

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day falls in the school holidays this year – Friday April 25, the last Friday of the holidays. A note has gone home to all families asking if their child could participate by representing Woolgoolga Public School at the ceremony and march. This note needs to be returned by Friday, if your child can participate. Further to this we will also be acknowledging ANZAC Day here at school, after the new term commences – Tuesday 29 April, 10:00am.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY ~ TERM 2

Our school's Staff Development Day is on Monday 28 April. This day is 'pupil free'. The focus of this day will be around compliance training for all staff in Child Protection & CPR/emergency care updates. Time will also be given to analysing last year's Basic Skills Test results and training in the new student reporting software.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

On Friday 2 May our school will be observing a *Walk Safely to School Day*. Parents/carers and teachers will be outside our school fence in the morning rewarding students who are coming to school, observing the traffic and general rules of safety. If you, as a parent/carer would like to assist please see Kerry Dibb, the program's coordinator.

Cheers, and have a wonderful break.

Graeme Ross, Principal

NEWS ARTICLE FROM KD

This has been KD's first term at school. All the children in KD have settled into our classroom and school routines very well. Even though we have lots of fun in our classroom, the students in KD have been working very hard.



They are learning to recognise their single sounds, read texts in reading group time, write sentences by themselves using the

high frequency words they know, recognise and write the numbers 1 -20 and log onto our computers by themselves. I am very impressed by and proud of the progress that KD is making!!

During Term 1 we have been learning about "School Days" in HSIE and we have also learnt about coming to school safely, what makes a good friend and why they are so important.



"Friends care for you" - *DeKoda*

"Friends share with you" - *Kiana*

"Friends play with you" - *Ethan*

"Friends take care of you when you are hurt" - *Stephen*



The children in KD have already made some good friends and really like coming to school to play with them.

"Dean is my friend. We like to play handball on the concrete" - *Mitchell*

"Mitchell is my friend. We like to play cars together" - *Ashley*

"Brewannin in my friend. We like to play football together" - *Gloria*

"Mitchell is my friend. We like to play handball at playtime" - *Dean*

"DeKoda is my friend. We like to do sport together" - *Sheldon*

Term 2 will be another busy one in KD when we focus on the HSIE unit "This Is Me". Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Ms Kerry Dibb and all the students in KD

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Last Day of Term 1	Fri Apr 11
Pupil Free Day	Mon Apr 28
School Resumes	Tue Apr 29
ANZAC Day School Ceremony	Tue Apr 29

CONGRATULATIONS!

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Jaxon Elliott - KF
- ◆ Velvet Allen - 1B
- ◆ Madison Jurotte-McEvoy -1B
- ◆ Paris Grayson - 3/4E
- ◆ Isaiah Koopmans - 3/4C
- ◆ Sunny Commandeur - 4/5C
- ◆ Hamish Rissell - 2R

Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Jasraj Singh - 2R

Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Joel Collinson - 5/6R
- ◆ Lachlan Park-Harris - 3/4E
- ◆ Chenoa Skinner - 1H

MUSIC LESSONS

Please note that music lessons will resume Tuesday 29 April, the first day of Term 2.

Nicola Fraser, Music Tutor

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

A book of raffle tickets has been sent home with this newsletter. The date of the draw will be advised next term. Please return money and sold tickets to the school office. Many thanks!

LOCAL ANZAC DAY MARCH



Each year Woolgoolga Public School is represented by our students at the local 'ANZAC Day March'. Students, who have provided a signed permission note to the school, to participate in

the march, are to meet outside the Woolgoolga Post Office on Friday 25 April at 10:30am. All students are to wear full school uniform, including a school hat. Please note all students are to be collected by their parents at the conclusion of the service.

Our school will also commemorate ANZAC Day, when students return, on Tuesday 29 April.

LAYING OF WREATHS ~ TRADITION

Flowers have traditionally been laid on graves and memorials in memory of the dead. Rosemary, symbolising remembrance, is popular on ANZAC day. Laurel is also a commemorative symbol; woven into a wreath, it was used by the ancient Romans to crown victors and the brave as a mark of honour. In recent years, the poppy, strongly associated with Remembrance Day (11 November), has also become popular in wreaths on ANZAC Day.

SOUNDING THE LAST POST

The Last Post is one of a number of bugle calls in military tradition that mark the phases of the day. While Reveille signaled the start of a soldier's day, the Last Post signaled its end.

TIPS FOR ENCOURAGING GOOD BEHAVIOUR

PREPARE FOR CHALLENGING SITUATIONS

There are times when looking after your child and doing things you need to do will be tricky. If you think about these challenging situations in advance, you can plan around their needs with advance notice and transition time and talk to them about why you need their cooperation. Then they are prepared for what you expect.

Careful planning is a very important tool for helping you and your child navigate challenging situations with less stress and tension. Good planning can help with the smooth running of your family. For example, you can develop routines for regular family activities such as mealtimes and bedtime. There will be times, however, when there will be some conflict between you and your child.

Glossary: Transition time

Young children often need transition time to stop thinking about what they are doing now and start thinking about what they are doing next.

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CANTEEN ROSTER



Maree Hartin Raelee Wright	Fri 11 Apr
Last Day of Term School Resumes	Fri 11 Apr Tue 29 Apr

DISCO DANCING

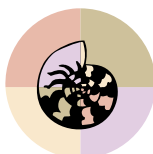
A great night was had by all who attended last week's disco.

The grand sum of \$690.05 was raised. The funds



will go towards school resources. I'm sure everyone would agree that it's a great way to fundraise! There is no doubt that Woopi PS Kids are 'Wonderful Kids'!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS



A huge thank you is extended to our President of the P&C Committee, Judy Niven, for the loan of Mandala books ~ very useful and inspiring. Years 5 & 6 have been busy designing and colouring 'mandalas'. Mandalas are

usually circular patterns which are common to all cultures throughout history.

Mr Chris Browne & the students of 5/6J, 5/6M & 5/6R

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE 'SCIENCE CRAFT' THINGS TO MAKE AND DO

Coffs Harbour City Library will be hosting a free school holiday event, 'Science Craft' - puzzles, craft and info! Woolgoolga: Tue 15 Apr, Coffs Harbour: Wed 16 Apr, Toormina Thur 17 Apr. Time: 12.00 to 1:00 (following the regular storytime 11:00 to 11:30). For more information phone Judy on Ph: 6648 4905

SATURDAY MORNING JUNIOR TENNIS NEEDS YOU!

The Coffs Harbour Junior Tennis Association are encouraging more children to participate in its Saturday morning competitions, run within a school term, from 7:45 to 9:30am. Cost \$35 per term. For information please contact Tony Pollack on Ph: 6652 5626 or Mob: 0428 454 928.

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

Details about the Autumn Vacation Care Program, and the booking form, can be downloaded from the school's website. It promises to be 'lots of fun'!

Monday
to
Friday