

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

EDUCATION WEEK

What a fantastic week it is in our school this week. Several staff and community members attended the Coffs Harbour Area School's network awards yesterday.

We were nominated in several categories, including Outstanding Teaching, Service to Public Education, and the School Excellence Award.

We have won the Area's School Excellence Award for our work with Boys' Education and Student Welfare. Brilliant!

This is a fantastic achievement by all at our school. Well done team!

Our Art Exhibition, in our hall, has been very well received, with lots of parents, carers and community members joining our staff here on Tuesday evening for this special event.



Pictured above: Mr Browne, Mrs Read & Mrs Woods
A few more photographs taken at the Art Exhibition are displayed in Column 2. We hope to upload more Education Week photographs to our website, in due course, including some of G Block's 100th Birthday!

I particularly want to acknowledge the work of all students in presenting such stunning art, **Mr Chris Browne** and **Mrs Jenny Read**, two of our teachers who curated the exhibition, and **Karen, Kristen** and **Robyn**, three of our Teachers Aides who assisted so well with all the work. *Thank you.*

On Friday, our 'Principal for the Day' is **Daniela Hagl**, from 5/6J. She has been the successful candidate chosen after an exhaustive application process. A special thank you to all year 6 students who applied for the position. What a fantastic week to celebrate public education in our school.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

This week is also Reconciliation Week and to mark the occasion our Aboriginal students will be presenting at Friday's Stage 2/3 assembly (12:20pm) in our hall.

Please join us.

Cheers, Graeme Ross, Principal

MORE PICS OF THE WONDERFUL ARTWORK



INFORMATION NIGHT

GETTING YOUR CHILD READY FOR SCHOOL

Starting school is an important step in a young child's life. "Is my child ready for school?" and "How can I help get my child ready for school?" are questions many parents ask. This information night will help parents to answer these questions. Please join us:

Venue: Woolgoolga PS

Date: Wednesday 25 June

Time: 6:30pm

Further enquiries: **Ms Kerry Dibb.**

NOTE: DATE FOR THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Friday 4 July, the last day of term.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

K-2 Choir Eisteddfod	Tue 3 Jun
Global Leadership Convention	Wed 4 Jun
Gym, Basketball Netball	Wed 5 Jun
Junior Rugby League	Thur 6 Jun

CONGRATULATIONS!

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Mitchell Batty KD
- ◆ Harry Robertson KF
- ◆ Zara Saxby KF
- ◆ Rubee Frost KK
- ◆ Brock Parker KK
- ◆ Sukhjeet Tiwana KK
- ◆ Joshua Grgovic 1B
- ◆ Emma Grgovic 2G
- ◆ Elizabeth Grgovic 3/4C
- ◆ Chloe Irwin 3/4C
- ◆ Kodie Duroux 3/4E
- ◆ Elizabeth Noonan 5/6J

Certificate of Appreciation

- ◆ Daniela Hagl 5/6J

Education Week 2008 North Coast Region Award

- ◆ Woolgoolga Public School

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

This week Stage 1
(10:20am) will be hosted by
Addisen Mallett & Monique Tinson of 2R

Stages 2&3 (12:20pm) will be hosted by some of our Aboriginal students

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27 MAY TO 3 JUNE

This week is National Reconciliation Week and its theme in NSW is:

'Sorry - A New Beginning'

A special assembly, to acknowledge Reconciliation Week, will be held at WPS on:

Friday 30 June at 12:20pm (for Years 3 to 6)



Speaking recently, the Deputy Prime Minister, remarked that it bodes well for the future of reconciliation that Australian schools were among the strongest supporters of the historic parliamentary apology to the Stolen Generations.

Julia Gillard said the way teachers and students across the nation stopped for that event and debated its significance filled her with confidence that the next generation will handle reconciliation better than the last.

This is a chance to make a new beginning, to resolve anew to work together to set things right and more fully share the opportunities for education, good health, security and prosperity between all of us, Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians alike.

**THE 11TH OTITIS MEDIA AWARENESS DAY**

Are you worried about your child's hearing?

Have they had lots of colds and ear infections?

Many of our families recently took advantage of the free ear health checks at our school. If you missed out, please note that the 11th Annual Otitis Media Awareness Day has been organised for **Thursday 12 June** at Park Beach Plaza (PBP). Community Health & the Galambila Aboriginal Medical Service will be offering free ear checks for children from 10-5pm. No appointment is necessary. Ear health checks are **FREE** and they only take about 10 minutes.

The rate of otitis media and associated conductive hearing loss, is quite high at this time of year, so if in doubt go along to the Otitis Media Awareness Day at PBP. The ear health checks are for children aged between 0-18 years.

