

# Seahorse Tales

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### ROAD SAFETY

I want to commend all parents and carers who are taking such care in parking carefully and delivering, or picking up, their children before and after school.

By parking and walking your child/ren into school ensures that they arrive safely, and vice versa, in the afternoons.

I appreciate that on rainy days it is tough, but if you could try and do the same procedure to ensure that your child arrives and leaves school safely, that would be most appreciated.

We, like you, take the safety of all students very seriously.

The WOW program has commenced and has had a fantastic reception from the kids and teachers involved. Thank you to Jan Martin who has led this important program.

Bellingen football happened on Monday and both teams of boys represented our school very well. Their sense of play, team spirit and fairness were exemplary. Thank you to Rowan McCrae, Sharon Rovere, Kerry Dibb and Dave Firth in supporting this event.

Athletics events have concluded and we have sent a team of approx. 45 students to Coffs for the District Athletics today.

No doubt they too will do an outstanding job.



Pictured above: Dave Firth & Kristen Seymour (WPS Student Learning Support Officers)

## HAPPENINGS HERE AT WPS

Gee, a lot has happened in the past week or so. Our new garden in the Sth West corner of the school is now in. This was to celebrate Tree Day last Friday. Thanks to Graeme Sibbald, our General Assistant, and Jenny Read for coordinating this valuable project, for all classes.

This is in conjunction with the development of several other gardens, as we seek to enhance the 'look' of our school. Students will also have a role in developing and maintaining some gardens.

The school foyer has been 'refreshed', and is looking fantastic. A series of students' art works are starting to appear here, celebrating what's happening in our school. Thank you particularly to Dee Neale, Maxine McClelland and Chris Browne.

A special thanks to Mr & Mrs Thomas for the loan of the beautiful pink cyclamen

## OUR FRONT OFFICE STAFF

I want to take the time though, to separately thank the outstanding work that our 3 front office people, Maxine, Marion and Dee, do. Whether it be attend to a sick student, collect money, answer calls and advise us all in many aspects of a busy school they do it unflinchingly and with great pride. And, they also commit to supporting the school, and staff, outside their 'normal' work hours.

They are an outstanding asset to our school. It is a pleasure to have them as part of the team. Thank you.

**Cheers**  
**Graeme Ross, Principal**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Great Debate	Fri 1 Aug
Jeans for Genes Day	Fri 1 Aug
Special NAIDOC Assembly	Fri 8 Aug
UNSW English Comp	Tue 12 Aug

## CONGRATULATIONS!



## Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Stephen Kelsey KD
- ◆ Sheldon Koopmans KD
- ◆ Inderjot Singh KD
- ◆ Byron Grant KK
- ◆ Ashlee Vandermeel 1H
- ◆ Zoe Batty 2G
- ◆ Grant Cook 2G
- ◆ Amber Irwin 2G
- ◆ Fletcher Tulloch 3/4E
- ◆ Arjun Gill 4/5C
- ◆ Elizabeth Hanna 4/5C
- ◆ Alisha Phoonie 4/5C
- ◆ Mitchell Rankins 4/5C
- ◆ Angus Rissel 4/5C

## Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Macy Leigh Stewart 1H
- ◆ Chloe Joreid 5/6H

All parents and carers are welcome to attend 'Friday Assemblies' This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by **Pavan Mullee and Jesse Bertolacci of 2G** Stages 2-3 (12:20pm) will be hosted by **4/5C**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**The Great Debate 2008 ~ Friday 1 August**



The annual inter-school debating competition will be held on Friday. This team competition is held between our Northern Beaches Public School neighbours, Sandy Beach PS, Kororo PS, Mullaway PS and our very own Woolgoolga PS. Each team will participate in several debates over the course of the day with minimal time for preparation. The winning school will be presented the perpetual trophy and the team members will be awarded medallions.

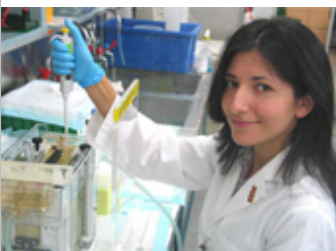
We would like to wish 'WPS' the best of luck. Our team members are:

**Daniela Hagl (5/6J), Chloe Sankey (5/6M), Brendan Thompson (5/6R) and Luke Williams (5/6R)**

**Jeans for Genes Day ~ Friday 1 August**



Students are invited to wear jeans tomorrow, for a **gold coin donation**, to assist in raising funds for the Children's Medical Research Institute.



