

# Seahorse Tales

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### MULTICULTURAL DAY

Next Wednesday our school will be well and truly alive with festivities. Multicultural Australia is being celebrated here at Woolgoolga Public School with a range of activities including African drumming, Aboriginal painting, Sikh dancing team (to open the day), and Henna decorating ...amongst other activities. (*Can't wait!*)

There will be a special note about this going to all carers and families tomorrow.

This event is to coincide with *Refugee Week*, next week.

### UNIFORM

Woolgoolga Public School is a uniform wearing school. It is expected all students will be in full school uniform. We like all students to be correctly attired even though it is winter. Hats are part of our uniform.

If this is an issue the school can assist if needed; please contact the front office to arrange to speak with me.

Thank you to those parents who are providing a note to explain why their child/ren may be out of uniform on a particular day. Much appreciated.

### P & C MEETING

Next Tuesday evening there will be a P & C meeting. It commences at 7:00pm in the staffroom here at school.

All parents and carers are invited.

### Cheers

**Graeme Ross, Principal**

### WANT TO RECEIVE THE

### SEAHORSE TALES VIA EMAIL?



If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter via email, just drop us a line. It's a great way to see all the wonderful pictures in colour.

Just email us at the address below and we will add you to our contact list.

[woolgoolga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:woolgoolga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

### A SPECIAL INVITATION

### WILL BE SENT HOME TOMORROW

### 'A Celebration of Cultures'

An invitation, extended to parents, carers and family members, will be sent home tomorrow.



The invitation will give details of an exciting day planned for **Wednesday 18 June** at WPS, to share a celebration of cultures.



Pictured above is Ms Kerry Dibb

Our Multicultural Committee has been very busy, and has organised lots of exciting activities for our students.

Watch for your invitation!

We hope you can join us all on the 18 June.

It promises to be a great learning experience for our students.

**Pam Singh, on behalf of the Multicultural Committee**

### COMMUNITY LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The Community Language Program at WPS has been implemented in order to reflect the strength of the Sikh community in Woolgoolga.

Punjabi language education enhances cross cultural communication and positive self-concept by encouraging students of various backgrounds to learn together and with each other.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend 'Friday Assemblies'  
This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by **Myadah Elsair** and **Cavan Lalli** of 2R  
Stages 2-3 (12:20pm) will be hosted by **5/6M**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

North Coast PSSA Cross Country	Fri 13 Jun
National Whale Day ~ Coffs Jetty	Sat 14 Jun
P&C Meeting 7:00pm WPS	Tues 17 Jun
Multicultural Day & Refugee Wk (15-21)	Weds 18 Jun

## CONGRATULATIONS!

- ◆ Ethan Duncombe KD
- ◆ Stephen Kelsey KD
- ◆ Ainsley Wadwell KD
- ◆ Alex Greenhalgh KF
- ◆ Jasdeep Singh KK
- ◆ Sangam Singh KK
- ◆ Mya Thompson KK
- ◆ Bailie Duroux 1B
- ◆ Lachlan Jenkins 2G
- ◆ Noah Pilon 2G
- ◆ Karn Brocklehurst 2R
- ◆ Myadah Elsair 2R
- ◆ Cavan Lalli 2R
- ◆ Sherydan Simson 2R
- ◆ Liam Smart 2R
- ◆ James Bhorla 3/4C
- ◆ Caleb McInerney 3/4C
- ◆ Amrit Tiwana 3/4C
- ◆ Gursevak Singh 3/4E
- ◆ Tyler Wisdom 3/4M
- ◆ Brady Lang 5/6R

### Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Isabella Heron 2R
- ◆ Luke Williams 5/6R

### Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Myadah Elsair 2R
- ◆ Jake Vandermeel 5/6R

**CONGRATULATIONS MEISA**

**Meisa Elsair** has qualified to compete in the North Coast PSSA Cross Country championships, to be held on Friday 13 June at Murwillumbah.



Meisa worked hard to make the championships by coming 1st in the WPS 8-9yrs Cross Country event, 3rd in the District and 4th in the North Coast events.

**Well done Meisa! Have a wonderful day!**

**OUR SCHOOL FOYER IS UNDERGOING A FACELIFT!**

We apologise for the unsightly mess in the school foyer at the moment as it undergoes a much needed facelift!

