

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

SCHOOL'S CULTURE SURVEY

Thank you to all parents who have returned their surveys on school's culture. The number of surveys returned to the school has been an outstanding response.

The prize of a pizza party, for the first class to collect all the survey responses, will be announced shortly.

GREAT WEEK AHEAD

The week ahead promises to be a busy one. The Life Education program starts on Monday 18 August and runs until Monday 25 August.

We will also be celebrating Book Week.

Ms Tanya Molloy, our teacher librarian, has organised a wonderful range of books to be made available for display and purchase.

On Wednesday 20 August we look forward to students and staff dressing up as their favourite book character. It will certainly be a wonderful week to celebrate the many great things about children's literature.

PLANNING FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Last Thursday the school executive, comprising assistant principals Chris Browne, Kerry Dibb, Jan Martin, Sharon Rovere, the administrative manager Maxine McClelland, and myself spent the day off site planning the future directions of the school. It was an extremely productive day.

I will be briefing the P&C and inviting them to be part of the planning process to ensure that WPS, already a 'really good school', will soon become a 'really great school'.

Cheers

Graeme Ross, Principal



All parents and carers welcome

This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by **Jarred Benn, Addisen Mallett & Joshua Landi of 2R**
Stages 2-3 (12:20pm)
Item will be presented by **5/6J**

A SMOOTH START TO SCHOOLING AT WPS



The first year can be made easier for Kindergarten children when they feel settled and confident from the first day.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2009

Thank you to those parents who have advised our school about enrolling their child in Kindergarten next year.

Our Kindergarten teachers for 2009 will be decided upon shortly, and guaranteed to be two highly valued staff members who have many years of experience in making first year students feel settled and confident from their first day at WPS.

Our 2009 Kindergarten teachers look forward to meeting with prospective new families and students, and will be offering a wide range of activities to assist with a smooth transition to school.

Starting School at WPS

Starting school is an important step in a young child's life and 'Is my child ready for school?' is a question often asked by many parents.

WPS understands that children develop at different rates and learn skills in different ways.

At WPS we respond to the needs, learning styles and rates of progress of individual students and plan learning experiences based on the skills students bring to school.

What is the right age?

Children may enter Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five on or before 31 July in that year.

Parents/caregivers will need to provide proof of their child's age when starting school and are also required to provide an immunisation certificate - a record of the child's immunisation status.

Important Note

If you have a child starting school in 2009, or if you know of a family thinking of enrolling a Kindergarten at WPS please contact the school so we can provide you with the dates of the orientation activities.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mid NC Zone Athletics	Fri 15 Aug
Life Education Commences	Mon 18 Aug
P&C Meeting	Tue 19 Aug
Book Character Parade	Wed 20 Aug

CONGRATULATIONS!

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Mitchell Batty KD
- ◆ Dean Bevan-Keller KD
- ◆ Kiana Dosanjh KD
- ◆ Ethan Duncombe KD
- ◆ Jaxon Elliott KF
- ◆ Reece Mitchell KF
- ◆ Brock Parker KK
- ◆ Natalie McIntosh 1B
- ◆ Reagan Scheuermann 1B
- ◆ Pavan Singh 1H
- ◆ Macy Stewart 1H
- ◆ Lachlan Jenkins 2G
- ◆ Humraj Singh 2G
- ◆ Jarred Benn 2R
- ◆ Mackinley Taylor 3/4C
- ◆ Tyrone Biles 3/4E
- ◆ Jory Ramsay 3/4E
- ◆ Lani Goodman 3/4M
- ◆ Wyatt Anderson 4/5C
- ◆ Sunny Commandeur 4/5C
- ◆ Elizabeth Hanna 4/5C
- ◆ Adam Mutton 4/5C
- ◆ Courtney Smart 4/5C
- ◆ Gabby Simcoe 5/6M

Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Hayley Phillips KD
- ◆ Kane Atkinson 4/5C

WHAT'S HAPPENING**National Science Week ~ 16 to 24 August**

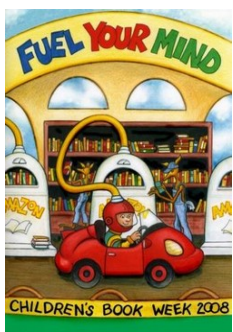
Next week is National Science Week. This year's National Science Week theme is '**Planet Earth, planet of change**'.

Our school will be celebrating in Week 6.

Mrs Joanne Goodenough is currently busy coordinating lots and lots of exciting science activities for all of our students.

Years 3-6 Science Day will be held on Tue 26 August.