Chances are you probably know someone who has a genetic disease, because one in twenty children are born with some form of genetic fault. There are children with leukaemia, muscular dystrophy, genetic defects and many other disorders. The

scientists at the Children's Medical Research Institute are working to try to prevent these diseases before they occur in our children, or where that is not possible to develop better treatments.

Every dollar we collect will help support this great cause.

**Stage 2 Dance Program ~ Reminder**

Many families have returned permission notes and payment for the Stage 2 Dance Program. If you haven't already done so would you kindly make the payment of \$22.50, as soon as possible, for the 9 week program. Please note that it is expected ALL students in Stage 2 participate in this program.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**Kerry Dibb, Assistant Principal & Coordinator**

**Life Education Program ~ Week 5**

A note will be going home soon with details about this term's Life Education program. The van will be arriving in Week 5. Life Education aims to assist schools with their drug and health education programs by working in partnership with the Department of Education and the general community.

**Jan Martin, A.P.**



**WPS WEBSITE OF THE WEEK**

**World Factbook for Kids ~ maps, flags and country facts from around the world**

World Factbook contains info on all the countries of the world, including maps, pictures of flags, statistics, and info on each country's history, land, people, government and money system.



Lots to do, and lots to learn. Just follow the link below, and start traveling the world. It's heaps of fun.

[Factbookhttp://kids.yahoo.com/reference/world-factbook](http://kids.yahoo.com/reference/world-factbook)

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

The building project to replace the roof on the after school care building in Short Street, has now been completed, so after school care is now running again as normal.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst the maintenance was being undertaken.

**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ~ To ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE WEEKLY BRAIN TEASERS**



Last week Mr Ross mentioned that the first student who handed me the correct answers to the weekly Brain Teaser, would win a Canteen Voucher, a Win Bin Voucher and an Achievement Award ... **but!** ...

**ALL students, who get one of the answers right, will automatically go into a draw for a special prize, to be awarded at the end of the year!!!**

That's a great incentive to put on your thinking caps. So, don't forget, if you work out the answer to this week's brain teaser, write it on a sheet of paper, with your name and your class, and hand it to me to check!

I wish you all the best of luck.

I have lots more brain teasers in store for you!

**Week 1 ~ Congratulations to Lani Goodman of 3/4M**

Well done Lani! You were the first person, on Monday morning at 9:00am, to hand me the correct answers to Week 1 Brain Teaser.

**Maxine McClelland, School Administrative Manager**

**LOST AND FOUND**

**Found:** School back pack (blue/black), with green lunch bag and a Woolgoolga Public School shirt inside.

There is also another item in the back pack that you will have to identify if you want to claim the lost property as yours. If you think this is your back pack please contact the school office as soon as possible.

**CLOTHING POOL**

If you have any items of school uniform, that your child has grown out of, please consider donating them to our depleted clothing pool. **Many thanks.**

# 2R

**NEWS ARTICLE**

2R have been busy this week.

With us, in our classroom, has been Matilda Paton (pictured below), a 1st year student teacher from Armidale University.



Miss Paton has been working hard with the students, teaching them about exposition writing on 'Why we should plant trees', and has made a visual display of a handprint tree in our classroom.

2R have also been learning about a young indigenous mural painter called Adam Hill. He is known for his performances of Yidaki (Digeridoo).

2R have done some paintings in the style of Adam Hill using his distinctive bright colours, clouds and horizontal storylines in the sky.



If you'd like to see the vibrant colours of these paintings you can pick up a coloured newsletter on our WPS website

We were busy on Tuesday taking our turn to plant our shrub for Tree Day.



The day, despite the wind, was a great success, and we now have a new garden area for the future.

Thanks so much to all the students and staff for participating in the planting of trees and shrubs.



A special thank you to Graeme Sibbald and Mohammed Elsair for preparing the site for our planting, and to Graeme Ross, our principal, and his helper for the extra digging needed on the day.

Many hands make light work!

**Jenny Read, 2R Classroom Teacher**

**EXCITING VISUAL ARTS NEWS**

Our school is pleased to announce some exciting projects in visual arts ~ some murals, and other art projects including sculptures for our new look foyer.

Coming up are 3 mural projects, these will be done by a variety of students in our school.

