

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

PRIORITY SCHOOLS FUNDING

On Monday students in our Kindergarten to Year 3 classes will have an important letter and survey for you as their parents or caregivers. This will be in their bag. This is the survey letter that the school is collecting in the hope that we may be considered for the Priority Schools Program. If we are successful the school is granted extra funding to support literacy and numeracy programs. I would ask that all parents and carers check their child's bag and then if there is a survey, please complete it and return it to the school in the confidential envelope provided. Thank you for your help in this.

TRAFFIC IN SCARBOROUGH STREET

I have been advised by the police about the status of the school crossing; if there is a person on or about to cross the road when the **Children Crossing** flags are present, then traffic **must stop** at the white lines, marked on the road. Police will be continuing to patrol our street to ensure that no parents/carers are parking or misusing the zones. The safety of all students and adults is paramount in this. I would ask that all parents/carers be very vigilant when driving near our school.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Yesterday I had the absolute pleasure of hosting a morning tea for our 2008 student council. What a fantastic group of students that I am sure everyone is very proud of. I feel they will represent our student body with great pride and responsibility.

Cheers, Graeme Ross, Principal

OUR SCHOOL'S ANTI RACISM OFFICER (ARCO) is Kerry Dibb. If you are concerned that your child is experiencing racism please contact Ms Dibb as soon as possible. Ph: 6654 1305.

NEWS ARTICLE FROM 5/6R

Wow, what a great start to the year for the 5/6 boys. All the boys have settled in and are working hard. Rock and Water sessions have been an outstanding success with all boys participating, finding self-control, self discipline and discovering a great deal about themselves and each other.

They are each actively developing their own self image through a positive self-statement program. The boys have proven to be a positive support of each other in every area.

In computers, 5/6R is creating and editing a movie with Mr McRae and myself. They are also proving to be fine actors improvising in drama. In coming weeks the class will be involved in woodwork, plaster of paris crafts and various other creative techniques.

There are many talented artists in 5/6R with the boys experimenting by means of perspective, line work and technical drawing. Some examples below show their city perspective and geometrical drawing.

Mrs Sharon Rovere (Classroom Teacher)



Top Left: Luke Williams Top Right: Michael Welna
Bottom Left: Chris Boyes Top Right: Ben Skinner

ZONE SWIMMING

The Zone Swimming Carnival proved to be a fantastic day. The children were great representatives for our school. They all put in 100%+ effort and many were surprised with their improvements in time. Zac was the 11yrs Boy Champion. Successes were:

Tully McCool	13yrs 50m freestyle	2nd
Cinamin Frost	8yrs 50m freestyle	4th
Zac Donnelly	100m senior freestyle	2nd
	11 yrs 50m freestyle	1st
	11yrs 50m backstroke	1st
	11yrs 50m butterfly	1st
	4 x 50m medley senior	2nd
Isaiah Koopmans	9yrs 50m freestyle	2nd
	Junior 50m backstroke	2nd
	Junior 50m butterfly	3rd
	Junior relay	3rd
Bryce Nicolson	Junior relay	3rd
Oscar Farwell	Junior relay	3rd
Justin Keys	Junior relay	3rd

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Clean Up Day at School - 2.00pm	29th Feb
Healthy Ear Talk (Kinder)	5th March
NC PSSA Swimming	6th March
District AFL Trials	7th March
Sausage Sizzle	10th March

Congratulations!

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Brock Parker - KK
- ◆ Adam Hill - 1B x 2
- ◆ Hayley Allen - 2R
- ◆ Bree Henderson-Smith - 3/4M
- ◆ Behn Swatten - 3/4M
- ◆ Heavenly Hand - 4/5C x 2
- ◆ Tyla Medcalf - 4/5C
- ◆ Angus Rissel - 4/5C
- ◆ Alex Allen - 5/6M
- ◆ Jessica McInerney - 5/6M
- ◆ Chris Boyes - 5/6R
- ◆ Lachlan McPherson - 5/6R



Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Jory Ramsay - 3/4E

GYMNASTICS ~ TERM 2 2008

This wonderful program is being offered to all students in Term 2. Once again students have the opportunity for specially trained people to teach them gymnastics correctly. The staff teaching gymnastics are nationally accredited, insured and have specific gymnastic coaching experience. The lessons will take place every Thursday in our hall from 11:35am. The cost to students will be \$40.00 for the term. It is a 9 week course beginning Term 2, Week 2, and will finish in Week 10. A permission note will be sent home in Week 7 this term so parents have plenty of time to put this money aside, if they wish their students to participate. Unfortunately the \$40.00 will need to be paid before the end of Term 1 for your child to participate in Term 2. I am sending this information in the newsletter so you are aware of what is coming up. If you have any queries please come and see me.



Mrs Barb Booker (Gymnastics Coordinator)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

STOPPING AT A CHILDREN'S CROSSING

A driver approaching or at a children's crossing must stop at the stop line at the crossing if a pedestrian is on or entering the crossing.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Maree Hartin Raelee Wright	Fri 29 Feb
CLOSED MONDAY	
Maree Hartin Cathy Scott	Tue 4 March
Maree Hartin Dot Falzon	Wed 5 March
Maree Hartin Sandy Butler	Thur 6 March



PRIORITY SCHOOL FUNDING PROJECT (PSFP)

All families with children in Kindergarten to Year 3 will receive a 'PSFP Survey Envelope' on **Monday 3rd March**. PLEASE:

- ◆ Use a lead pencil to complete the survey
- ◆ Colour-in the circles on the survey **NOT** tick or cross them e.g. ○●
- ◆ Seal the survey in the envelope provided
- ◆ Write your child's name on the back of the envelope
- ◆ Return to the school by **Friday 7th March**

Thank you for your assistance with the PSFP Survey



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY !!!!!

Tomorrow (Friday) is the official **Clean Up Australia Day** for schools.

All Classes will be designated an area of the school grounds to clean up.

Could each student please **bring a plastic bag** to collect rubbish **and gloves** if they wish. This is one day a year when students are reminded of their own responsibility in keeping their environment clean: A very worthy activity!

TIPS FOR ENCOURAGING GOOD BEHAVIOUR

CATCH HIM/HER BEING 'GOOD'

This simply means that when your child is behaving in a way you like, you can give them some positive feedback, for example, 'Wow, you are playing so nicely. I really like the way you are keeping all the blocks on the table'. That works better than waiting for the blocks to come crashing to the floor before you take notice and bark, 'Hey, stop that'. This positive feedback is sometimes called 'descriptive praise'. Try to say six positive comments (praise and encouragement) for every negative comment (criticisms and reprimands) - the 6-1 ratio keeps things in balance. It also pays to remember that if left with a choice between no attention or negative attention, children will seek out negative attention.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

After School Care

Short Street, Woolgoolga
Phone 6654 8554 for information

Monday
to
Friday

Woolgoolga Public School
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March 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3 S.P.O.T Program K,1 & 2 	4	5 Healthy Ear Talk (Kinder) 	6 NC PSSA Swimming 	7 District AFL Trials	8	9
10 Sausage Sizzle 	11	12 MNC AFL Trials	13	14	15	16
17	18 P & C Meeting 7.00pm	19 Easter Hat Parade 	20 District Soccer Trials Boys & Girls	21 Good Friday	22 	23 
24 School Resumes on Tuesday 25th	25 District Netball Trials District Rugby League	26	27 NC PSSA AFL Trials	28 MNC Soccer Trials Boys & Girls 	29	30
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