

# Seahorse Tales

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### SAFETY OF STUDENTS

During periods of extreme weather conditions etc, such as last Tuesday's hailstorm, where students could be exposed to danger, the school moves to protect students through a variety of measures. The hailstorm occurred right at bell time/home time in the afternoon. Consequently two bells were rung to keep students in the classrooms and undercover.

They were not released at the 'normal' time but kept supervised by staff. The exception was bus students. These students were escorted by staff to the bus shelter area, to catch their buses. Then a further bell was rung to release students to go home when the worst of the storm was over.

Thank you to all parents and carers who assisted us with this procedure last Tuesday, given the dangers present with the hail, and lightning.

### OUR SCHOOL PLAN

Staff and parents gathered yesterday afternoon to begin the development of the 2009-2011 school plan. Key focus areas of the plan include literacy, numeracy, parent and community participation and Connected Learning (computer technologies), amongst others.

If you are interested in contributing to this important document please join us next Wednesday at 4:00pm in the staffroom.

### STUDENT REPORTS

Teachers are currently carrying out a wide variety of assessments of students in all Key Learning Areas. (And gee, have I seen some great work from students!)

Student reports are planned to be with all parents and carers on Tuesday 9th December. This day is also school Presentation Day.

### SPECIAL THANKS

A special thankyou to our outstanding P&C and school canteen. On Tuesday night a cheque for \$8000 was donated to allow the school to purchase a 2nd electronic whiteboard. Plans are to locate this in a K-2 classroom.

**Cheers**

**Graeme Ross, Principal**

### FOR SALE !!!

#### FANTASTIC DISCO STYLE WRIST BANDS

**Selling fast at only \$3.50 each.** If you would like to purchase one of these fantastic wrist bands they are on sale at the school canteen. Brightly coloured sharks, frogs, turtles, lizards and lots more.

### DOES YOUR CHILD SUFFER FROM ASTHMA?



**If so, we need your assistance as we are currently updating our Asthma Register**

When a student enrolls at WPS, parents and carers are asked if their child has any medical conditions, including asthma. From this information the school maintains an Asthma Register, which is available to all school staff.

**Immediate access to reliever medicines, for our asthmatic students is essential.**

Parents/carers are also asked to update any changes to their child's medicines, or how much they take, as changes occur during the year.

**To assist us to update medical details please contact the school if your child suffers from asthma. You will need to obtain an Asthma Register form, for your child, as soon as possible.**

Parents and carers of asthmatic children are asked to ensure that the school is provided with:

- ◆ an Asthma Register form,
- ◆ A labelled spare reliever inhaler,
- ◆ details of any student who carries an inhaler in their school bag,
- ◆ the type medication to be administered,
- ◆ an asthma plan in the event of a severe attack.

**Please Note:** reliever inhalers for younger students are kept in the school office. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Maxine McClelland, Admin Manager**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Kindy Orientation Day 5 9:30-11:00	Fri 24 Oct
Inter-School Cricket	Fri 24 Oct
Year 1 Rockpool Ramble	Mon 27 Oct
Kindy Orientation Day 6 5:00-7:00	Wed 29 Oct

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Mitchell Batty KD
- ◆ Stephen Kelsey KD
- ◆ Kea Murray KD
- ◆ Georgi Rose Curtis KF
- ◆ Kaela Forbes KF
- ◆ Dana Gregson 1H
- ◆ Luke Beresford 2G
- ◆ Jake Hoyle 2G
- ◆ Jasraj Singh 2R
- ◆ Caleb McInerney 3/4C
- ◆ Brock Atkins 3/4E
- ◆ Solomon Fangupo 3/4E
- ◆ Sunny Commandeur 4/5C
- ◆ Jordan Henderson-Smith 4/5C
- ◆ Kaellum Tinson 4/5C

### Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Innogen Armitage 2G
- ◆ Jake Hoyle 2G
- ◆ Cavan Lalli 2R
- ◆ Brandon Skinner 3/4E

### Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Lachlan Jenkins 2G
- ◆ Floyd Baskett 4/5C

All parents and carers are welcome to attend 'Friday Assemblies' This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by **Noah Pilon** and **Arjana Gill** of 2G Stages 2-3 (12:20pm) Item by 3/4M



## Woolgoolga Public School P&C NEWS

### Calendars & Cards

Last week a note was sent home to all families about the opportunity for students to create an artwork for calendars and cards. Artworks will be completed in class and the finished product will be transformed into a calendar, a set of gift cards, or both. It is an ideal way to display your child's creation and at the same time assist the P&C to raise funds towards buying much needed resources for our school such as more Smart Boards. Calendars are only \$11 each and a set of eight gifts cards is \$13.



