

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

I have been pleasantly encouraged by the participation of students in this important program. Given that we all live so close to water it is great to see that so many of our students are able to swim, with those that can't, learning how to swim here in this intensive swimming program.

I visited the pool twice this week to watch the 'action' as kids were grouped and supported to try 'new things' in the water. Some kids can swim quite well, while others are very timid when it comes to water. The staff teaching the program are very supportive, always ensuring that students are well catered to and looked after.

YEAR 6 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Yesterday, together with Mr Trevor Cowling I had the pleasure of judging the year 6 public speaking competition. Eight students competed for the award to be presented on Presentation Day, by Mr Trevor Cowling. What was brilliant in addition to the students was the tremendous organisation by Mrs Sharon Rovere. Outstanding and thank you.

The winner was Jasmine Chahal, with a wonderful speech on *Peer Pressure*. Well done to all speakers though.

COMMUNITY MEETING ~ WEDS 3 DECEMBER

John Arkan, a parent within our community, and also a Coffs councillor is convening a special meeting for our community next Wednesday in our WPS school hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to form a community residence organisation for the Northern Beaches to form a close link with the Council about important issues. The meeting commences at 6:30pm and it would be great to see people from our school community here.

PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS

Speaking of community, I am 'blown away' by the donations that have flowed into our school supporting the prize giving and awards that will be made on December 9.

It is truly wonderful that our school attracts such support when it comes to recognising student achievements. Thank you, we are lucky to have such a caring community.

Cheers
Graeme Ross, Principal

CO-OPERATION AT ITS BEST

Stage 3 Hosts a Mini Fete

The mini fete, coordinated by Stage 3 students, was held last Friday 21 Nov.

The afternoon was a hive of activities ranging from ice-cream drink and cake stalls through to henna painting, sponge throwing, (Mr Dave Firth particularly enjoyed the wet sponge throwing activity!), and haunted houses (very realistic thanks to Mrs Goodenough).



Rhiannon (pic above) with some of her purchases

The day was a great success with children and adults obviously having a great time.

Thank you to all parents who supported their children in this feat of organisation and fun.

Congratulations to Stage 3 for a fantastic day, your organisational skills, creativity and cooperation were outstanding. It was a pleasure to work with you in preparing for and running this event.

Stage 3 raised \$1114-95 and will now consider what 'farewell gift' they may wish to purchase, or put their money towards purchasing, for the school.

Thanks again and congratulations!

Mrs Sharon Rovere, Rel. Asst. Principal

P&C RAFFLE ~ TO BE DRAWN 5 DECEMBER

There are a few days left to enter in the P&C Raffle. Tickets are still available at the school office. Don't miss out. There are some great prizes to be won.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Stage 2 Exc Port Macquarie	Fri 28 Nov
Kindy Pet Parade	Wed 3 Dec
P&C Lucky Prize- Draw (Raffle) at 9:10am Assembly	Fri 5 Dec
P&C Ice-Cream Day	Mon 8 Dec

CONGRATULATIONS!

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Jaxon Elliott KF
- ◆ Tahlia Few KF
- ◆ Beau Pearce KF
- ◆ Jagveer Singh KF
- ◆ Reagan Harris 1B
- ◆ Joshua Butterworth-Harvey 1H
- ◆ Adam Hennessy 2R
- ◆ Jaskaran Kandola 2R
- ◆ Renee Rovere 2R
- ◆ Sherydan Simson 2R
- ◆ Chloe-Thi Smith 2R
- ◆ Jake Rovere 4/5C
- ◆ Joshua Murray 5/6J
- ◆ Pavan Gill 5/6R

Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Niam Semple 1B
- ◆ Adam Hennessy 2R
- ◆ Zac Murray 3/4E

Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Alex Greenhalgh KF

Please Note: there will be no assemblies this week.

The next Stage 1 Assembly will be held in Week 9
The next Stage 2-3 Assembly will be held in Week 8
Certificates, or awards appearing on the front page of the newsletter will be presented at the next scheduled assembly.

Thoughts and ruminations from the boys' classes

This year has been my best year ever at school. Being in a boy's class has helped me to improve my reading and spelling because we practice every day in class. I love going out to fitness everyday. In the boy's class, sport and fitness is really important. We do Maths every day and play fun games to learn our lessons.

Written by Solomone Fangupo 3/4E

I love the boys' class because we play fun games to learn our lessons. I like playing 'Bottles' to learn my tables. *Rock and Water* lessons help me to stay in control and I love fitness every day.

