

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

OUR SCHOOL'S CULTURE

Attached to this newsletter is a survey (1 page) asking some questions about our school's culture.

This is for the Annual School Report.

All responses are anonymous.

It would be appreciated if it could be completed and returned in the envelope provided to your oldest child's class teacher.

There will be a prize to the first class that has all survey responses back.

HAPPENINGS

I must commend all students of the Athletics Team that competed in Coffs Harbour at the District Athletics Carnival last Thursday. Their standard of behaviour and their sportsmanship were exemplary.

In doing this I'd also like to thank John Carter, and the supporting teachers, in organising this for us, together with that tireless band of parents and carers who take time out to drive and support the many students involved.

On Friday it was thrilling to hear that our school had tied for first place in the Northern Beaches debating competition. The four public schools to participate included Korora, Sandy Beach, Mullaway and us. Competition amongst the debators was 'fierce', but fair. We tied with Mullaway.

A special thank you to Jan Martin for coordinating the debating.

Cheers

Graeme Ross, Principal

WE WILL BE THROWING A PIZZA PARTY!



The first class, where the eldest student in the family returns the survey on school culture, will be the lucky recipients of a class pizza party!

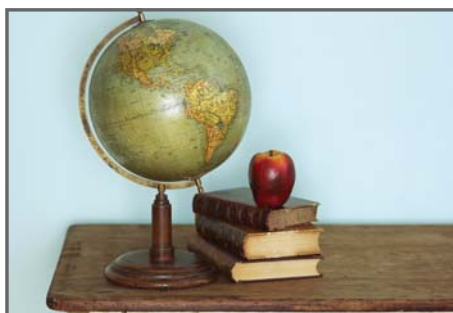
So please complete the attached survey and return it in the envelope provided, as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance

DURING BOOK WEEK

OUR SCHOOL IS HOSTING A BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair is part of our library's literacy program, introducing a love of books and reading in a fun and exciting atmosphere.



We are hosting a Family Event to be held in the Library on Wednesday 20 August from 3:15 to 5:00pm, and we would love to see you there to share this special event with your child.

Also, on this day as part of our Book Week celebrations, children can come to school dressed as a book character.

Your child will bring home an invitation to the Book Fair which shows a small selection of books available, there are hundreds more books at our Book Fair.

Join the fun and help encourage your child's love of reading. Every sale at the Book Fair benefits your child's school.

So, please join us in making our Book Fair a big success for our school.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Tanya Molloy, Teacher/Librarian

WANT TO HELP OUR PLANET AND OUR SCHOOL?

We are still collecting old mobile phones ~ no matter what condition!!

Please go looking, dig out those old mobile phones from home, or set up a collection box at your workplace, or simply consider asking your neighbours, relatives or friends to help too.

This not only helps the planet but it helps our school to raise funds too!

By recycling we divert phones from landfill and preserve natural resources.

Maxine McClelland, Admin Manager

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Special NAIDOC Assembly	Fri 8 Aug
UNSW English Comp	Tue 12 Aug
Book Fair	Thu 14 Aug
Mid Nth Coast Athletics	Fri 15 Aug

CONGRATULATIONS!



Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Sandon Barkley KD
- ◆ Gloria Hand KD
- ◆ Octavia Hand KD
- ◆ Jack Payne-Harvey KK
- ◆ Malachi Iusitini 1H
- ◆ Luke Beresford 2G
- ◆ Joshua Landi 2R
- ◆ Addisen Mallett 2R
- ◆ John Critten 3/4C
- ◆ Jordan Seery 3/4C
- ◆ Brandon Skinner 3/4E

Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Noah Pilon 2G
- ◆ Heavenly Hand 4/5C
- ◆ Jake Rovere 4/5C

Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Isha Maan 1B
- ◆ Aaron Francis 3/4E

All parents and carers are welcome to attend

'Friday Assemblies'

This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by

Jayden Amos and Cameron O'Connor of 2G

Stages 2-3 (12:20pm) will be hosted by **3/4C**

WHAT'S HAPPENING**Faultless Sportsmanship Displayed by WPS Athletes**

Last Thursday, 31 July, was a magnificent day for a District Athletics Carnival and WPS had almost fifty athletes representing our school at the Coffs Harbour International Stadium!!



Pictured above are some of our wonderful athletes who represented WPS at the District Athletics Carnival last week.

Competition was fierce and our athletes showed faultless sportsmanship and behaviour. Well done everyone!

Many thanks must go to the numerous parents who transported, supported and helped out with jobs, Such an occasion would not be possible without you so thank you, we do appreciate your help.

A number of our athletes were successful in getting to the Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival which will be held at the Coffs Harbour International Stadium on Friday 15 August.

Our athletes going through to this next level are: **Tyrone Biles, Jasmine Chahal, John Critten, Meisa Elsair, Heavenly Hand, Nickalás Mallett and Paige Nicolson.**

John Carter, Athletics Carnival Coordinator

PROCEDURE FOR LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DISMISSALS

For your child's welfare and safety, parents/caregivers are requested to sign their child in/out at the school office for either a late arrival or an early dismissal. Precise times and reasons must be recorded. Recently a number of students have been presenting themselves at the school office, without an adult, for a late arrival slip. **Please note it is essential that a parent or caregiver accompany the student to the school office to complete the register.**

2009 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

- ◆ If your child is turning 5 before 31 July 2008 they can now enrol at Woolgoolga Public School for 2009.
- ◆ Please collect an enrolment form from the school office and return it as soon as possible.
- ◆ Proof of age will be required.
- ◆ If you know of a family with a child turning 5, and who have an interest in enrolling their child at WPS, then please ask the parents to contact the school to arrange enrolment.