We hope that our new furniture will arrive within the next few weeks, so keep watching! We feel sure you'll approve of the end result - improved ambience and comfort.

**WANT TO HELP OUR PLANET & OUR SCHOOL?**

**Old Mobile Phones Wanted ~ No Matter What Condition!!**



Simply bring in your unwanted mobile phone, no matter its age or condition and drop it off at the school office. This not only helps the planet but it helps our school to raise funds too!

It is estimated that there are 16 million old mobile phones just lying around work places and home drawers alone. These phones contain toxins that must not find their way into landfill sites.

By dropping off old mobile phones at WPS you can be assured that all old phones will be recycled to the highest standards, in accordance with the international standards organisation ISO 14001.

So ... please go looking ... dig out those old mobile phones from home ... set up a collection box at your workplace ... or simply ask your neighbours, relatives or friends to help too.

**By doing so our school will receive \$2.50 for every old mobile phone it collects, and funds will go back into much needed resources for our students.**

Did you know that one misplaced mobile phone battery could potentially pollute 600,000 litres of water!

**Maxine McClelland, Administrative Manager**

**WEBSITE OF THE WEEK****Life Education Australia - Healthy Harold**

Life Education Australia recently launched an exciting new children's educational website (follow the link below). The site is highly recommended to parents.

Life Education Australia warns however, that in the interest of child safety, parents ensure that children only use the following web address, so that links are not made to inappropriate sites.

Life Education Australia always encourages parents to be vigilant in supervising their children's use of the internet in general to ensure they are not exposed to any unnecessary dangers.

The following website offers a safe and fun learning experience.

<http://www.healthyharold.org.au>

**SPORTS NEWS****BELLINGEN 11 ASIDE RUGBY LEAGUE COMPETITION**

Last Friday 6 June the senior and junior boys rugby league teams travelled to Bellingen Sportsground, for the Rugby League Carnival, courtesy of some wonderful parents who volunteered their time.

Both teams played exceptionally well and will be attending the finals at Bellingen in a couple of weeks time.

A huge thanks to all those parents who made the day possible with offers of lifts and support.

**Rowan McRae & Dave Firth, RL Coordinators**

**NETBALL**

On 5 June students from WPS travelled to Woolgoolga netball courts. The students competed against Corindi. The captains were **Lynette Hand** and **Cristal Atkinson**.

Woolgoolga won 12-5. It was a fantastic game. After the game Woolgoolga students received a treat for a good game and Corindi received a treat for good sportsmanship.

**Cristal Atkinson 5/6J & Lynette Hand 5/6M**

**NORCO COMMUNITY CASH CAPS ~ RAISES HUGE FUNDS!**

Thank you to all of our families who continue to save the Norco milk bottle caps for our school.

Our last collection of Community Cash Caps raised a grand total of \$548.70! Funds raised will go back into the purchase of resources for our students.

**Thanks to all families for your ongoing support.**

**DATE FOR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Wednesday 2nd July (last week of term).

**GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CONVENTION (GLC) 2008**

On Wednesday 4th June five of our lucky WPS students, accompanied by **Ms Tanya Molloy** the teacher librarian, attended this year's GLC in Coffs Harbour. This year, World Vision's GLC's delved deeper than ever before into issues of global poverty, by inviting student leaders to immerse themselves in the world and work of child labourers.



*Northern Beaches Students attending the GLC*

- Through simulation experience students:
- ◆ intimately experienced what a child labourer might feel and think;
  - ◆ learnt about the economic realities that drive child labour, and
  - ◆ understood the ways in which we are all connected to child labour via the global consumer market.

Through learning, listening and discussing issues students:

- ◆ gained skills, tools and confidence to be leaders in creating change;
- ◆ made decisions as consumers that can bring about change, and
- ◆ became inspired to make a difference.

## GLC '08 - DIGGING DEEPER THAN EVER BEFORE

*The day proved to be an invaluable experience for our five student leaders.*

*Upon their return to school they were asked to share their experience and knowledge with their peers.*

### **AN ACCOUNT OF THE DAY ~ DIGGING DEEPER THAN EVER BEFORE**

***Experienced by WPS students who attended the convention.***

On Wednesday the 4th of June, Brannon, Gabby, Maddy, Daniella and Paige went to the Global Leadership Convention.

First we made name tags and badges for fun. Then we got serious!



