

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

PRIORITY SCHOOLS FUNDING SURVEYS

Thank you so much to all families and carers with students in our K-3 area who have returned the survey, in the confidential envelope.

Tomorrow is the deadline day for all surveys to be returned, and we hope to get the material away to Sydney next week.

PARENTS/CARERS PAYING FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS

Over the past few weeks there has been a considerable amount of money being asked for from families to support initiatives here at the school. Examples of this have included: Voluntary School Contributions (\$20), Athletics (\$10), Yr 2 recorders (\$6), etc.

This can be tough, at times, on families, and we as a school acknowledge this. So, if there are any issues with payments etc please do not hesitate to contact me here at the school.

All conversations are treated confidentially.

THE JOY OF LEARNING

I have had the absolute pleasure of being in various classrooms over the past week. I witnessed a Year 6 class's narrative, made by telling a story using photos and talking, all recorded (think short movie) – it was brilliant!

I sat in to observe a young training teacher yesterday teaching a Year 1 class some Maths work. The kids there were excited and loved the 'hands on' measuring activities.

And I just loved Kindergarten kids singing to me their sounds under the 'Ants in the Apple' literacy program.

These kids, and the excitement their learning generates, together with the quality of the teaching and learning here at the school are just superb.

(And I hope you are all enjoying our class feature in the newsletter each week.)

Cheers, Graeme Ross, Principal

Have you considered becoming a member of the WPS P&C? The date for the AGM is 18 March. We'd love to see you there!

NEWS ARTICLE FROM 5/6M

What a busy start to the year 5/6M have had! We are placing a real focus on story writing (narratives) this term, and have been busy constructing a digital storyboard with photos, recorded voice and text with a computer program called "Microsoft Photostory 3".

This excellent program uses a 'slideshow' format and allows the user to insert their own music and photos taken from a digital camera. For those parents who are running Windows XP on their home computer, this is a free download from the Microsoft Downloads Website and worth a look.



We are also producing a movie with "Windows Movie Maker". It is a 'mockumentary' done in a news report style examining the effect of wind on the physical environment.

Thanks for your ongoing support and we look forward to catching up with you throughout the year.

*Mr R. McRae & Mrs L. McKeough
(Classroom Teachers)*

EASTER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Easter, complete with an Easter Hat Parade and an Easter Raffle is fast approaching! P & C hold an Easter Raffle each year to help raise much needed funds to improve our school for everyone. Raffle tickets are being sent home today. Should you require more tickets they are available at the school office.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

District AFL Trials	7th March
Sausage Sizzle	10th March
P & C Meeting 7.00pm AGM	18th March

Congratulations! Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Bradi Goodman - 1B
- ◆ Natalie McIntosh - 1B
- ◆ Chelsea Mallett - 1B
- ◆ Macy Stewart - 1H
- ◆ Renee Rovere - 2R
- ◆ Liam Smart - 2R
- ◆ Marlay Commandeur - 3/4C
- ◆ Chloe Irwin - 3/4C
- ◆ Caleb McInerney - 3/4C
- ◆ Jake Rovere - 3/4C
- ◆ Simon McLane - 3/4E
- ◆ Zachary Webb - 3/4E
- ◆ Kiara Jones - 5/6J
- ◆ Elizabeth Noonan - 5/6J
- ◆ Brendan Downton - 5/6R

Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Hayley Allen - 2R
 - ◆ Bree Henderson-Smith - 3/4M
 - ◆ Brannon Murray - 5/6R
- ### **Principal's Values Award**
- ◆ Joel Collinson - 5/6R
 - ◆ Paige Nicolson - 5/6J
 - ◆ Hayley Allen - 2R

WORLD MATHS DAY ~ USING 'MATHLETICS'



Students recently took home a note in relation to the on-line resource 'Mathletics', which the school trialled in Term 4 of last year.

Normally this program would cost \$99.00 per student however we have received a special offer for 2008. The cost is \$10 per student or \$20 per family. What a bargain!!



Students love Mathletics as it captivates and challenges students in a stimulating, interactive environment. 'Mathletics' improves results and motivates

students to strive for better results. It's easy to use and students can access the resources of 'Mathletics' at the click of a button.

Please return the note with the payment as soon as possible to your child's class teacher. Many thanks.

YEAR 2 RECORDER

Students in 2G and 2R are now playing the recorder every Tuesday. Ms Fraser is the co-ordinator of these lessons. Musical education benefits students in many ways, particularly in other academic subjects. At Woolgoolga Public School we aim to encourage all areas of learning, including music.

Envelopes have been sent home for payment of the recorders. Please return \$6.00 in the envelope as soon as possible. Many thanks.

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE 'POWER' TO SAVE

Teaching your child the all-important skills of money management and saving when they're young can empower them for success in the future. Commonwealth Bank Student Banking is a special initiative designed to do just that. The Student Banking Program runs each Tuesday at our school. For more information or a 'Super Saver Pack' please contact the school office.

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Maree Hartin Raelee Wright	Fri 7 Mar
CLOSED MONDAY	
Maree Hartin Loraine Webb	Tue 11 Mar
Maree Hartin Dot Falzon	Wed 12 Mar
Maree Hartin Sandy Butler	Thur 13 Mar



TIPS FOR ENCOURAGING GOOD BEHAVIOUR
KEEP PROMISES

AGREEMENTS

Stick to agreements. When you follow through on your promises, good or bad, your child learns to trust and respect you. So when you promise to go for a walk after he picks up his toys, make sure you have your walking shoes handy.

When you say you will leave the library if he doesn't stop running around, be prepared to leave straight away if he continues. No need to make a fuss about it—the more matter of fact, the better. This helps him feel more secure, as it creates a consistent and predictable environment.

<http://raisingchildren.net.au>

COMMUNITY NEWS

BEDWETTING INSTITUTE

A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed. For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300 135 796.

COFFS HARBOUR EARLY INTERVENTION

Sensory Integration Workshops will be held in 2008, bookings are essential. For further information please Ph: 6652 8080.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

After School Care

Short Street, Woolgoolga
 Phone 6654 8554 for information

Monday
to
Friday