

Seahorse Tales

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JUNE 5, 2008

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

STUDENT REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

All staff are currently preparing student reports. These reports will follow a software format supplied by the Department of Education and Training.

These reports support the government's initiative around the concept of clear, 'plain English' reports.

The reports will be with you all on Thursday 26 June.

After this, parent/carer/student/teacher interviews will be conducted. It is expected that all parents and carers will take up the opportunity to meet and discuss their child's progress.

Letters inviting you to interview will follow in the next few weeks.

EISTEDDFOD

On Tuesday Mrs Jenny Read, Ms Kerrienne Holani and Mr Chris Browne took 36 of our year 1 and 2 students to participate in the Coffs Eisteddfod. They looked splendid in their school uniform and they did our school proud, performing beautifully, singing two songs.

Thank you to these teachers for their wonderful work in getting these kids to this.

PARENT TRANSPORT TO SPORTING ACTIVITIES

As a general reminder to all parents who are happy to provide transport to sporting and other events; the school needs to make a copy of your current drivers licence and registration papers.

In addition to this the accompanying parent needs to sign a 'Child Protection' declaration here at the office.

These documents are kept under confidential cover here at the school office.

Without these documents no parent is able to transport other children on a school activity.

If there are not enough parents who are happy to volunteer to support with transport, and provide these documents, an event may need to be cancelled.

We rely heavily on the good will of parents supporting these activities, because the costs of hiring buses for limited numbers of students makes the activity very expensive.

Thank you for your support in this.

Cheers

Graeme Ross, Principal

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY WITH DANIELA HAGL

FROM DANIELA'S DESK

During the day I have had many requirements including budgeting, checking classes, going to assemblies, reading a story to kindergarten class, handing out awards, answering the phone, making announcements, talking to the press and much more.



Daniela Hagl undertaking her role as 'Principal for the Day' at WPS

I have learnt a lot during the day, such as that being a principal is much harder than it looks, you have many responsibilities and every one of them are important. I have learnt more about the school and what the role of the principal really is.

Being principal was a great honour for myself and I am very glad that I was chosen.

Daniela Hagl,
Principal for a Day



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Junior Rugby League, Bellingen	Fri 6 Jun
Queens Birthday Public Holiday	Mon 9 Jun
ICAS Writing and Spelling Comps	Thur 12 Jun
Free Ear Checks PBP (0-18yrs)	Thur 12 Jun

CONGRATULATIONS!

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Sheldon Koopmans KD
- ◆ Kea Murray KD
- ◆ Tahlia Few KF
- ◆ Beau Pearce KF
- ◆ Sarah Goodman KK
- ◆ Niam Semple 1B
- ◆ Mani Bates 2G
- ◆ Pavan Mullee 2G
- ◆ Isabella Heron 2R
- ◆ Salina Chahal 3/4C
- ◆ Zac Murray 3/4E
- ◆ Emma Bramich 4/5C
- ◆ Chris Smith 5/6J
- ◆ Luke Williams 5/6R

Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Damian McTighe 4/5C

Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Beau Pearce KF
- ◆ Amber Hewitt 5/6M

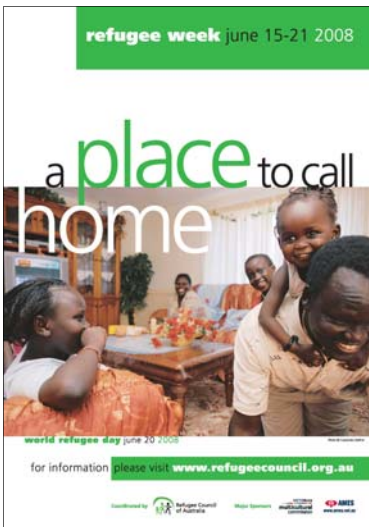
All parents and carers are welcome to attend 'Friday Assemblies' This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by **Jake Hoyle and Imogen McPherson of 2G** Stages 2-3 (12:20pm) will host a special Multicultural Presentation

REFUGEE WEEK 2008 ~JUNE 15-21**Theme: 'A Place to Call Home'**

Refugee Week 2008 will be celebrated from Sunday, June 15 to Saturday, June 21, to coincide with World Refugee Day (June 20).

About the theme for Refugee Week

The theme for Refugee Week in Australia is 'A Place to Call Home'. For World Refugee Day in 2008, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is globally promoting the theme of 'refugee protection', whether that's shelter or fair treatment or the right to seek asylum.



