

# Seahorse Tales

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## NSW Public Schools

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### EDUCATION WEEK

Next week our school is celebrating Education Week, together with approx 2 200 other public schools across NSW. Attached is our program for the week, under the banner "A love of learning NSW Public Schools ~ leading the way". There are many aspects to the week here at our school and I invite you all as parents, carers, friends and ex-students to join us. We are celebrating the centenary of one of our buildings, with a wonderful program organised whereby an ex-teacher is going to speak about the building. (Don't miss staff in period costume!) There will be an Art Exhibition in the school hall on Tuesday evening beginning at 5:00pm. There are also invitations for visitors to visit classrooms and the school library over the week. But this is not all! A great week planned, please join us.

#### NATIONAL TESTING ~ LAST WEEK

This event took place across the week, and despite needing to create some changes to classrooms went off relatively smoothly. All our students were engaged and supported throughout the testing process.

A special thankyou to all our staff who took on this huge task so professionally and with such attention to detail, and with care. Now we await the results – probably here in late term 3.

#### KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2009

If you are planning to enrol your son/daughter into our school for 2009, or you know someone who is, please do not hesitate to contact me re an appointment to discuss the enrolment. By beginning early allows your child, yourself, and our school the opportunity to ensure that the transition to formal schooling is the best experience for all involved. Kerry Dibb will be running an information night titled 'Getting Your Child Ready for School', within the next few weeks. Further information will be sent home very soon.

**Cheers, Graeme Ross, Principal**

#### WAS THAT A PLANE FLYING UNDERNEATH THE SCHOOL COLA?

In fact, on Friday of last week, there were numerous planes hurtling around WPS!



Paper planes by the dozen were launched in to the air by students of 1H, who had been learning about 'transport' as part of their HSIE (Human Society & Its Environment) program.

Under the guidance of Mrs McKeough the students flew their own paper planes to see which ones travelled the greatest distance, and which ones stayed in the air the longest. Clearly, a great learning time was had by all.

#### GENERAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION (GSC)

Many parents have already paid their general school contribution. The GSC is only \$5.00 per term per student, and money received goes towards much needed resources for our students. If you haven't already paid a GSC please consider doing so ~ our student's are worth it ~ also, please be assured that all GSC monies received go directly back in to funding library books, classroom requirements and other vital purchases to enhance our school's resources. General school contributions can be paid by term, or \$20.00 for the year per student, directly at the school office. Many thanks.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend 'Friday Assemblies'

This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by Luke Beresford & Noah Pilon of 2G  
Stages 2&3 (12:20pm) will be hosted by 5/6R

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Education Week Commences	26 to 30 May
'G Block' 100th Birthday	Mon 26 May
Art Gallery 5:00-7:00pm	Tues 27 May
ICAS Science Comp	Thur 29 May

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Sheldon Koopmans KD
- ◆ Jason McInerney KD
- ◆ James O'Connor KF
- ◆ Alexandra Rook 1B
- ◆ Ashlee Vandermeel 1H
- ◆ Rachel Cutler 2R
- ◆ Trey Forrest 2R
- ◆ Emma Bramich 4/5C
- ◆ Sunny Commandeur 4/5C
- ◆ Damian McTighe 4/5C
- ◆ Adam Mutton 4/5C
- ◆ Brock Sankey x 2 - 4/5C



#### Certificate of Excellence

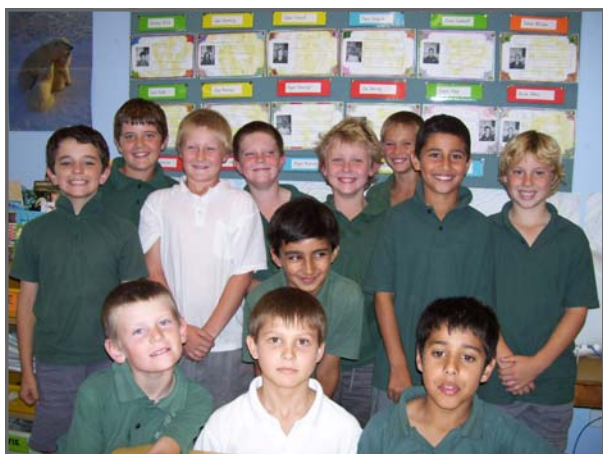
- ◆ Lachlan Jenkins 2G
- ◆ Elizabeth Hanna 4/5C

#### Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Sarah Goodman KK
- ◆ David Amos 3/4M

## 'Boyz Rule in 3/4E'

- ◆ We have fun in 3/4E because we play Mathletics on the computer and earn credits. *Brock Atkins*
- ◆ Everyday I like fitness, maths and spelling. We work hard and then we have fun. *Oskar Farwell*
- ◆ It's good to be in 3/4E because we get to have a fruit break every morning and we have nibbles every afternoon. *Shaun Halverson*