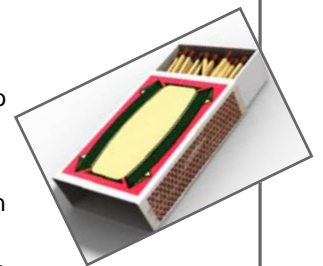
We were each given a passport and had to be the person who was in it, and take on some of the things in their life.

We were first sold so our Mum and Dad could live and have some money, We were sold to a company and were made to make match boxes, that would be sold.

If we used too much glue or we broke a matchbox they would be thrown in the bin. We were given glue, scissors, paper and a pen to make the matchboxes. If we were talking or not working we got the stamps on our passports cancelled. Some kids do this for 16 hours a day. We only did it for one and a half hours.

We then watched a movie about a girl who's Mum and Dad had died and she has to look after her five brothers and sisters. She can't go to school and has to work in a full time job. She has to get up every day at 5:30am to go to work.

Her job is to look through piles of rubbish to find things to sell. She has no shoes and is bruised and cut.



### **WHERE TO FROM HERE?**

To help children and families that live in poverty around the world our school will take part in some fundraising activities in August. We will let you know closer to the date the exciting activities we have planned.

**HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS**



Friendships are important for happiness and well-being. Children can be cruel, often excluding others from peer groups, often for no apparent reason. Sometimes it can be very lonely for children or young people who find

themselves isolated from peer groups or without a best friend.

**Bright Ideas for helping children make friends**

- ◆ If possible, establish a dialogue with your child about friendships so that you can offer support when there are difficulties and provide some ideas when needed.
- ◆ Identify and discuss any behaviours such as teasing, bullying or self-centredness that may prevent your child from making friends. Sometimes a child's remarks can irritate others to the extent that he/she is ostracised.
- ◆ Teach some social skills such as how to start up a conversation and how to hold the interest of others during a conversation.
- ◆ Provide opportunities for your child to make friends at your place after school or during weekends so that friendships can develop. An invitation to bring a friend along to a family outing can provide opportunities to strengthen friendships.
- ◆ Encourage your child to participate in 'out-of-school' activities or groups that may provide opportunities to meet new people away from the peer groups at school. Friendships formed through shared interests are very strong.
- ◆ Encourage your child to take up a challenging or interesting activity so that he/she becomes a more interesting person for others to be around.

**VACATION CARE ACTIVITIES ~ END OF TERM 2**

The end of term Vacation Care Activities Program is now available.

Copies are available at the school office, or can simply be downloaded from our school website:

<http://www.wooloolga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/about-us.html>

Please note that, during the school holidays there will be some building improvements taking place, to the Short Street building, therefore the vacation care program will be held within our school facilities.

For more information about After School Care or Vacation Care please contact the coordinator on Ph: 6654 8554.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**



Maree Hartin Raelee Wright	Fri 13 Jun
<b>CLOSED MONDAY</b>	<b>Mon 16 Jun</b>
Maree Hartin Lorraine Webb	Tue 17 Jun
Maree Hartin Dot Falzon	Wed 18 Jun
Maree Hartin Sandy Butler	Thur 19 Jun

**ANSWER TO THE QUIZ IN ISSUE 5 OF THE SEAHORSE TALES ~ WHAT IS A 'CRWTH'!**

The crwth is an archaic stringed musical instrument, bearing a resemblance to the classical lyre, with the addition of a bow. It is associated particularly with Wales and is said to have been played there for at least one thousand years! Hence its association with Eisteddfods of years gone by!



A special thanks to **Mrs Dee Neale** for providing this photograph of a crwth, pronounced 'crooth'.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**NATIONAL WHALE DAY**

An event not to be missed, Saturday **14 June**, a fun day of whale-themed activities is planned to take place around Coffs Harbour Jetty. Starting at 10:00am to 2:30pm, with the parade at 11:00am.

**INTERESTED IN BLUES AND JAZZ MUSIC?**



The Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery is conducting a number of musical salons this June.

On Saturday, **14 June**, from 3:00 to 4:00pm, you'll be able to enjoy blues and jazz music by Julienne Mostyn and Warwick Gilbert. Refreshments will be available. No bookings are required. Entry \$5.00. For more information Ph: 6648 4861.

**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, Wooloolga.

Monday  
to  
Friday