

# Seahorse Tales

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### KINDERGARTEN 2009 ORIENTATION PROGRAM

This morning saw the beginnings of our very successful Kindy orientation program. It was great to see so many parents and carers with their child, all ready to start in our program to get them ready for 'big school' in 2009.

Happy kids, loving coming to school and learning.

Thank you to Kerry Dibb – organiser, Judy Niven – P & C President, fellow Kindergarten teachers, and our front office staff, who worked tirelessly to get the materials organised.

The orientation program for the 'new' students will run for the rest of this term and into next term. Please see the front office for further details.

### NAPLAN TEST RESULTS

Parents and carers of students in years 3 & 5 can expect to have the reports on their child's progress within the next 2 weeks.

This is the test that has taken the place of the Basic Skills Tests, administered in past years to years 3 & 5.

It is now an Australia wide test and so I'm sure will provide some very interesting results.

### Fathers' Day P & C stall

Tomorrow is the traditional Fathers' day stall run by our wonderful P&C. Racinda Koopmans, one of our fantastic parents, together with a band of helpers, have put together the most incredible range of items for sale. It is brilliant, and I'm sure any Dad would be proud to receive one of the gifts from the stall.

All students will have the opportunity to 'shop', with a class roster organised for classes to visit the school hall throughout the day.

Gifts range from 50c to \$5.00 with all money going to our P&C, to further support our school.

**Cheers**

**Graeme Ross, Principal**

## CAN WE CONTACT YOU IN AN EMERGENCY?

Do we have your current contact details?

YES  NO

Does the emergency contact person for your child still have the same phone number/s? (ie.no's provided to the school)

YES  NO

If you answered 'no', to one or both of these questions, please contact the school office as soon as possible to update your child's records.



If your child becomes sick at school, or has an accident, we want to be sure we can contact you as soon as possible.

To help us to look after your child please advise the school office of any changes to

your home, business or emergency contact persons' phone numbers.

Due to the high levels of sickness in the community at present we urge you to review your contact details at your earliest convenience.

**Thank you for your assistance.**

### WHAT'S GREEN, OFTEN GETS LOST AND HAS ABOUT 160 ARMS?

No this is not this week's Brain Teaser!

But, if you want to know the answer it's available in our 'Lost Property'.

At least 80 odd green school jumpers have lost their owners.

**Can you help please!**

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

This week Stage 1 (10:20am) will be hosted by **Humraj Singh** and **Innogen Armitage of 2G**

Stages 2-3 (12:20pm) will present an item by **5/6M**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fathers Day Stall	Fri 5 Sept
Y6 Excursion Sydney/Canberra	Sun 7 Sept
P&C Meeting	Tue 16 Sept
Kindergarten Orientation Day 2	Wed 17 Sept

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Brooke Stewart KK
- ◆ Mya Thompson KK
- ◆ Joshua Grgovic 1B
- ◆ Madison Jurotte-McVey 1B
- ◆ Chelsea Mallett 1B
- ◆ Lily O'Brien 1B
- ◆ Jakob Underwood 1H
- ◆ Jesse Bertolacci 2G
- ◆ Shaquille Logan 2G
- ◆ Noah Pilon 2G
- ◆ Jasraj Sidhu 2G
- ◆ Kartar Singh-Thiara 2G
- ◆ Liam Smart 2R
- ◆ Jaspreet Singh 3/4C
- ◆ Hana Truban 3/4C
- ◆ Marcus Grgovic 3/4M
- ◆ Tanisha Lalli 3/4M
- ◆ Brenden Downton 5/6R

### Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Zoe Batty 2G
- ◆ Elizabeth Noonan 5/6J



### Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Solomon Fangupo 3/4E
- ◆ Behn Swatten 3/4M
- ◆ Naomi Rankins 3/4M

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPS****Winner of the Pizza Party ~ (return of school survey)****Congratulations 1H**

Your pizza's will be delivered in time for lunch on Friday 5 September.

Thank you to all families, for your assistance in returning the surveys.

**Bon Appetite 1H!**

**Fathers' Day Stall Friday 5 September**

Tomorrow's Fathers' Day Stall will offer a huge range of beautifully packaged gifts for that important person in your child's life. Key rings, door plaques, sweets, cards, gardening tools, fun pencils, bottles of hot chilli sauce and lots, lots more, ranging from 50c to \$5.00.



Pictured above: Racinda Koopmans with just a small selection of colourful gifts that will be available for sale tomorrow

A special thanks to the P&C Committee, and especially Racinda for her professional expertise in the presentation of items available. **'Happy Father's Day'**, for Sunday, to all of our dads and carers. Enjoy!