The theme aims to encourage people to think about the global themes of protection and human rights by focusing on the fundamental right to a secure place to call home. It encourages Australians to think about our common obligations to people who have no secure home, as well as to acknowledge the 700,000 refugees and humanitarian migrants over the past 60 years who have made Australia their home.

MULTICULTURAL DAY AT WPS ~ WEDS JUNE 18

To coincide with Refugee Week, our school will be holding a Multicultural Day on Wednesday 18 June.

Mrs Pam Singh and the Multicultural Committee have been busy organising rotational multicultural activities for our students. The day promises to be a great learning opportunity for everyone involved. A program of the various activities will be sent home soon.

A LETTER OF 'CONGRATULATIONS' ~ WPS ART GALLERY**Dear Mr Ross**

Having visited the Art Show on Tuesday evening I am writing to offer my congratulations to the students and teaching staff. Besides being a very attractive exhibition, it demonstrated that, not only is there considerable artistic talent in the students, a lot of hard work has gone into providing them with the opportunity to develop and exhibit their work.

With lots of emphasis on sporting achievements in our communities, it is rewarding to see our local primary schools focusing on fostering the creative talents and individuality of students.

Congratulations again,

'A Community Member'

A NEW STOVE FOR OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF THE SIMSON FAMILY

The canteen wishes to extend a HUGE thank you to the Simson family, (**Scot, Kellie, Symantha, Sherydan and Sophy Simson**), for their generous donation of a new Chef stove, a much needed piece of equipment, to help with the daily preparation of lunches. Thank you!

MORE COMPUTERS FOR OUR STUDENTS!

This week our school received another eleven IBM desktop computers for our students! This brings the grand total of computers, accessible, at any one time by students, to '100', making us one of the most well equipped public schools on the North Coast.

Rowen McRae, Computer Coordinator

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS

Just a reminder that envelopes, to place orders, will be sent home next Tuesday, 10 June.

THE RALLY FROM LONDON TO MELBOURNE—2008

Written by Kye Goodman 4/5C

Me, my Pop and Nan have rebuilt a 1927 Ford race car, it is a Bean. It runs on four cylinders, it goes to 40km per hour. It will be flown to London. They start then. They drive through London, get on a boat, come to Darwin, and drive from Darwin to Melbourne.



Last year I rode a 1907 Ford back to the Bean!! Pop put it on the dino, the sound was sick. It took two months but It sounds better.

NEWS ARTICLES ~ OUR COMMUNITY LANGUAGE & ESL PROGRAMS



ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)

This year we have five new students to our school from Mongolia and India. They have written about their experiences at Woolgoolga Public School.

Mrs Dasion Singh, ESL Teacher

A STORY BY NAMUUN

My name is Namuun. My family comes from Mongolia. My Mum and sister came to Australia. I like it here because there are nice things around me here. My family likes dolphins.

The name of my school is WPS and class is 3/4M. My teacher's names are Mrs Singh and Mr McKeough. I like maths, D.E.A.R. and D.E.A.D.

I like playing piano with Mr Browne. I like playing silent ball with Mrs Singh.

Written by Namuun 3/4M

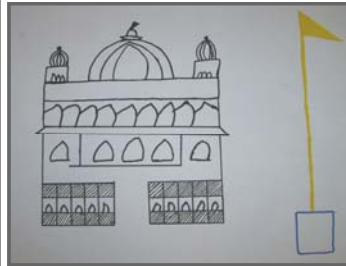
ABOUT COMMUNITY LANGUAGE

The Community Language program was introduced to our school in 1995.

Through the Community Language program we expose all students from Years K to 6 to the Punjabi Language and culture. **Ms Pam Singh, Community Language Teacher**

BAISAKHI

Written by Jasmine Chahal 5/6J



To the Sikhs the importance of Baisakhi is both historical and religious.

It was on April 13 in 1699 when Guru Gobind ji gave the Sikhs a new name Singh and Kaur.

At Baisakhi Sikhs were given a new identity making them distinctively different in physical appearance. It was then that Sikhs started to wear turbans and keep long hair.

At Gurdwara's all over the world at Baisakhi, there is a short ceremony where the Nishan Sahib (flag) is replaced with a new one.