- ◆ I am learning to write and speak English. In 3/4E everyone helps me. *Harry Heera*
- ◆ 3/4E is the best class because we do lots of spelling and maths. *Ryan Howroyd*
- ◆ 3/4E is the best because we have Mrs Ewart. *Liam Jones*
- ◆ We like helping each other to win points for our table. We get to have a lucky dip on Friday if our table has the most points. *Zac Murray*
- ◆ My class is best because we get to do recycling on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It's our job because we know how to be responsible. I like looking at maps and learning about Australia and the World. *Bryce Nicolson*
- ◆ We play games to learn maths. I like Tables Step and Stab and Making 10 or 13 with cards. *Lockie Park-Harris*
- ◆ 3/4E is best because we get to play Silent Ball. *Sevak Singh*
- ◆ I like having fruit break in the morning. Fruit helps my brain to work. *Brandon Skinner*



- ◆ It's fun in my class when we get to listen to CD stories at fruit break time. The best stories are Just Crazy and Just Disgusting. *Sunil Sodhi*
- ◆ We have the best class because teachers from the university come to help us. *Ty Biles*
- ◆ We get to do fun things like drawing. Karen helps me do good work. *Kodie Duroux*
- ◆ I like this class because Mrs Ewart teaches us little tricks to remember our work. We learn patterns in maths and funny sentences in spelling. **Bees Eat Cabbages And Uncle Sam's Eggs** helps me to spell 'because'. *Paris Grayson*
- ◆ We have the best helpers in the world in 3/4E. *Luke Hennessy*
- ◆ It's a good class to be in because we have lots of people who help us like Karen, Donna, Mrs Ind, Wendy, Dave, Josie, Mrs Cheers, Virginia and Robyn. *Simon McLane*
- ◆ We have heaps of good teachers all the time. *Jory Ramsay*
- ◆ We like having Sport. We learn new games everyday. *Daniel Ridge*
- ◆ 3/4E is the luckiest class because we have Mr Brown for Art. *Akash Sodhi*



- ◆ I like doing recycling to help our environment. *Fletcher Tulloch*
- ◆ The best games we play are T-ball and Golden Child. *Zachary Webb*
- ◆ I like news time. Staying at school is my favourite thing. I love reading groups. I am a good reader. *Kyall Williams*
- ◆ I like to do Rock and Water with Dave. We learn to stand strong and have self-control. We learn about respect. *Drew Cardwell*
- ◆ It's fun when we get to read jokes to the class. *Jack Heron*
- ◆ I like having all boys because we do lots of sport. We do maths on the computer. *Solomone Fangupo*
- ◆ I think that '**3/4E Boyz Rule**'. My boys always try hard and do their best. They listen and cooperate and care for each other. Our favourite saying when the bell rings at the end of each day is, "Doesn't time fly when we're having fun!" *Mrs Ewart.*

### COFFS HARBOUR DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday the Coffs Harbour District Cross Country was held at Woolgoolga Beach.

Conditions were perfect for the '72' Woolgoolga Public School runners who completed the course on the day. The track was in good condition and the competition was fierce!

Our runners did our school, and themselves, proud gaining enough points to come 3rd in the Handicap Competition. Well done!

As a result, seven of our runners have made it through to the Mid North Coast Cross Country Carnival to be held at Bowraville on 30 May.



They are: Madisan Farnsworth, Nickalas Mallett, John Critten, Tyrone Biles, Isaiah Koopmans, Meisa Elsair and Alisha Phoonie.

So keep training and good luck for the next carnival!

*John Carter, Cross Country Coordinator*

### WPS'S WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

#### Maths Zone



Thanks must go to Anne Rodger from

Modenville PS for this site (recommended by our DET North Coast Region, Learning Systems Team). Maths Zone is a British site which brings together a collection of great interactive maths activities. The site is packed with learning opportunities and fun too! Enjoy!

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

### A FEW REMINDERS ...

#### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS ~ 'KEEP THAT SMILE PLEASE!'

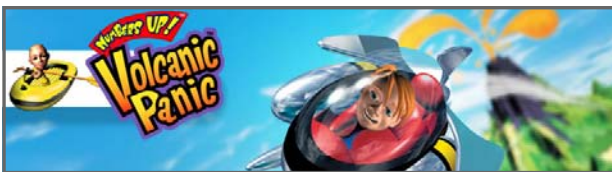
Please note that due to organisational issues our school photographs will now be taken on Wednesday **2 July** (Wk 10 T2), and not this week as initially advised. The envelopes, to place orders, will be sent home on Tuesday **10 June**. A selection of 'packs' will be available.

#### THIS WEEK'S GYMNASTICS HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED

Gymnastics will not be held this week however a make up lesson will be held next Wednesday **28 May**, as well as the usual Thursday lesson on **29 May**.

### EDALIVE COMMUNITY SOFTWARE PROGRAM

Our school is participating in the 'last ever' \$10.00 (per title) EdAlive Community Software Plan.



This will be the last opportunity to purchase EdAlive software at this incredibly low price. Price rises may be expected in the future. Flyers were sent home on Monday 19 May. If you wish to place an order please return your form to the school office by **30 May** with a cheque (or money order), made payable to 'EdAlive'. Please note that we cannot accept cash for these orders.  
*Rowen McRae, Computer Co-ordinator*

### EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

All parents and carers should, by now, have received an invitation/information flyer detailing 'Education Week Activities' at WPS. Some of the activities include:

- ◆ G Block's 100th Birthday Celebration
- ◆ An 'Art Gallery' evening (student's work)
- ◆ Open Classrooms
- ◆ Open Computer Room
- ◆ Open Library
- ◆ Puppet show for kindergarten & parents, and more!