**Yr6 Head to Sydney & Canberra Sunday 7 September**

The bus will be leaving WPS, on Sunday, at 8:30pm. Mr. Ross, Mrs Martin, Mrs Singh and Ms Neale are all looking forward to accompanying students.

**Important message:** please remember to supply all medication to the school office (required for the entire trip), before Friday. **Also**, if your child requires **travel tablets on Sunday** please note the tablets are to be administered **by parents half an hour before departure**.

**Have a wonderful trip Year 6!**

It will be great to hear about your time in Canberra, Sydney and the snow ('brrr'), on your return, and we promise to share some of your wonderful experiences with our readers.

**WPS WEBSITE OF THE WEEK****NASA Kids****Play and Learn!**

Follow Buzz Lightyear on board the space shuttle Discovery; put jumbled jets in the correct order for take-off; or test your skills to see if you can **add** as fast as a rocket!

<http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/k-4/index.html>

**WE NOTICED THAT ...**

- ◆ **Dean Bevan Keller** of KD is really helpful to others during 2nd half play in the library.
- ◆ **Michael Cubby** of KF is beginning to read books to the teacher.
- ◆ **Macy Stewart** of 1H has a beautiful singing voice and knows all the words to our school song.
- ◆ **Elijah Woods** of 5/6R gave up his computer so a class mate could have a turn.
- ◆ **Baillie Duroux** of 1B is always very helpful in the computer room.
- ◆ **Jason McInerney** of KD has absolutely beautiful handwriting.

**TIME TO LAUGH**

Q. Why was the piano sitting out on the porch?

A. Because it forgot its keys!

Q. Why wasn't Cinderella good at sports?

A. Because her coach was a pumpkin !

**DANCE CLASSES ARE A FUN WAY TO DO FITNESS**

*(Quote: Christian Wiggins 3/4E)*

**Other thoughts from 3/4E**

We have learnt lots of new dance moves with Miss Kat. She is teaching us hip-hop dancing and we love the loud music. We are looking forward to our dance concert.

- ◆ **Bryce:** 'Miss Kat is an excellent teacher because she lets us do fun dancing'
- ◆ **Brock:** 'We learn new moves to make good dances'
- ◆ **Brandon:** 'It's good to have an expert dance teacher to show us how to dance'
- ◆ **Jack:** 'It's fun to do really good, fast dance moves'
- ◆ **Oskar:** 'Miss Kat is pretty and she is a really good dancer'

**Thoughts from 3/4C**

Every Thursday we enjoy dance classes in the school hall with dance instructor Miss Kat. Here is what some of 3/4 class members have to say:

- ◆ **Elizabeth:** 'It's lots of fun!'
- ◆ **Meisa:** 'We've learnt some great moves'
- ◆ **Emily:** 'We look forward to Thursday'
- ◆ **Jessicah:** 'It's great exercise too'

**'Our dance concert is on Thursday 25 Sept at 2:30 all parents of Yr 3-4 students are welcome'**

# Maths Activity Day ~ Literacy & Numeracy Week

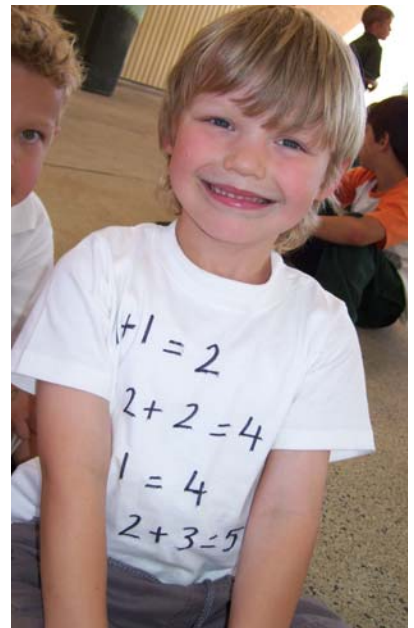


Students from K-6 enjoyed an action packed Maths Day on Monday 1st September, as part of Literacy and Numeracy Week at WPS.

A huge range of problem solving activities were offered to students on a rotational schedule, and everyone agreed that learning Maths can be lots of fun!

With smiles all round, students ended the day wanting to learn more!