Please remember to place your order by Tuesday 28 October. For those families where siblings want to do a joint artwork, please include a note with your order form to your child's classroom teacher.

### Lucky Draw Prize Raffle

Just a reminder that the P&C is also running a raffle which will be drawn on Monday 5 December. It would be great if families could support this fundraising effort by selling raffle tickets amongst family and friends.

Tickets are \$1.00 each and booklets to sell can be collected from the school office or by returning the order form that was sent home at the end of Term 3.

Not only are there great prizes to be won, there are also some great prizes available to the first 18 people who sell 20 tickets.

First prize is a whopping \$795 package including a collection of Terry White Chemist's products and one night's accommodation at Angourie Rainforest Resort.

All four prizes include a number of items that could be used as gifts or equally enjoyed by the winner.

**Judy Niven & Merran Storie, WPS P&C**

### WE NOTICED THAT ...

- ◆ **Jye Orcher** of 5/6R assisted a staff member and showed great concern and care
- ◆ **Karn Brocklehurst** of 2R has beautiful manners
- ◆ **Joshua Grgovic** of 1B is reading more words and is keener to participate in activities
- ◆ **Jaide Topp** has been helping others in the computer room without being asked
- ◆ **Kyall Williams** of 3/4E stepped back and walked away when someone was teasing him. He remembered our Rock and Water lessons
- ◆ **A group of students** from 5/6J have been practising an item with the 2 Mrs Singhs for the end of year concert
- ◆ **Mr McRae** had a moment of fame in the Advertiser newspaper!

### WPS WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

#### Poisson Rouge



A great site to explore and to improve mouse skills. Lots to do for Early Stage 1 students! There is no right or wrong way of using anything on this site, with over 200 colourful learning activities.



<http://www.poissonrouge.com>

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPS

#### Year 1 Rockpool Ramble ~ Monday 27 October

This term Stage 1 students are studying wet and dry environments as part of their HSIE unit. As a part of this unit students will be exploring the rockpool environment with guidance from the Education Officer from the Marine Parks Authority during an excursion to Woolgoolga Foreshores on Monday 27 October.

#### Inter-School Cricket

A number of students have been chosen to represent in an inter-school cricket competition. Cost \$3.00 each week. The competition will culminate in a Gala Day in Week 4.

Match 1: WPS vs. MPS, already played on 17 October

Match 2: WPS vs. CPS, Friday 24 October at Corindi

Match 3: WPS vs. SBPS Friday 31 October at Sandy Bch

Match 4: GALA DAY Friday 7 November Centennial Oval

#### Yr 5 Major Excursion ~ 10-13 November 2008

##### Great Aussie Bush Camp, Tea Gardens

The major excursion for Year 5 will be to the Outdoor Education Experience fitness campsite, just north of Newcastle. Students will experience many activities at the Great Aussie Bush Camp.

**Reminder:** final payment must be paid by 31 October.-

#### Norco Cash Caps & Old Mobile Phones

We are still collecting Norco Cash Caps and old mobile phones throughout Term 4. Can you help?

#### Family Portraits Only \$10.00 ~ Sunday 9 November



All participating families will receive a studio quality 10"x13" colour or black and white portrait, in a frame and a key ring with a family portrait to place inside. To find out more, or to make an appointment time please contact the school.

### TIME TO LAUGH

**Q:** Why do fish live in salt water?

**A:** Because pepper makes them sneeze!



**Q:** What did the policeman say when a spider ran down his back?

**A:** "You're under a vest!"

# Woolgoolga Public School Scarecrow Competition

## WANTED!

Scarecrows to watch over  
and help protect our school  
gardens!



### What will happen?

- ☀ Each class is invited to design and make one scarecrow.
- ☀ The winning scarecrow will have pride of place in our tiered garden area. He/she will have the job of protecting our newly planted vegetables, fruit, herbs and flowers.
- ☀ It is a 24/7 job requiring only the sturdiest, most patient applicants able to withstand the elements, birds and impervious to noise.
- ☀ Never fear the other applications will be put to work in the other gardens throughout our school.
- ☀ Start designing and creating, come up with the **scariest scarecrow** you can.
- ☀ All applications for the scarecrow position must be submitted by Friday 7th November, Week 4.