ਮੇਰਾ ਨਾਮ ਨਮੂਨਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਮੈਂ ਆਸਟ੍ਰੇਲੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੱਸ ਰਹਿੰਦੀ ਹਾਂ। ਮੇਰੀ ਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਭੈਣ ਮੇਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਆਈਆਂ ਹਨ। ਮੈਂ ਆਸਟ੍ਰੇਲੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਮੈਂ ਮਾਂਗੋਲੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਰਹਿੰਦੀ ਸੀ। ਮੈਂ ਆਸਟ੍ਰੇਲੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਪਿਛਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਹੋਸ਼ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਮੈਂ ਆਸਟ੍ਰੇਲੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਪਿਛਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਹੋਸ਼ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਮੈਂ ਆਸਟ੍ਰੇਲੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਪਿਛਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਹੋਸ਼ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਸੀ।

Computer ਤੇ ਖਿਡਾਰੀ ਹੋਣੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹਨ। ਮੇਰੀਆਂ ਸਹੇਲੀਆਂ Jasmine, Simran, Tia, Demi, Brianna ਹਨ। ਮੈਂ Drawing ਅਤੇ Maths ਚੰਗੇ ਪੜ੍ਹਦੀ ਹਾਂ। ਮੈਂ ਆਸਟ੍ਰੇਲੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਪਿਛਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਹੋਸ਼ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਸੀ।

by - Amanjot - Kandola.
5/6J



A STORY BY SIMRAN

Written by Simran Heera 5/6J

My name is Simran Kaur Heera. At my school in Rajasthan, India there were 300 other students. I am now in 5/6J at WPS. I do not miss my friends because when I am feeling sad I can play with my cousins Simran, Monty, Isha Maan. I like Woolgoolga Public School because I have lots of new friends, Jasmine, Amanjot, Tia, Madi, Demi, Brianna and Page. My favourite subject is maths and I like my teachers Mrs Martin and Mrs Singh. I enjoyed the 100th year Celebrations of G Block. I like talking to our principal Mr Ross.

WEBSITES OF THE WEEK



Imagination Cubed

This is a simple online drawing site that allows students to create and then send their work to an email address. It includes tools such as lines, stampers, shapes and text. Guaranteed to be lots of fun for all the family. Just follow the link below:

<http://www.imaginationcubed.com>

Recommended by DET's North Coast Learning Systems

Read Kym Lardner's books online!



This wonderful site allows you to read a selection of Kym's books online! From 1981 to 1992 Kym wrote and illustrated four picture books which altogether sold 130,000 copies in Australia, England and Canada. They are hard to find in bookshops now but you can read them in many libraries,

including our very own school library. Or, you can follow the link below and then click on the book of your choice. You will be delighted with the beautiful illustrations.

<http://www.kymlardner.com/books.html>

Interestingly, Kym is still waiting for some of his books to be published BUT you can read these online too. You will be absolutely fascinated with this selection!

<http://www.kymlardner.com/unpublished.html>

THINKING: SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN



School-age children are able to absorb new information quickly and are excited by learning.

You can help stimulate your child's excitement about learning by finding out what subjects interest them. For example, by encouraging and

supporting your child's new love of sea urchins or train timetables or Japanese warriors, you help your child to absorb more information.

Play ideas to encourage thinking

To encourage your child's thinking through play you can:

- ◆ provide challenging puzzles
- ◆ play board games together
- ◆ read books and tell jokes and riddles together
- ◆ introduce your child to basic magic tricks
- ◆ do simple crosswords and word-finders
- ◆ play building and construction games
- ◆ play card games.

<http://raisingchildren.net.au>

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CANTEEN ROSTER



Maree Hartin Raelee Wright	Fri 6 Jun
CLOSED MONDAY	Mon 9 Jun
Maree Hartin Dot Falzon	Tue 10 Jun
Maree Hartin Sandy Butler	Wed 11 Jun
Maree Hartin Scot Simson	Thur 12 Jun

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Please note that all monies and sponsorship forms are to be returned to the school by Friday 6 June. All blank (unused) forms also need to be returned. Thank you.

Jan Martin, Assistant Principal

BAND NOTES

Next Tuesday, 10 June, there will be no music lessons because I will be at the Opera House with some of our recorder players. Students have not been charged for lessons on that day. Lessons will return to normal on Tuesday 17 June.

Nicola Fraser, Music Tutor

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE PARENTS' WORKSHOP

Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in crashes involving injuries or deaths. That's why the RTA has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers. To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the RTA has set up **FREE** two-hour workshops for parents and supervising drivers offering practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.



**Wednesday 18 June 2008
Coffs Harbour Ex-Services
Club 7:00-9:00pm**

To ensure your registration,
or to find out more phone
Coffs Harbour City Council
Ph: 6648 4403

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