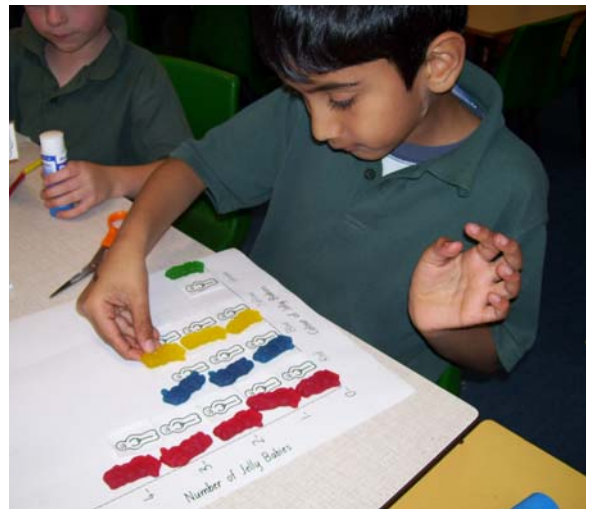
Thanks go to Mrs Martin for coordinating the day.



- Students focused on:**
- Space
  - Geometry
  - Data
  - Position
  - Area
  - Patterns
  - Algebra
  - Volume
  - Capacity
  - Operations
  - Chance
  - Mass
  - Fractions
  - Decimals
  - ... WOW! ...



**Maths certainly can be lots of fun!**



**BRAIN TEASERS**

**Q.1** ~ A bag full of groceries weigh 2 kilos. A man puts something else in the bag and it now weighs less. What did he put in the bag?



**Q.2** ~ All of Mrs. Perkins' pets are dogs except one, and all her pets are cats except one. How many cats and dogs does she have?

**Answers to last week's Brain Teasers**

**Q.1** ~ The answer was the letter 'N'.  
 (Many students thought the answer could have been 'bats'; others thought 'frost'. Great try, keep your thinking caps handy)  
**Q.2** ~ -You would be coming 2nd!

**Congratulations** goes to **Sherydan Simson** of 2R, the first person to hand in the correct answers ~ great work!

**HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS ~ LITERACY & NUMERACY**

**Signposts to success**

**Parents and teachers working together are the very best support for a child's educational success**

Literacy and numeracy skills form crucial building blocks in children's lives.

- ◆ Literacy is the ability to read, write, speak and listen to language in a way that allows us to communicate with others and make sense of the world.
- ◆ Numeracy helps us use mathematics effectively to meet the general demands of day-to-day life at home, at work and in society.

**What parents can do**



Parents' and carers' support and encouragement are vital to their child's education.

There are everyday ways that parents can help their children improve literacy and numeracy skills.

- ◆ Draw attention to the literacy and numeracy that happens in daily life.
- ◆ Be positive about learning mathematics.
- ◆ Read with their child from books and magazines, to maps and timetables.
- ◆ Encourage their child to talk about their experiences.
- ◆ Value books and learning.
- ◆ Encourage their child to use the library for pleasure as well as to find information.
- ◆ Stay in touch with their child's school and school activities.
- ◆ Focus on literacy and numeracy development in talks with classroom teachers.
- ◆ Be positive about learning.

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**WPS SCHOOL CANTEEN**



**OPEN: Tuesday to Friday**

**CLOSED: Mondays**

*If you would like to help out, our canteen manager, Maree Hartin would love to hear from you.*

**COOKING WITH KIDS**

**Crack-an-Egg Pies**

**Ingredients**

- 12 slices wholemeal bread with the crusts removed
- 75g butter, softened
- 12 x 50g eggs
- 3 spring onions, chopped
- 3/4 cup corn kernels
- 1 cup grated Australian Swiss-style cheese
- Paprika, for sprinkling



**Method**

1. Flatten slices of bread with a rolling pin. Spread both sides with butter and press into muffin tins.
2. Crack an egg in the centre of each bread case, and sprinkle with onion, corn, cheese and paprika.
3. Bake at 180°C for 20 minutes or until the egg has set. Makes 12.

**Tip:** Make use of the crusts by brushing with melted butter, coating in grated Parmesan cheese and baking at 200°C for 10-15 minutes or until crisp and golden. Serve with dip or eat as a snack.

**Recipe courtesy of Dairy Australia's Test Kitchen**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

*Woolgoolga Public School does not endorse or make any recommendation concerning community notices*

**Northern District Junior Cricket Club**

**Under 10s,11s,13s and 15s boys and girls**

Registration days: 6 Sept 9-12:00, 14 Sept 9-12:00, 17 Sept 4-5:00, 20 Sept 9-12:00 Centennial Oval. Enquiries contact Peter Holmes 6654 7081.

**Junior Touch Football 9 Yrs & Over**

The season starts first Weds Term 4, for 9 years and over. Registration 17 & 24 Sept, 4:00 to 4:30pm. Enquiries contact Peta Fairbairn on 6656 2255.

**Kids Touch 5-8 years**

Term 4, for ten weeks. Registration 17 & 24 Sept, 4:00 to 4:30pm, Woolgoolga sports fields. Enquiries contact Julie Wales on 6654 9141.

**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