**Mrs Rovere, Scarecrow Competition Coordinator**

The prize for the winning class will be

**“A Pizza Party”**

Ms Landenberger has found some interesting websites for students and their teachers to learn lots more about scarecrows, and maybe get lots of ideas for the Scarecrow Competition!

#### Scarecrows - Wikipedia

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scarecrow>

#### Scarecrows in Motion – The Kurrajong Scarecrow Festival website

<http://www.scarecrows-in-motion.com.au/>

#### Scarecrow Ideas

<http://www.makescarecrows.com/scarecrow-ideas.html>

#### Scarecrowland

<http://www.scarecrowland.co.uk/>

#### Edible Gardens – Making a Scarecrow

[http://www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au/hav/articles.nsf/pages/Edible\\_gardens\\_making\\_a\\_scarecrow?Open](http://www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au/hav/articles.nsf/pages/Edible_gardens_making_a_scarecrow?Open)

#### Scarecrow Themed Unit

[http://www.abcteach.com/directory/theme\\_units/scarecrows/](http://www.abcteach.com/directory/theme_units/scarecrows/)

#### Scarecrows [Heaps of Links]

<http://webtech.kennesaw.edu/jcheek3/scarecrows.htm>

#### Scarecrows [Crafts]

<http://www.funpagesforkids.com/scarecrow/>

#### Scarecrow facts from Ms Dee Neale:

- ☀ The scarecrow is one of the most familiar figures of the rural landscape. His ragged figure has been recorded in rural history for centuries.
- ☀ Definition of a scarecrow: “that which frightens or is intended to frighten without doing physical harm. Literally that which scares away crows, hence the name scarecrow.
- ☀ The farmer used to discard his old clothes and create a friendly chap and put him to guard his crops.
- ☀ No one really knows the origin of the scarecrow.

**BRAIN TEASERS**

**Congratulations to last week's winner Alex McCaw** of 5/6R, who was the first person to be drawn out of the Brain Teaser box, with at least one correct answer. Great work Alex!



**The correct answers were:**

**Q.1** ~ Checkers was a favourite game among pharaohs in ancient Egypt, and was often included in the tomb with the ruler's favourite possessions after death.

**Q.2** ~ Donald Duck's middle name was Fauntleroy. It was shown, only once, in a wartime cartoon. Donald debuted in 1934 and there have been 128 cartoons written about him since then.



**This week's Brain Teaser Questions:**

**Q.1** ~ How many seeds are on the average strawberry?

- a) 50    b) 100    c) 200



**Q.2** ~ Which of the seven dwarfs is the only one without a beard?

- a) Sneezzy    b) Sleepy    c) Dopey

**Don't forget to hand your answers in to the office!**

**HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS**



**Getting involved at school**

Research shows that students perform better at school when their parents or carers take an active interest in their school work. There are many ways to get involved.

**In your child's classroom:**

- ◆ listening to children read
- ◆ helping children on computers
- ◆ helping set up craft activities
- ◆ organising a special event
- ◆ helping with school excursions.

**At school:**

- ◆ serving at the canteen
- ◆ helping with raising funds
- ◆ you may have a special skill or expertise to offer, such as playing an instrument or giving a talk about your job, or your culture. **(Ref: NSW Dept of Education & Training)**

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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.*

**COOKING WITH KIDS**

**Chive Dip with Pita Chips**

**Ingredients**

- 1 x 80g wholemeal pita bread
- 200g Australian low fat or skim natural yogurt
- 1/4 cup Australian light sour cream
- 1 small clove garlic, crushed (optional)
- 2 tablespoons finely snipped chives



**Method**

- ◆ Toast, grill or oven bake the whole pita bread until crisp. Cut or break into serving size pieces.
- ◆ Combine yogurt, sour cream, garlic and chives to make a dip.
- ◆ Serve with pita chips.

**Handy Hints**

Add 1 tablespoon of skim milk powder to thicken dip and increase the calcium content. As an alternative serve with carrot sticks, celery and red capsicum.

***This recipe is courtesy of Dairy Australia***

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

**SWIMSAFE CLASSES**

Learn to swim classes for pre-schoolers and school age children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools and beaches. The intensive nine day programs give wonderful results. Held at the Coffs Harbour Olympic Pool. For bookings, or more information Ph: 131302.



**LEE WINKLER'S SURF SCHOOL**

Six week learn to surf squads, afternoon and week-ends. Coffs Harbour Park Beach Surf Club and Sawtell main beach. More details Ph: 6650 0050.

**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