: Red

Favourite Holiday Destination: Queensland

Favourite Hobby: Archery

Favourite Animal: Tiger

Favourite Sport: Tennis

As a member of the SRC: I would like to achieve to make the school playground cleaner. It means a lot to me to be a member of the SRC because students look up to me as a good role model.



WE NOTICED THAT ...

◆ **Bailey Wadwell of 5A** (pictured left) is doing very neat needlework

◆ **Aryan Miller-Naidu of 2C** is making great progress

◆ **Luke Beresford of 3C** is doing great artwork

◆ **Heavenly Hand of 6M** did an amazing piece of digital artwork

**WPS Staff
Profile**



Name: Sharon Rovere

Position: Classroom Teacher
5/6R (Rel. Assistant Principal)

Favourite Foods: Pizza, Fried Chicken, Hot Chips, Hamburgers, Passionfruit

Favourite Season: Spring

Favourite TV Programme: CSI and Bones

Favourite Movie: Any Walt Disney

Favourite Song: TNT! (ACDC)

Favourite Colour: Yellow

Favourite Holiday Destination: Tasmania

Favourite Hobby: Jigsaw Puzzles & Reading

Favourite Animal: Finches

Favourite Sport: Hockey & Soccer



... play with my big brother Kodie
By Layla



... play with toys under the Kindy COLA
By Kobey



... listen to Ms Dibb read books to me
By Dakota



... go on the computers
By Talisha



... practice writing my numbers on the white board
By Paige



... learn about all different things
By Hayley



KD tell us what they like to do at school

KD have now been at **BIG** school for 6 weeks

We have been studying the HSIE unit titled 'At School'

We have been talking about what we like to do at school.

Classroom Teacher:
Ms Kerry Dibb



... play on the oval
By Brady



... play with my sisters
By Xanthi



... learn my sight words
By Jesse



... play with the doll's house
By Jacob



... play with the dolls in the doll house
By Tori



... play with my friend Ty
By Brock



... play on the oval
By Yuvraj



... play on the computers
By Ty



... play on the computers
By Shivani



... go on the computers
By Travys



... play with the train set
By Jamie



... have a turn on the computer
By Kalarnie

HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS

Nobody Likes Me!

At one time or another, most children come home dejected and announce that 'nobody likes me!'



Usually, these moments of discouragement pass quickly. An incident at school, or on the bus, may make your child feel friendless, but he/she really isn't, and soon they are back having fun.

What these 'friendless' moments reveal is how very important friendships are to children. They mean much more than just having fun, although that is, of course, the main reason children have friends.

When children are having trouble with friendships, they feel miserable. It undercuts their self-confidence and self-esteem. Parents, too, often worry: 'What's wrong with my child that other children don't like them?'

How popular is popular enough?

For better or worse, our culture places a high value on popularity, but only one child, or one small clique, can be the most popular in the class.

Children who feel excluded can suffer greatly. Some children change their clothing, interests, manners and speech, all for the sake of fitting in. Parents often puzzle over how much of this chameleon behaviour is healthy, and wonder how they can help their children value their own individuality while remaining a part of their community of peers.

The parents' role

From a parent's perspective, the world of your child's friendships may feel like a foreign country that you can visit, but never really be part of.

In the normal course of things, parents nurture their children, then let them move on to other relationships in which, necessarily, the parents are no longer the central players. This doesn't mean that you can't enjoy your child's friends, step in from time to time to help with a problem, or set limits about their behaviour/s in their peer group.

But at some level, for friendships to be genuine, your role must be secondary. Your child has to navigate the social waters on their own.

www.raisingchildren.net.au

2009 SCHOOL INFORMATION BOOKLET

Now Available

The WPS 2009 Information Booklet is now available at the school office. If you would like a copy please call-in to pick one up, or simply contact the school by phone or email, and we will send a booklet home for you via your child.



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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 Invisible Ink



Here's How:

- ◆ Squeeze lemons to obtain their juice
- ◆ Or you can use bottled lemon juice
- ◆ Use the juice as 'ink' by applying it to writing paper with a thin paint brush, (or a cotton swab makes a great disposable paintbrush)
- ◆ Allow the paper to dry
- ◆ When you are ready to read your invisible message, hold the paper up to sunlight, or a light bulb (under parental guidance)

Tips:

- ◆ Another way to read the message is to put salt on the drying 'ink'. After a minute, wipe the salt off and colour over the paper with a wax crayon to reveal the message.
- ◆ Experiment with other juices such as orange juice, vinegar, and apple juice ~ they all work well, too.

How does it work:

The heat will cause the writing to darken to a pale brown, so your message can be read. Lemon juice is acidic and weakens paper. When paper is heated, the remaining acid turns the writing brown before discoloring the paper. Have fun!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

HARMONY DAY MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL ~ FREE

To be held at the Coffs Harbour Botanic gardens on Sunday 22 March from 11:30am-4:00pm. Aussie BBQ, multicultural foods for sale, or bring your own picnic. Music, entertainment and exhibitions showcasing the community's cultural diversity, creating a colourful vibrant atmosphere. Rafiki Connection (Burundi Drum Group), Maori Poi Group, Capella Choir, Pipe Band and exciting circus re-enactments by the Medieval Guild. Further info Ph: 6648 4833.

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