

# Seahorse Tales

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER)

After a further meeting with key staff within the Department of Education and Training, plans for this important funding from the Federal Government are now finalised.

The Federal Government stimulus package has enabled two key programs to be funded within our school.

The first program (up to \$2.5 million) will involve the construction of 4 new classrooms. These will be built on the land adjacent to the hall. The 'old' classroom, currently 1/2S will be demolished, as will the building (Block D) that currently houses KK and 1B, together with the School Counsellor office.

By taking out Block D the Primary play area can then be expanded.

The second program is under the banner of National School Pride. This attracts up to \$150 000 for our school.

After extensive consultation, begun in term 1 when BER was first announced, the list of improvements, for our school, has been decided on:

- ◆ 3 additional electronic Smartboards (making 8 in total for our school, so far);
- ◆ new staff car park (sealed and 'edged');
- ◆ extending and refurbishing (where needed) all covered walkways; and
- ◆ additional office access in the admin area.

The National School Pride program is expected to be finished by January next year, in line with the Federal Government's requirements. The construction of classrooms will be over a longer timeframe (currently being finalised).

Exciting times!

### Student Reports

I have been reading carefully student reports from various grades. What is so pleasing is the success that is being celebrated in each student's report, with the work that has been achieved by that student.

Reports will be with you early next week.

*Cheers*

**Graeme Ross, Principal**

## WPS P&C NEWS

### House Flags

Pictured below are our sporting house captains with the house flags that will soon be available for the 2009 Athletics Carnival.

The P&C have been very busy making the flags which will be available at the price of \$3.00. The flags will be available in the days leading up to the carnival however the numbers for sale are limited.



Please keep checking the newsletters for the date the flags will go on sale!

### House Captains

- ◆ **Dolphins:** Kayla Connelly and Sunny Commandeur
- ◆ **Sharks:** Taylor Holcombe-Nancarrow and Tumma Murray
- ◆ **Stingrays:** Elizabeth Hanna and Kyle Worrall
- ◆ **Whales:** Jordan Forrest and Liam Armitage

### WPS P&C Committee

### REMINDER ~ SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

#### 1 July ~ Wednesday

Please remember that orders for school photographs must be returned to your child's class teacher, with payment, **no later than tomorrow, Friday 26 June.**

All cheques must be made payable to **Advancedlife Photography** prior to photo day.

Online payments can also be made at: <http://www.advancedlife.com.au/>

Family photo envelopes are available from the school office if you wish to have one taken.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*



## AWARDS

### CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students:

#### Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Travys Downton KD
- ◆ Samarpan Randhawa KK
- ◆ Mitchell Batty 1B
- ◆ Sukhjeet Tiwana 1B
- ◆ Sandon Barkley 1RB
- ◆ Brock Parker 1RB
- ◆ Callum Jackson 1/2E
- ◆ Raymond Jones 1/2E
- ◆ Kaylee Parker 1/2E
- ◆ Geoffrey Tapping 1/2E
- ◆ Macy Stewart 2C
- ◆ Bree Henderson-Smith 4J
- ◆ John Critten 5W
- ◆ Luke Hennessy 5/6R
- ◆ Heavenly Hand 6M
- ◆ Jessica Midavaine 6M



#### Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Jacob Harvey 1/2E
- ◆ Alexandra Rook 2C

#### Principal's Award

- ◆ Ethan Waugh-Ridgeway 1/2S
- ◆ Kye Goodman 5/6R

All parents and carers are welcome to attend 'Friday Assemblies' This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by **Gypsy-Rose Eggins** and **Bradi Goodman** of 2C Stages 2-3 (12:20pm) Item by 4J Part 2

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPS****26 June ~ Opera House Recorder Excursion**

Ashley Wake and Hana Truban will be representing WPS this week when they play their recorders at the DET's Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House. The girls have been working very hard to learn the difficult music off by heart and will perform with about 700 other musicians from public schools around NSW in a public concert on Friday evening.

**29 June ~ Semester 1 Student Reports Issued****29 & 30 June ~ Northern Notes Music Workshops****30 June ~ Group 2 Junior Rugby League Carnival**

Selected students will represent WPS at the Group 2 Jnr Rugby League Carnival at Advocate Park. Private transport is being arranged, departing school at 8:30am.

**1 July ~ School Photographs****3 July ~ Winter Sports Carnival****6 July ~ Day Disco****7 July ~ Naidoc Day****7 July ~ Getting Your Child Ready for School 2010****8 July ~ Co-operating Communities Excursion**

All stage 2 students have the opportunity to attend some community services and facilities available in the Coffs Harbour district. During the excursion, the students will visit Coffs Harbour Recycling Depot, Coffs Harbour, the RSPCA and Coffs Harbour PCYC.