Thank you for your assistance

**WPS WEBSITES OF THE WEEK****Official Site of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team**

Meet the athletes that have been selected as members of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team. The anticipated final size of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team is 432 (subject to appeals). This will be Australia's second largest away team behind the Athens 2004 team of 482. Australia failed to qualify in baseball, women's football, handball and indoor volleyball.

Follow the link below then click on 'Meet Your Team'.

<http://www.olympics.com.au/>

Official Website of the Olympic Movement

This site will keep you up to date with everything associated with the Games. You can also access a comprehensive history of all past games since 1896 with photographs of medals and mascots associated with the relevant host countries. Just follow the link below:

<http://www.olympic.org/UK/GAMES/>

Olympic Legacy

Another great site if you are interested in the history of the Olympics. There's lots of easy to read facts about the ancient Games, myths and legends, the origin of the Olympic flame, the Olympic flag and lots lots more.

<http://www.pe04.com/olympic>

**BRAIN TEASER WINNER FOR WEEK 2****Congratulations to Alex Rook of 1B**

Great work Alex for being **the first** to get most of the answers correct to last week's Brain Teasers. You certainly know a lot about Eskimos and penguins! A number of other students came very close with their answers. All correct entries have been placed in the draw for a special prize at the end of the year. Check out Pg. 4 for this week's Brain Teasers. Please remember, to be eligible for the draw you need to write your answers on a piece of paper, with your name and class.

Maxine McClelland, Administrative Manager

WOOLGOOLGA ALL AGE THEATRE CLOSES ITS DOORS

For a number of years the Woolgoolga All Age Theatre has been active within our local community. Sadly, due to insufficient human resources, they can no longer continue to function. The organisation has generously donated their accumulated funds to local schools, with a special request that they benefit talented students in the performing arts area. A huge thank you is extended to the Woolgoolga All Age Theatre for their wonderful donation of **\$1800.00** to our school.

NEWS ARTICLE FROM



5/6R



Mrs Sharon Rovere (Classroom Teacher and Relieving Assistant Principal), and Dave Firth (School Learning Support Officer) are having a fantastic year working with an incredible group of boys. The boys are very civic minded and responsible role models who participate in many activities supporting other students throughout the school.



Tully involved in peer reading with 1B



Brendan and Jack supporting each other in Rock & Water activities



5/6R displaying the Rock & Water salute



Harman, one of our many Kindy Sports helpers



Ben and Nathan discovering trust and balance



Ben helping with peer reading with 1H

WEEK 3 BRAIN TEASERS



Q.1 ~ How many months have 28 days?

Q.2 ~ See if you can work this one out. What letter comes next OTTFFSSEN?

Watch for the answers in next week's newsletter!

Answers to Week 2 Brain Teasers ...

Q.1 ~ Eskimos live at the north pole penguins live at the south pole.

Q.2 ~	A a tongue	B a scale (or a key)	C teeth
	D a bill	E an eye	F a mouth

HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS



Personal organisation refers to children's ability to manage their time, their environment and their work tasks. For some children, personal organisation comes naturally, however, many children, particularly boys, need some assistance.

Bright Ideas for helping children to get organised

Routines take the worry out of remembering! Homework routines, morning routines, even after school unpacking

routines help children to be organised. For instance, an after school routine may include unpacking a schoolbag, handing school notices to a parent and eating a snack.

- ◆ Establish a regular homework time and help your child to stick to it. If no formal work has been set, then use this time for reading.
- ◆ Have morning 'round up'. Remind children of the day's events each morning so they can plan accordingly.
- ◆ There are times when so much is going on in young people's lives that they require structure and routine to help them get organised. Gentle reminders to pack lunches, take notices to school and even to dress appropriately can assist children.
- ◆ Make use of a checklist when it all seems too much. Place a list of routine morning activities on the fridge) and insist that it is checked before going to school.
- ◆ Less is better. Encourage young children to bring home only the books that he/she needs to work on each night. Some children become overwhelmed when they have a bagful of books and they have difficulty knowing where to start.

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CANTEEN ROSTER



Maree Hartin Raelee Wright	Fri 8 Aug
CLOSED MONDAY	Mon 11 Aug
Maree Hartin Lorraine Webb	Tue 12 Aug
Maree Hartin Dot Falzon	Wed 13 Aug
Maree Hartin Sandy Butler	Thur 14 Aug

COOKING WITH KIDS

Low Fat Orange Muffins

- 2 cups self-raising flour
- ½ teaspoon bi-carb soda
- ½ cup low-fat vanilla yoghurt
- ½ cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons low joule marmalade



- ◆ Pre-heat oven to 200C
- ◆ Coat a 12 cup muffin tray with cooking spray
- ◆ Sift the flour and bi-carb soda into a medium bowl
- ◆ Combine the yoghurt, orange juice and sugar and add to the flour. Add the egg and stir to combine, being careful not to over mix
- ◆ Spoon mixture into the prepared tray and bake for 12 to 15 minutes.
- ◆ Heat the marmalade in the microwave for 30 seconds. Brush over cooked muffins. Serves 12.
- ◆ Enjoy!

<http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au>

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

POSSUM MAGIC ~ COFFS HARBOUR JETTY THEATRE



Based on Mem Fox's classic picture book, with illustrations by Julie Vivas, the theatre stage production of Possum Magic has been stylishly embellished into an entertaining and rollicking

Australian musical. Dates include 18 August at 6.30pm and the 19 August at 11am, and 1pm. If you are interested in obtaining tickets, to see Possum Magic, you will need to make a booking, as soon as possible as tickets are running out fast. You can contact the Coffs Harbour Jetty Theatre's ticket office by phoning 6652 8088.