Written by Bryce Nicolson 3/4E

The boys' class is a great class to help you with self esteem and is a fun class to be in. Some of the time the class will go out for a short fun time or a game. I have fun and am more confident now than I was a year ago. I like the *Rock and Water* program because it really helps me be more confident and teaches others to take care of bullying problems at school and outside of school. It's a great class and should stay around for years, and other schools should do it too.

Written by Michael Welna 5/6R

The boys' class is a great program. When I first came to a boys' class I was a bit nervous and shy but we did this thing called self esteem, it's where you write a sentence that's positive and say that to yourself, and my first one was to not be nervous, and now I'm confident and happy. I think people take into fact that people think we're all bad, but we're just normal kids.

Written by Brendan Thompson 5/6R

3/4 boys' are responsible for recycling. We like to keep our school clean. We like to help other classes stay tidy. Everyday we do fun fitness activities. Then we get to eat our fruit and listen to funny DVD stories.

Written by Brock Atkins 3/4E



The boys' class has been an incredible experience for me. When I was called out to be in the class I was dumbstruck. I couldn't see why I was chosen. I thought that it must have been a mistake. Before I was in the class I had always seen it as the class that the disobedient kids had to go to, but as the term went on I found that the class was completely different than what it was made out to be. It was a safe, friendly class that welcomed all of the newcomers with open arms. In no time I was having heaps of fun and meeting new, and some old friends. I have learnt to deal with certain situations in *Rock and Water*, and how to stand up for myself without a fight or a fuss. The boy's class may not seem like a good class at first glance but the class has been the best experience of my life so far. I assure you that the boy's class is fantastic and if you are selected to be in it you will surely agree.

Written by Luke Williams 5/6R



I like the boys' class because even when it's raining we have fitness under the COLA. Doing fitness helps me to be more calm and focused in class because I use up lots of energy. I like hockey too!

Written by Daniel Ridge 3/4E

Activities like swimming and *Rock and Water* have made me realise how strong a person I can be. Being in a boys' class has given me good self esteem and made me confident with myself.

Written by Jye Orcher 5/6R

The boys' class has been quite an adventure for me. When I was first told that I was in the boys' class I was a bit nervous and scared. Ben and I always thought that the boys' class was for naughty boys but it is not! The boys' class has been my most different year at school. Everyone in the class respects me, (I guess you could call me a bit of a nerd), and we all help each other with our strengths and weaknesses. Truly, the boys' class is the best class for education and a bit of fun!

Written by Jake Vandermeel 5/6R

We enjoy circuit training every Tuesday and it keeps us fit. I like gardening too. It's interesting learning how plants grow.

Written by Fletcher Tulloch 3/4E

Being in the boys' class has made me self confident and less shy. I enjoy having Mrs Rovere as a classroom teacher she provides help when you need it.

Written by Josh Harvey 5/6R

Boys' education is a fantastic way to improve a boy's self esteem, team work skills and communication. When I was first put in the boys' class I was worried what other people would think of me but to my surprise it was the best class I had ever been in and I now know its true worth.

Although I already had many of the skills that were taught in the boy's class I was astounded at how much improvement other kids were making. In boys' ed. we do many things like gardening, *Rock and Water* and a lots of fun sports activities that wouldn't be done in a normal mixed class.

Written by Tully McCool 5/6R

The boys' class is great because of the different things we get to do, and the things like just having more sport, and it just helps me by letting off some of my energy. And, if you get in trouble it is dealt with in a different way.

Written by Rajan Gill 5/6R

ANYONE FOR GOLF?**WPS actively making positive links with community organisations**

In support of Junior Golf, our local Woolgoolga Returned Services Club (RSC) and some of our creative WPS Stage 3 students, have completed the mural, pictured below. Included in the photograph is Mr Graeme Ross (left), and Mr Glen Barkley (right), RSC representative.



The mural depicts an aerial view of the Safety Beach Golf Club. Materials and funding were generously donated by the RSC. It was completed over two terms, each Friday afternoon, by our enthusiastic students. The mural will be housed at the Safety Beach Golf Club.

Next year we plan to paint another mural of the town and keep it for our school! Congratulations to Matthew Landi, Matthew Alford, Brenden Downton, Madison Murray, Lei Buddee, Chloe Irwin, Daniela Hagl and Jake Rovere.

Chris Browne, Assistant Principal

CHANGES TO K-2 ~ WEEKS 7 & 8

Due to Y2 being involved in Intensive Swimming there will be no K-2 assembly on Friday 28 Nov of Week 7 and Friday, 5 Dec of Week 8. Any K-2 students' certificates, or awards that appear on the front page of the Seahorse Tales Newsletter between now and Week 8, will be awarded during the Week 9 assembly.