We do hope that you can join us in celebrating Education Week 2008. Both students and staff look forward to showcasing our wonderful school ~ we are all very proud of WPS and of our students' achievements.

**" A love of learning  
NSW Public Schools ~ leading the way"**

### EDUCATION WEEK 'ART GALLERY SPECTACULAR'



On Tuesday **27th May**, as part of the Education Week celebrations, we will be hosting an 'Art Gallery Spectacular' in the school hall. Students, teachers and support staff have been working hard, under the guidance of Mr Chris Browne, to bring this special art exhibition to our school community. Be sure not to miss it! All families are invited to come along, between 5:00 & 7:00pm to celebrate the creative efforts of students at Woolgoolga Public

School. We are aiming for every child to be involved individually, or with their friends. A focus will be on 2D visual arts. It promises to be a great exhibition, and there may even be a surprise or two along the way!

### EDUCATION WEEK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Parents are invited to enjoy a Sausage Sizzle lunch with their child/ren on Monday **26 May**. All orders must be placed by Friday **23 May**, to assist with catering.

'Congratulations to Joel Collinson, who has been selected in the North Coast NSW PSSA Open Rugby League State Championships to be held at Inverell in mid June'

**YOU CAN CONTROL YOUR ASTHMA**

Did you know there are approx 14,300 **avoidable hospitalisations** arising from asthma every year, not to mention the urgent visits to Accident and Emergency Departments and GPs. People are hospitalised each week from asthma. In most cases asthma exacerbations are worse than they should be. With correct medication, knowing triggers for asthma and advice from the doctor, asthma can be controlled.

**Asthma triggers**

- ◆ Colds and flu
- ◆ Cigarette smoke
- ◆ Exposure to cigarette smoke (passive smoking)
- ◆ Exercise/activity
- ◆ Inhaled allergens (e.g. pollens, moulds, animal dander and dust mites)
- ◆ Environmental factors (e.g. dust, pollution, wood smoke and bush fires)
- ◆ Changes in temperature and weather
- ◆ Certain medications (e.g. aspirin)
- ◆ Chemicals and strong smells (e.g. perfumes, cleaners)
- ◆ Emotional factors (e.g. laughter, stress)
- ◆ Some foods and food preservatives, flavourings and colourings (uncommon)

Every person's asthma is different. Not all people will have the same triggers, nor will they react to every trigger listed above. You may not always know what triggers your child's asthma. **It is helpful to identify triggers in order to avoid them** however this is not always possible (e.g. colds and flu). Your doctor or local Asthma Foundation will assist you.

Visit the Asthma Foundation NSW website and register for your free information pack now and be one step closer to controlling your child's asthma!



Ph: **1800 645 130** Email: [ask@asthmansw.org.au](mailto:ask@asthmansw.org.au)  
 Website: [www.asthmansw.org.au](http://www.asthmansw.org.au)

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOOLGOOLGA**

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga is seeking new members. The club is having an information night on 16 June and an invitation is extended to the community. Every year the Rotary Club of Woolgoolga raises money for local, regional and international charities and community projects. Monthly goods auctions, fish auctions and the Curryfest include just some of the fundraising activities, which not only raise money but provide some fun and fellowship for members too. Note: female members are accepted into the club.

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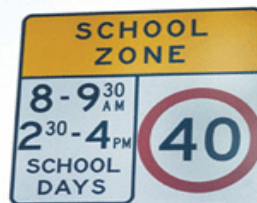


**CANTEEN ROSTER**



Maree Hartin & Dot Falzon	Fri 23 May
<b>CLOSED MONDAY</b>	<b>Mon 26 May</b>
Maree Hartin & Dot Falzon	Tue 27 May
Maree Hartin & Dot Falzon	Wed 28 May
Maree H, Sandy B and Scott S	Thur 29 May

**LET'S ALL KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE**



**DID YOU KNOW ...**

that in 1908, when G Block was first built, the principal was Mr Henry H. Barnes. Mr Barnes had taken up the position in October 1899 and remained principal until April 1918. In 1900 the enrolment of the school was 48 students, this rose to 72 by 1905, and 99 students by 1915.

**BICYCLE SAFETY CHECKLIST**

A lot of injuries occur because a child is trying to ride a bike that is **too big**.

You will know the bike is the right size if your child can sit on the bike seat and touch the ground with both feet at the same time.



Check that the bike is in good working order, so that accidents don't happen as a result of the chain coming off, wheels loosening or brakes not functioning.

Make sure the:

- ◆ brakes work correctly
- ◆ chain is well oiled and not loose
- ◆ tyres are firm, with no bald spots or patches
- ◆ pedals spin easily
- ◆ bell or horn is loud enough to hear
- ◆ reflectors and lights are clean and secure
- ◆ seat is adjusted to suit the child's height
- ◆ handlebar ends are covered by hand grips.

**Happy cycling**

**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