OTITIS MEDIA TESTING AT OUR SCHOOL

For those parents who sent in permission notes to have their child's ears checked at school, please note that due to time restraints, there are still a few students yet to be tested. The Galambila Aboriginal Medical Service will return to WPS on **Monday 2 June** to complete all tests.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR K-2 CHOIR ~ 3RD JUNE**PERFORMING AT THE COFFS HARBOUR EISTEDDFOD**

Our K-2 Choir have entered the Eisteddfod again this year. They will be performing at the Coffs Harbour Race Club (Howard Street, Coffs Harbour), at approx. 10:20am on Tuesday 3rd June. **Mrs Jennifer Read, Ms Kerri-anne Holani** and **Mr Chris Browne** will be there to support our students.

Our wonderful K-2 Choir will be singing two pieces:

- ◆ Sticks and Stones
- ◆ The Adams Family

Perhaps you can make it too?

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

The first Eisteddfod was that held by Lord Rhys at Gruffydd in Cardigan Castle, Wales, in 1176, and prizes of chairs were awarded to the winners! !

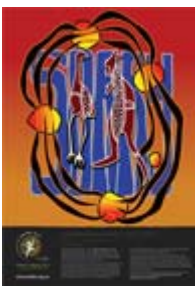
Then in 1568, the prizes awarded were a miniature silver chair to the successful poet, a little silver 'crwth' to the winning fiddler, a silver tongue to the best singer, and a tiny silver harp to the best harpist.

The first student who hands a written note, explaining to **Mrs McClelland**, what a 'crwth' is, will receive a Win Bin and a Canteen Token!

WORLD VISION GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

The Global Leadership Convention (GLC), to be held in Coffs Harbour on the 4 June, will be attended by students from various schools in the area. Many student leaders will be immersed in the realities of child labour and be empowered to make a difference. **Ms Tanya Molloy**, our school librarian, will be accompanying four of our lucky students to the Global Leadership Convention, and upon returning to our school the students will share their experiences and knowledge with their peers. What a great experience!

GLCs are for student leaders who have the vision and values to change the world for good!

2008 NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS Wk 10 TERM 2

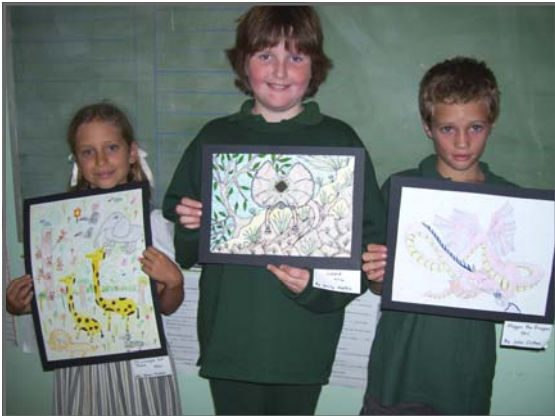
Orders close on Friday 30 May for 'Cultural Respect' hand bands, (available to students from K-6, also for relatives or carers) to wear during NAIDOC Week.

The bands cost just \$2.00 with proceeds going to 'Koori Kids'. As part of the celebrations Koori Kids have designed stylish 'Cultural Respect' hand bands for students to wear.

The bands are red, black and yellow with the words 'RESPECT and CULTURE'. For more information please see **Mrs Rovere**.

Pictured above is the winning poster for NAIDOC Week, the winning artists were two brothers from Darwin <http://www.naidoc.org.au>

NEWS ARTICLE FROM 3/4C



Over the past few weeks we have been writing narratives. We all wrote one and published it in book form so we could read each other's stories during silent reading time. There isn't enough space to print whole stories but you can read the blurb to Hana's story below.



Be sure you read this amazing novel by Hana Truban. She is the winner of numerous awards such as WPS's two Certificates of Excellence. She is also currently the holder of a Bronze Award in 3/4C. In 'The Wizard' Meisa loses her pet turtle. Will she find her pet turtle? Is all hope lost? Don't miss this beautiful tale of happiness.

The building 3/4C is in, is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. At a special assembly 3/4C recited a poem by Dorothy Mackellar called 'My Country'.

From talking to previous students of the school we discovered that children in the same classroom we are in this year recited this very poem over 50 years ago.



3/4C has also been working on making works of art for the Art Gallery being held in the school hall.

When we completed our works of art we had an art appreciation lesson.

We judged each other's artwork.

The people's choice awards, (judged by 3/4C), are listed below. See picture top left.



THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS, JUDGED BY 3/4C WENT TO:

Hana for 'It's a Jungle out there'

Emily for the 'Lizard'

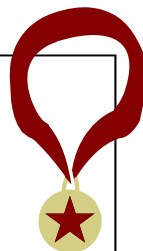
John for 'Magon the Dragon'



JUDGE'S AWARD

The judge's award, (judged by Mr Critten and the official photographer, Kristen) went to:

Isaiah for 'Gone Fishing'



SPORTS NEWS

NORTH COAST PSSA SOCCER KNOCKOUT COMPETITION



Last Friday, 23 May, the girls soccer team went to Corindi to play soccer, in the NSW PSSA Football Knockout. First the girls played Sandy Beach, we won 3-2. Jess scored two goals and

Gabby scored one goal. In the finals we played Mullaway PS but unfortunately we lost 3-2 but the girls played excellently. Great games girls, you were just unlucky.
Written by Gabby

Last Friday the boys soccer team went to Corindi soccer fields. First we played Sandy Beach. We won 5-1. We scored the first goal then they scored the second goal, then we scored another four goals. Then we went to the next level. We played Mullaway and they scored first. Then we got revenge back and scored three goals and we won. It was a really good day and our team was really excited. Now we go to the next level and we hope we go as we did on Friday.

Written by Nick

Both sides showed great sportsmanship and were a pleasure to take away. We all wish the boys luck at the next level. A big thank you to the parents and grandparents who provided transport. It was greatly appreciated and the players enjoyed having a cheer squad. Once again thank you.

Written by Mrs Barb Booker

NATIONAL WHALE DAY

COFFS HARBOUR JETTY ~ SATURDAY 14 JUNE 2008



Pictured above is the fluke of Janggalay, Coffs Harbour's adopted whale (meaning 'free spirit' and 'happy go lucky' in Gumbaynggirr, the local Aboriginal language).

National Whale Day will celebrate Australia's unique relationship with whales and raise awareness of the threats facing whales and their environment. The day will include:

- ◆ A parade along the break wall
- ◆ Tours of Mutton Bird Island conducted by National Parks and Wildlife
- ◆ Community Charity BBQ and information stalls (in and around the Yacht Club grounds)
- ◆ Sand modeling competition, face painting and lots more

Starting at 10:00am to 2:30pm, with the parade at 11:00am.

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CANTEEN ROSTER



Maree Hartin & Raelee Wright	Fri 30 May
CLOSED MONDAY	Mon 2 Jun
Maree Hartin & Lorraine Webb	Tue 3 Jun
Maree Hartin & Dot Falzon	Wed 4 Jun
Maree Hartin & Sandy Butler	Thur 5 Jun

HELMET SAFETY CHECKLIST

Look for a helmet with a Standards Australia mark on the label. Second-hand helmets can be risky ~ there's no way of knowing if the previous owner has damaged it in



an accident. Take your child with you when buying a helmet to make sure it is properly fitted. Do the push test to make sure the helmet is a snug fit. If you can push the helmet backwards, forwards or sideways once you've done up the clips, it's too big. Grown-ups should also wear helmets to set the right example and protect their own heads.

Happy cycling

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

Our school canteen operates four days a week, from Tuesday to Friday. **Maree Hartin**, the canteen manager, and her small band of helpers workers are seeking your help. Would you like to volunteer to help in our school canteen? Or perhaps you know someone who would? Dads, aunties, uncles, grandparents ~ all welcome! You do not have to commit to a day every week. It may suit you to work one day a month, or even one day a term. Any offers of assistance would be greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GOOD HOMES NEEDED FOR HEALTHY SEEDLINGS!

Cassandra Jolley has lots of organic gramma squash seedlings needing happy homes. They make beautiful gramma pies and many other delicacies. If you would like some of the seedlings please contact Cassandra via the school office.

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

June 2008

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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	Otitis Media Testing to be Finalised	K-2 Eisteddfod Choir 	Global Leadership Convention	World Environment Day 	Junior Rugby League Carnival	
8	Queens Birthday Public Holiday 	10 North Coast PSSA Touch Trials	11	12 FREE Ear Health Checks PBP 10-5pm Spelling & Writing Comp Refugee Week	13 North Coast PSSA Cross Country	14 National Whale Day Coffs Hbr Jetty 10-2:30 Parade 11:00
15	16 District Softball Trials	17 P & C Meeting 7:00pm	18 Multicultural Day 	19 Stage 2 Basketball Gymnastics	20 Winter Sports Carnival	21
22	23	24 NSW Opens League 	25 Multicultural Public Speaking Getting Ready for School Information Night	26	27	28
29	30 Sausage Sizzle					