**10 July ~ K-6 Athletics Carnival****4 August ~ ICAS English Competition****19 August ~ ICAS Mathematics Competition****HOW DO I CLAIM THE EDUCATION TAX REFUND?**

- ◆ In your tax return
- ◆ If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form over the phone
- ◆ If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.


If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too. To find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim, go to <http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au> or call the Tax office on 13 28 61.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim. In addition, the tax office has prepared, specifically for schools, some frequently asked questions and answers. These questions and answers can be found on the Tax Office website by following the link below:

<http://ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=content/00192105.htm>



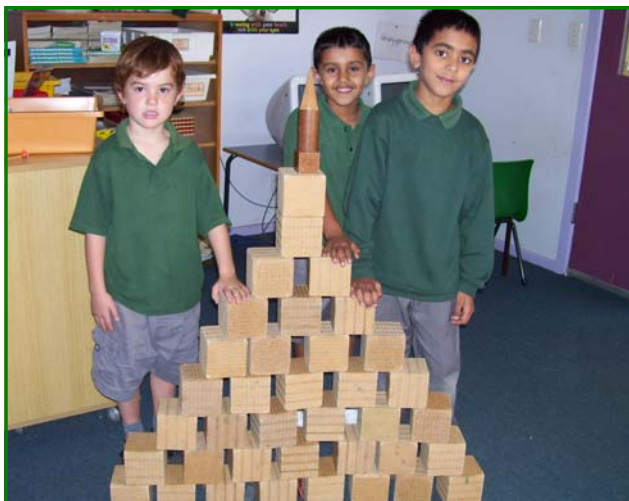
WPS Staff  
Profile



**Name:** John Carter  
**Position:** Classroom Teacher  
**Favourite Food:** Seafood  
**Favourite Season:** Spring  
**Favourite TV Programme:** The News  
**Favourite Movies:** Crocodile Dundee 1 & 2  
**Favourite Song:** None!  
**Favourite Colours:** Blue  
**Favourite Holiday Destinations:** Many different ones for many different reasons  
**Favourite Hobby:** Woodwork  
**Favourite Animal:** Dog  
**Favourite Sport:** Cycling

**WE NOTICED THAT ...**

- ◆ **Adam Hennessy** of **3/4G** showed his honesty and integrity when he returned a \$20 note that he noticed had fallen out of Mrs Goodenough's pocket.
- ◆ **3/4E** have been working hard in groups with Mrs Ewart, Wendy and Robyn during reading groups.
- ◆ **5W** had an Origami lesson using **Kodie Duroux's** new origami kit he shared with the class.
- ◆ **Mitchell Batty, Sukhraj Tiwana** and **Prabraj Sidhu** of **1B** have been working cooperatively to build a tall pyramid tower (pictured below).

**PROGRAM UPDATE ~ Gymnastics**

Stage 1, Years 1&2, have been doing gymnastics all term. They have learnt how to forward roll correctly, walk on a balance beam, jump off a mini tramp and swing on the bars.

They all enjoy this lesson each week.

**Mrs Barbara Booker, Program Coordinator**

## NEWS ARTICLES BY 5W (MRS LEONIE WOODS)

### Pottery with Mr McKeough

Some of the class does pottery with Mr McKeough on Thursdays while the other half of the class goes to the library. We make lots of patterns out of clay and I made a pot at Mr Browne's art classes. I go every Friday.

I also made a butterfly with a heart head just for Amber; after I made that I made a bowl.

When I saw Amrit's, it was a shell bowl leaning to the side.

*By Chloe Irwin*



### Term 2 5W

Class 5W has been working on HSIE, Maths, English, Science and Medieval History.

**Time with Mrs Singh** ~ when Mrs Singh did sewing with us we had a short time to sew. Then when everyone was finished we and 5\6R went up to the retirement village and presented our gifts perfectly.

**Pottery** ~ with Mr McKeough some of our class, 3\4G, 5\6R and 4\5M used clay and made different things each and every time.

**Sardi Plateau** ~ Our class has been working on the Sardi Plateau, a scenario where we had to use our persuasive writing skills. We were put into different groups and had to write a speech saying if mining should go on or not. Our class chose that mining shouldn't go on.

*By Amrit Tiwana*

### MRS SINGH'S SEWING CLASS

In 5W we have been doing sewing with Mrs Singh. It was really fun but it took days, partly because all the time we had Mrs Singh I did a crosses pattern – awesome hard ones. My friend did the best of all. It was really cool.

Finally, when we finished after a few weeks, we headed off to the retirement village and gave our sewing to one of the people. The lady I gave mine to was very nice. The man Mrs Singh talked to said he had four fingers and he was not kidding. They were nice and gave us morning tea; a drink of orange cordial and a biscuit, I only had a biscuit because I am allergic to orange.