Kerry Dibb, Assistant Principal

**THE RABBITOHS ARE COMING TO TOWN
Rugby League**

Yes! The South Sydney Rabbitohs are coming to Woolgoolga. They will be appearing at the Seaview Tavern on Wednesday 3 December from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. It will be a family afternoon of fun, games and prizes. All are welcome.

Mrs Sharon Rovere, Sports Coordinator

KINDERGARTEN'S HEALTHY BREAKFAST

Kindy students certainly enjoyed a healthy breakfast, in their classrooms, on Tuesday morning, as they were encouraged to be as independent as possible by getting breakfast for themselves.



Focussing on a healthy diet, the students enjoyed juice, fruit and cereal. Plus, the smell of freshly made toast wafting through the school was envied by everyone else!



After breakfast students were also expected to wash and wipe up their own utensils ~ and did a great job.

Well done everyone!

More pics from the mini fete ~ a huge success

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPS**Stage 2 Port Macquarie ~ Friday 28 November**

An excursion to Port Macquarie, has been arranged for Years 3 and 4. The trip relates to studies on early European settlement in Australia.

Students will visit the old courthouse, the historical church of St Thomas and Timbertown Heritage Theme Park at Wauchope.

All students are asked to wear full school uniform including a school hat.

Kindergarten Pet Parade ~ Wednesday 3 December

As part of the HSIE unit titled *Meeting Needs* kindergarten students are learning about what pets need to stay healthy and happy, and how to care for pets properly. Kindergarten will be holding a pet parade so that students can show their pet to their friends and teachers.

The parade will be held at 2:30pm under the covered area outside the school hall.

Reminder: students must not bring their pet to school in the morning to keep in the classroom. An adult must bring the pet to school at 2:30pm and stay for the duration of the parade (approx. 30 minutes), and ensure the pet is under supervised control.

Woolgoolga High School (WHS) Orientation Day Thursday 4 December

WHS will be holding an Orientation Day on 4 December for students intending to enrol in Year 7 in 2009. Students will attend WHS for the whole day, to gain familiarity with the school environs and structure, to meet some of their teachers and new classmates and generally prepare for next year. An interesting program of activities has been developed, including some sample high school lessons in different faculties, a free sausage sizzle and lunchtime concert. Arrangements have been made with various bus companies to accommodate Year 6 students on the normal high school bus runs. Students are encouraged to find out where and when to catch the appropriate bus in the morning and afternoon.

WPS WEBSITE OF THE WEEK**Numberjacks Games**

The site is all about numbers! Suitable for early primary students to help develop early maths skills, knowledge and understanding. Dominoes, Spooky Spoon Sudoku, Snap, and heaps more.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/numberjacks/>

**BRAIN TEASERS**

Congratulations to last week's winner Luke Hayes of 3/4C, for entering the Brain Teaser competition.



The correct answers were:

Q.1 ~ Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, the first movie in the series, grossed \$1.01 billion worldwide since it opened in 2001. It is the 3rd highest grossing movie of all time!

Q.2 ~ A cat has 32 muscles in each ear. These muscles help a cat rotate its ears independently some 180 degrees. In comparison, a human has just 6 ear muscles.

This week's Brain Teaser Questions:



Q.1 ~ What was depicted on the first ever jigsaw puzzle?

- a) World map
- b) Basket of kittens
- c) Christmas scene



Q.2~ What item is not allowed on the Space Shuttle?

- a) Movie
- b) Chocolate
- c) Teddy Bear

Don't forget to hand your answers in to the office to be in the draw for a prize! Only a few weeks to go!

TIME TO LAUGH**Tongue Twisters**

Try saying these tongue twisters at least three times really fast!



- ◆ Six slippery snails, slid slowly seaward
- ◆ Crisp crusts crackle and crunch

WE NOTICED THAT ...

- ◆ **Addisen Mallett (2R), Zoe Batty (2G), Adam Hennessy (2R), Josh Landi (2R), Noah Pillon (2G), Grant Cook (2G) and Zac Farnsworth (2R)** are all swimming like fish at Y2 intensive swimming lessons
- ◆ **Jordan Seery** of 3/4C wrote a great story in the computer room about the 'Horse Trail' competition
- ◆ **Jaymee Seery** of 5/6J was acknowledging the work that teachers do
- ◆ **Mr Carter's Class 4/5C's** science experiments, about growing plants and testing what plants need to grow successfully, is progressing well
- ◆ **Mr McRae** was impressed with the outstanding Public Speaking nomination speeches
- ◆ **Mrs Pam Singh** is working hard collating the Year 6 Year Book
- ◆ **Tyson Lill** of 5/6M was so cooperative helping to pack up the hall after the public speaking
- ◆ The **Pizza's** have been ordered for next Wednesday's Pizza Parties ~ **68 Pizza's in all** plus lots of garlic bread! The delivery man will certainly be busy.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS**Animals and Children: Staying Safe**

Children and animals can be a magical combination, but also a dangerous one, particularly when the weather is hot. Here are some simple pointers for making sure their relationship is always a happy one.