Years K-2 Science Day will be held on Weds 27 August.

Children's Book Week ~ 16 to 22 August

The theme of Children's Book Week 2008 is *Fuel Your Mind*.

Our celebrations will include a **Book Fair** in the school library as well as a **Book Character Dress Up Day** on Wednesday 20 August. The parade will take place immediately after the morning assembly in the COLA area. **Families are invited to watch.** If families would like to visit the Book Fair in the library it will be open throughout the day until 5:00pm.

Students will view the Fair during class times leading up to 20 August and will complete a *Wish List* of books they like. This give me an idea of books to purchase for the library and families an idea of titles the children are interested in.

If you can't make it to the Fair students will be able to purchase books on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 August. They will be asked to come to the library at a suitable time during the morning.

Looking forward to an exciting week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators.

Tanya Molloy, Teacher/Librarian

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition ~ Wednesday 20 August

Our school will be represented by **Alisha Phoonie**, in the Year 3-4 Session, at the public speaking regional finals. Alisha will be competing against 9 other students from North Coast and New England schools. The winner is expected to attend the NSW State Final in November.

All the best Alisha from everyone at WPS.

Life Education ~ 18 to 25 August

A permission note has been sent home detailing the Life Education program for Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3. The program supports the NSW PD/Health/PE syllabus, and the cost is \$6.00 per student.

2008 Stewart House Donation Drive

If you would like the chance to '**WIN a \$4000 holiday for your family**' to the destination of your choice, all you have to do is place a gold coin (\$1 or \$2) in the envelope sent home, and return it to the school by **Friday 29 August** so that we can post it to Stewart House in time for the draw.

WE NOTICED THAT ...

- ◆ Hayley Phillips of KD can do up her shoelaces all by herself.
- ◆ Moon Deen of 3/4C did some fantastic artwork on the Olympics unit (pictured below).



- ◆ James Bevan of 5/6R shared his computer time with friends.
- ◆ Kiana Dosanjh of KD can log on to the computer without any help at all.
- ◆ Jaide Topp of KF always remembers to water the class plants every day.
- ◆ Chenoa Skinner of 1H cut and pasted some very colourful houses in a street using different patterns.

WPS WEBSITES OF THE WEEK**BBC Science**

This site contains lots of science activities. It's easy to use and extremely educational.



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science/>

Book-Pop

You will love this site! Stephen Cosgrove has written many books and stories for the Web. You can read the books yourself, or hear them read to you!



Read about Fiddler Bear and how he helped the Hideaway Bears, or listen to a story about catching the Giggle-Snitcher.

You can listen to songs and print out coloring pages of your favorite Book-Pop characters too.

[Book-Pophttp://www.bookpop.com/index2.html](http://www.bookpop.com/index2.html)

1H

NEWS ARTICLE FROM

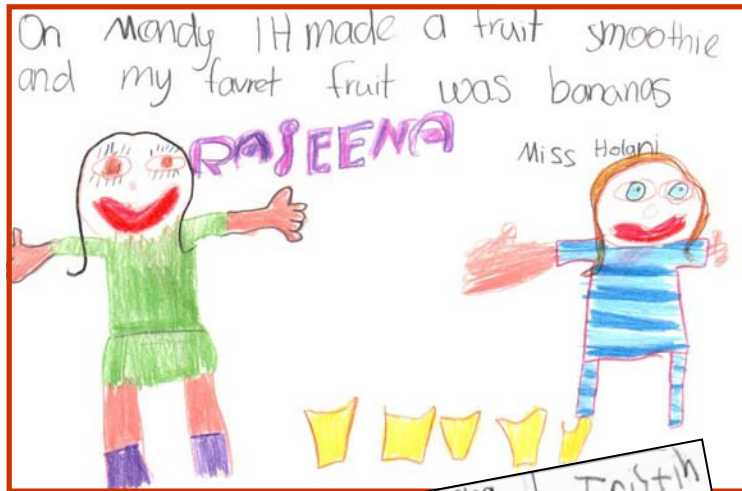
This term 1H is learning all about procedures in English. This is an exciting time because the students get to make different things in class including the use of recipes, then writing about them.

In Week 2 our procedure was to make a fruit smoothie. Half a dozen students brought the ingredients to class. A special thank you must go to all parents who were involved.