*By Symantha Simson*

### Class 5W's Sport

This term we have been doing sports, especially dodge ball. We always have sport on a Friday. I wonder what type of sports we are having today? Sport is great. Nearly everyone loves sports. You can not do sports on a rainy day that's why we do dodge ball in the hall sometimes when it's a rainy day.

*By Danielle Elford*

### THE GIANT SWING.

Most people were scared at first. But then it turned into the funniest thing in the world!!! I personally think that the giant swing was the best activity in Great Aussie Bush Camp. The giant swing was off the chain.

You got two goes at it if you wanted. I did have a second along with many other people. The giant swing has raised my confidence. I'm sure not afraid of heights any more!

*By Alisha Phoonie*

### Origami

Yesterday Mr O showed us how to do origami. We made very strong boxes that I used for a money box, we also used them for silent ball. Then it was lunch and when we came back from lunch we kept on making things. Everyone got to make two at the most.

*By John Critten*

### Our Class 5W

This year I had Mrs Abbott. In Term 2 she had to leave because she was having a baby. In the middle of Term 1 we had Mr Delanty for 2 weeks. Mrs Abbott had her baby. She had a baby boy. She named him Blake. So now we have Mrs Woods for the rest of the year!

With Mrs Woods we have been doing maths after recess. Then we have to say our times tables. We all miss Mrs Abbott! We have sports every FRIDAY! If it is not raining. On Thursday's we have Mrs Singh until recess. Mrs Woods lets us play lots of games if we have time. We play games like silent ball, sparkle, bottles and other fun games.

*By Tanisha Lalli*

### SCHOOL TIME!!!!

Some people stayed at school while the rest were at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. We did not have to do any work and we only played games.

My favourite game was a blind folded game where one person is blind folded and the other had to guide them. The guide could not touch the blind folded person and they could only say 'left, right back, forward, big step, little step'. There were bombs, chairs and tables spread out everywhere in the class. It was so much fun at school.

The other game I liked was where you have a group and a hoola hoop. Everyone holds the bottom with only one finger and we had to lower it to the ground. It was so hard and fun at the same time. I had the best time ever.

*By Priya Sidhu*

**HELPFUL HINTS  
FOR PARENTS****Homework help online**

Parents and carers can access age-appropriate material to help with your child's homework assignments at the Teaching and Learning Exchange (TaLe):



<http://www.tale.edu.au/tale/live/index.jsp>

Information ranges from ages 4-9 which includes pages to help you to follow your child's early learning and to help you talk with teachers about your child's progress to beyond school i.e. links to TAFE, university and other further learning opportunities such as apprenticeships and traineeships.

The content of each age group area is organised into these sections:

- ◆ **What they learn**
- ◆ **Helping your child to learn**
- ◆ **About stages of learning**

From the navigation bar you can also access links to education organisations and news. The site also includes a jargon buster, a selection of translated documents and links to DET parent newsletters such as the Click Technology Guide and School Parent's Magazine.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT ...**

Permanent European settlement occurred in **Woolgoolga** in the 1870s. Prior to this, the area was inhabited by the Gumbaingirr Aboriginal tribe.

It is believed that the name of the town derives from the word "**Weelgoolga**", which was used by the local Aborigines to describe the area, and the lilly-pilly trees that grew there.

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

**K-2 CLUB 20**

Eden O'Brien, Octavia Hand,  
Kalarnie Henderson-Smith and Tori Duncombe

**K-2 CLUB 40**

Manish Saharan and Brady Thelander

**K-2 CLUB 60**

Emerson Bhatti

**You have caught the Reading Bug!**



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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.*

**WPS WEBSITE  
OF THE WEEK****Explore the Sky**

If you are interested in the greatest mysteries of deep space this site is a must for you! Take a tour of the Solar System, discover the constellations, and explore the wonders of the universe.

From astronomy and cosmology to space exploration, you'll find the latest news updated daily at this fascinating site. There's also lots of games with a space theme that include word games, puzzles and even a few with an arcade feel.

<http://www.seasky.org/sky.html>

**STOP PRESS! ... Science Week will take place  
between the 15th and 23rd August at WPS**

Have you noticed Mrs Goodenough's astronomically fantastic display in the school foyer? There are some great photos of the Solar System. Check it out!

**TIME TO LAUGH**

**Q:** Which travels faster, cold or heat?

**A:** Heat, because you can catch a cold!

**Q:** Why did the elephant eat the candle?

**A:** Because he wanted a light snack!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

**CALL FOR FETE STALLHOLDERS****Crossmaglen School Fete**

To be held Saturday 24 October, 2009 between 10:00am and 4:00pm.

Please contact Carleen on Mob: 0431 890 799 or Christine on Ph: 6653 5111 if you are interested in becoming a fete stallholder.

**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