Grrrr! Teach your children how to recognise the danger signs that may precede a dog attack, such as growling.

Don't Pat Strangers

Animals are unpredictable. Make sure your child knows not to approach strange animals and remind them to always ask permission from the owner before stroking a dog on a lead.

Do Not Disturb

Animals should never be teased or disturbed when eating or sleeping.

Rough Love

Keep an eye out for scratches on your child's arms. It may be a sign that 'playtime' is getting a little too rough.

Teasing Treats

Remind your child that it isn't fair to carry food around in front of an animal.

Facing The Danger

When playing with pets, children should never put their faces close to the animal's face or claws.

Quiet, Please!

Explain to your child that high-pitched screams or sudden, loud noises easily startle some animals.

Remember, no matter how kind and trustworthy your pet may be, if a young child is pulling its tail or poking a finger in its eye, it may lose patience and snap. Hot weather, noise and unpredictable behaviour can all cause a normally docile animal to become suddenly aggressive, so never put your child at risk by leaving it alone with an animal.

That Loving Feline

Cats don't usually get jealous of a new baby in the house, but they are attracted to the warmth of a baby's cot. Remember to use a protective cat net whenever you put your baby out in the garden. Even if you don't have a cat, neighbouring cats may be curious.

<http://www.raisingkids.co.uk>

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**Lemonade Scones****Ingredients:**

- 1 cup of Lemonade
- 1 cup of cream
- 3 cups of S.R. Flour
- 1 egg

Method:

- ◆ Preheat oven to 220 C
- ◆ Add lemonade and cream to flour, mix to form a soft dough, then place on a floured surface
- ◆ Knead dough to a 2cm thickness and cut with a floured cutter
- ◆ Place close together on tray, brush with beaten egg and bake for 10-15 minutes
- ◆ Make sure you place the scones close together so that they can use each other to rise!

An easy and yummy scone to make. Enjoy!

<http://www.bestrecipes.com.au>

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

WOOLGOOLGA FAMILY FUN DAY**Raj for Woopi ~ Fully Sikh!**

Family fun day at 2:00pm on Saturday 6 December at Woolgoolga Beach. Music, Bollywood dance, creative art activities, helicopter joy flights, beach volleyball games, entertainment, bands, performance, food and fun for all. Circus fun, sand sculpture and lots more. Enquiries: 6654 0818

LEE WINKLER'S SURF SCHOOL

Learn from world professional surfer Lee Winkler. Fully accredited surf instructors.

The latest soft, safe surfboards, wetsuits, all equipment supplied. Private and group lessons, 3 and 5 day courses available. Gift vouchers also available from Coopers Surf Store outlets. Bookings essential. For more information or booking: Ph:6650 0050.

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
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Friday

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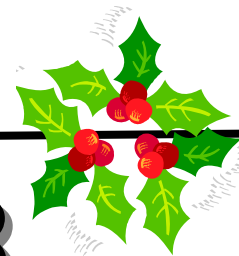
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December 2008

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Intensive Swimming	Intensive Swimming	Kindergarten Pet Parade 2:30pm Boys Ed Pool	Intensive Swimming Y6 WHS Orientation	Intensive Swimming P&C Lucky Draw 9:10am	Family Fun 'Go Woopi Fully Sikh' 2:00pm Wlga Beach
7 	8 Intensive Swimming P&C Ice-cream Day	9 Intensive Swimming Y6 Presentation Day & Evening Formal	10 Stage 2/3 Performance	11 Y6 Farewell Assembly	12 Stage 3 Fun Day Grafton Pool	13
14	15 Talent Quest Christmas Disco	16 P&C Meeting Stage 2 Fun Day at Pool K-2 Xmas Concert	17 Stage 1 Fun Day at the Beach Movie in Hall	18 	19 Y6 Mufti Day (if donating uniforms to WPS) Last Day Term	20 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
21	22 Christmas Holidays	23 	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 	27
28	29	30	31	Staff Commence work on Tuesday 27 Jan 2009	School Resumes for Yrs 1-6 on Wednesday 28 Jan 2009	School Commences for Kindies on Monday 2 Feb 2009