The Woolgoolga Returned Services Club have generously donated \$200 to support a mural to be housed at the club, or permanently displayed.

Another mural will depict an aerial view of our town.

A mural will also be incorporated into our art room facing the COLA.

Have you seen our new look foyer? WPS students have contributed sculptures and they look great. Work will be displayed as an ongoing rotational display.

Creative groups on Fridays have begun, and involve about 40 students. More specialised groups will be announced soon.

**Chris Browne, Assistant Principal & Arts Coordinator**

**STUDENT BANKING OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SCHOOL TO WIN A LAPTOP**

Every time we process a student banking deposit up to 30 September, we receive an entry into a draw to win a laptop for our school.

If you would like your child to have a school banking account with the Commonwealth Bank, information packs can be picked up at the school office.

**HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS**

**Coughs & Sneezes ~ To stay home or not?**



Children with a cold who feel unwell should stay at home until they are feeling better.

However, there is no need for them to stay at home if they feel well enough to play and participate in regular activities despite their runny nose or cough. The viruses that cause common colds may infect other people before and after symptoms show. Children with colds:

- ◆ can be infectious before any symptoms show,
- ◆ are most infectious in the first 2-4 days of cold symptoms,
- ◆ can continue to be infectious after most symptoms have gone away, sometimes for up to 3 weeks.

**Did you know that ...**

- ◆ children tend to get 5-10 colds per year, this means with common cold viruses it is extremely difficult to say when a child could infect others
- ◆ antibiotics don't work on viruses so they won't stop a cold from spreading.

For more information go to:

[www.nps.org.au/commoncolds](http://www.nps.org.au/commoncolds)

**BRAIN TEASERS**

**Q.1** ~ Eskimos are very good hunters, but they never hunt penguins. Why not?



**Q.2** ~ What is the one thing shared (in common) by all three items in the one group?

<b>A</b> a cow a shoe a baby	<b>B</b> a doctor's office a post office music	<b>C</b> a zipper a shark a comb
<b>D</b> restaurant goer a bird the Senate	<b>E</b> a potato a hurricane a target	<b>F</b> a river a person a cave

Watch for the answers in next week's newsletter!

**Answers to last week's Brain Teasers ...**

**Q.1** ~ The cowboy's horse is called Tuesday - so he could ride into town on Tuesday, **but** the day was Friday.

**Q.2** ~ The answer was given to you in the question - it's ONE WORD !! ... How did you go?

If you know the answer to Wk 2 Brain Teasers don't forget to hand them to Mrs McClelland!

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**



Maree Hartin Raelee Wright	Fri 1 Aug
<b>CLOSED MONDAY</b>	<b>Mon 4 Aug</b>
Maree Hartin Dot Falzon	Tue 5 Aug
Maree Hartin Dot Falzon	Wed 6 Aug
Maree Hartin Scot Simson	Thur 7 Aug

**COOKING WITH KIDS**



**Zucchini Noodle Cake (Makes 12)**

**Ingredients**

- 2 x 85 g packets of fat free noodles
- 4 lightly beaten eggs
- 3/4 cup grated mozzarella cheese
- 2 grated zucchinis
- 1 tablespoon of butter/margarine or oil

**Method**



Cook noodles as per packet. Drain and place in a large bowl. Stir through the seasoning, eggs, cheese and zucchini. Heat the butter or oil in a pan and cook approximately 1/2 a cup of mixture for 1-2 minutes on each side until golden. Drain on absorbent paper

**P&C REQUEST**

The P&C are seeking donations of empty **MOCCONA COFFEE JARS** with lids. The jars are to be used in our Father's Day stall.

If you have any of these jars, in any size, please leave them at the school office. Please also consider asking neighbours and friends if they have any, the more we get donated to the school the better.

Remember they must be MOCCONA coffee jars and they must be empty!

**Many thanks, P&C Committee.**

**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

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3	4	5	6	7 Girls Cricket PSSA K/O vs. Laurieton	8 NAIDOC Assembly & Olympics Commence	9
10	11	12 UNSW English Comp	13	14	15 MNC Athletics	16
17	18 Life Education Commences	19 P&C Meeting	20	21 Mullaway R.E. Soccer Shield	22	23
National Science Week & Children's Book Week						
24	25 Life Education Finishes	26 Yr 3-6 Science Day	27 Yr K-2 Science Day & UNSW Computer Comp	28 	29	30 
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