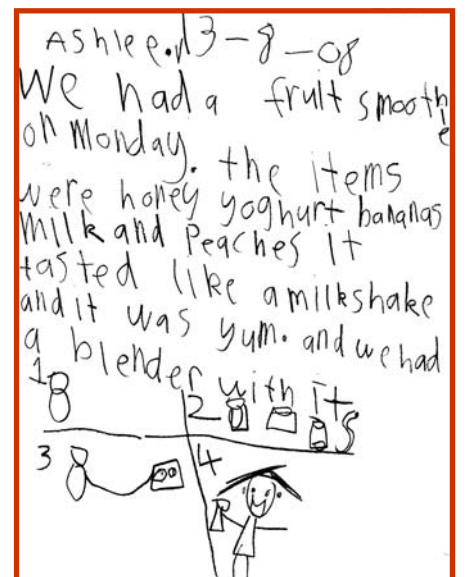
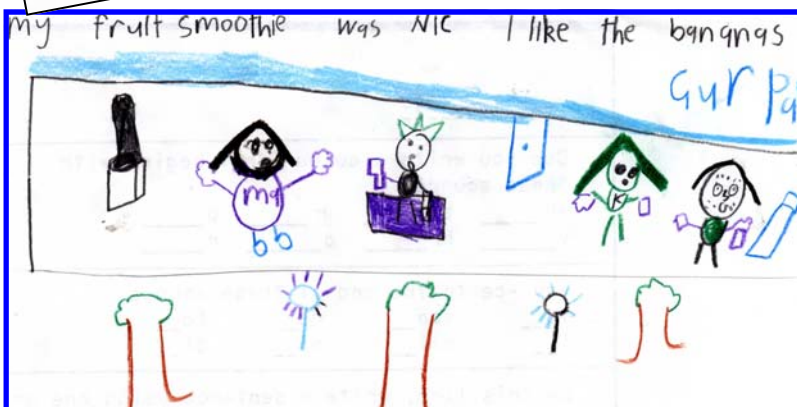
We made a delicious drink in class, using the recipe from Term 3, Issue 1 of our very own Seahorse Tales Newsletter!



Ms Kerrieanne Holani



Please note work samples are in first draft



BRAIN TEASERS

Q.1 ~ Why are 2008 ten dollar notes worth more than 2005 ten dollar notes?



Q.2 ~ A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction, but didn't break the law. How come?

Write your answers on a piece of paper, with your name and class, to go in to the end of year draw for a special prize.

Answers to last week's Brain Teasers

Q.1 ~ All 12 months have 28 days!

Q.2 ~ -T is the next letter, because each letter stands for the first letter of the numbers from one to ten.

Congratulations to last week's winner ...

The first person to hand in the correct answers to both brain teasers was **Lachlan Jenkins** of 2G ~ well done!

HEALTH MATTERS AT WPS**Sick at School?**

If your child is sick or injured at school we will contact you and seek the necessary medical attention. If your child is mildly ill they will go to sick bay, where he/she can lie down and be monitored.

You will be called to come and pick your child up if there is no improvement. For this reason you should always keep your current contact details up to date with the school office.

**Sick at Home?**

If your child is sick at home keep your child away from school and see your doctor if your child has:

- ◆ a fever of 38°C or above
- ◆ vomiting or diarrhoea
- ◆ severe cold or flu symptoms

If you have had to give your child pain relief medicine in the morning they will probably not be well enough to get through the day at school.

Please remember that if your child is off school because they are sick, you will need to write a note to the class teacher explaining why your child was away.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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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**Vege Pikelets****Ingredients:**

- ◆ 2 cup self raising flour (half wholemeal and half white self-raising flour)
- ◆ 6 eggs
- ◆ 4-5 cups of grated vegetables (ie. zucchini, pumpkin, carrot, peas, corn - slightly mashed)
- ◆ herbs to taste (like lots of chopped parsley)
- ◆ seasoning - salt (small amount) and pepper
- ◆ milk



Method: Mix all ingredients together, adding milk last to obtain right consistency. Cook in a frying pan with a small amount of olive oil until golden on each side. Serve with sauce or a dip such as natural yoghurt flavoured with a small amount of curry.

Great for lunchboxes too.

TIME TO LAUGH

Whats black, white & red all over?
A sunburnt penguin!



What do you get if you cross a dog, a car and a bird?
A flying car pet!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD DONORS

Are you eligible to give blood? There is currently an urgent need for blood donors. **The Australian Red Cross Blood Service** is located at the Coffs Harbour Blood Donor Centre, 72 Victoria Street, Mon and Tue 10:30am to 6:30pm, Thur 8:00am to 2:00pm and Fri 7:30am to 12:00 midday (1st & 3rd of the month).

If you can help please Ph: 131495 for an appointment. You have the gift to restore life, heal third degree burns, support people with cancer and the power to help unborn babies and expectant mothers.

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