



Thursday, 23 November

Remembrance Day 2017

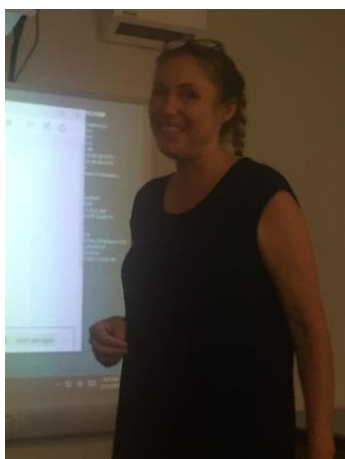


On Friday Week 6, students, staff and community members stopped to honour and reflect on the Australians who died as a result of war, particularly from World War I onwards. Remembrance Day, which was originally called Armistice Day, commemorates the end of the hostilities for the Great War (World War I) and the signing of the armistice, which occurred on November 11, 1918 – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

It was a very moving ceremony, led by our senior students who followed the procedures of a formal ceremony including reciting the Lord's Prayer, Wreath Laying, The Ode, The Last Post, One minute's silence The Rouse, Raising of the Flag and the National Anthem. Mr Mac McLeod presented a very informative commemorative address that outlined some of the influencing factors of WWI and the significance of Remembrance Day. Primary boys presented an outstanding dialogue of a letter from a soldier to his loved ones and all primary students sang a beautiful war ballad. Most impressive was Riley and Fiona surprising us all by playing the Woolomin School song on guitar. It was lovely that two ex-students, Jack and Brent Thompson were able to join us on this very special day.

Language, Learning and Literacy

Over the past three years, Miss Burford has continued her professional learning in Language, Learning and Literacy (L3). This is a research-based intervention program for kindergarten students, targeting reading and writing. Miss Burford has completed the training for Kindergarten and this year has engaged in teaching and learning strategies for Year One reading and writing. Student data indicates that the implementation of this program in our K/1/2 room has been very successful. On Tuesday, Miss Burford presented a professional learning session to colleagues on the fantastic progress we are seeing in our Infants classroom.



**Miss Burford
presenting to
colleagues.**

School Planning, Evaluation and Reviews

As we head towards the last few weeks of term, Mrs McMahon has been very busy evaluating programs that we have implemented throughout 2017, reviewing key DoE policies and meeting with Principals from other schools who have similar school profiles to Woolomin. There has been much discussion and planning towards the 2018-2020 three-year school plan.

On Monday, Mrs McMahon travelled to Gunnedah HS to participate in professional learning on developing quality school plans.

We are very excited to announce that our school has joined a learning alliance between four schools. The Winanga-li Learning Alliance has been formed to foster collegiality through the sharing of skills and knowledge among our staff and communities. Mrs McMahon has also been out of the school attending Principal Network Meetings and training sessions on the implementation of a new budgeting tool for schools. Both Mrs Hughes and Mrs McMahon will continue budget tool training this Friday at Tamworth High School.

The school calendar on the back of every newsletter will list the dates any staff who will be out of the school and what professional learning they are undertaking.

We understand that there have been times when either office staff or teachers have been unavailable on a particular day due to professional learning commitments. We apologise for any inconvenience however assure you that attendance at both mandatory and targeted professional learning sessions is vital for the growth of our school.



**Mrs McMahon and Mrs McMaster (Currabubula PS)
engaged in school planning.**

Assessment and Reporting

Students and staff have been exceptionally busy in weeks six and seven as final assessments and class work is finalised for school reporting. All student reports will be sent home with students on Friday 15th December.

Sports in Schools Program

The WPS Sports in Schools Program will continue this Thursday with Coach Craig Murray.

We received great news this week when we were notified that we have secured funding to continue running the Sports in Schools Program in 2018. Miss Burford has already started to research some great sporting options and coaches for Term One.

Swimming Transport

A note was sent home Tuesday asking for parental help with transport to and from the Nundle Pool over weeks eight and nine. Please ensure this is returned to the office by Friday to help with planning.

At this stage we will need at least 2 parent cars to help with transport.

A big thankyou to parents that have returned notes already.

By-election Fundraising Stalls

By-election day is Saturday 2 December 2017.

Woolomin PS will once again be a polling place. This is a great opportunity for fundraising within our local community. On the day, the school will hold a cake stall, hundreds club, chainsaw raffle and chocolate drive. **Families are asked to support this initiative by sending in cakes, slices and sweets to sell.**

School Evaluation Survey

School Evaluation Surveys went out this week. Please ensure they are returned by Friday to help with planning of the 2018 school year. Thank you to the families who have already returned their responses and very valuable feedback.

Students have also provided very valuable feedback about their learning that will be influential in school planning.

Calendar – Term 4

Week 7

Monday 20 th November	Mrs McMahon School Planning at Gunnedah PS
Tuesday 21 st November	Miss Burford Language, Learning and Literacy Training
Wednesday 22 nd November	Mrs Hughes at SAM Network Didgeridoo Program
Thursday 23 rd November	Mrs McMahon at Winanga-li Learning Alliance Meeting Sports in Schools Program
Friday 24 th November	Mrs McMahon & Mrs Hughes at Budget Planning Meeting

Week 8

Monday 27 th November	Nundle Bursary Exams Healthwise Visit
Tuesday 28 th November	Intensive Swimming
Wednesday 29 th November	Intensive Swimming Didgeridoo Program
Thursday 30 th November	Intensive Swimming Year 6 Farewell Dinner Mrs McMahon at Winanga-Li Learning Alliance Meeting
Friday 1 st December	intensive Swimming

Week 9

Tuesday 5 th December	Intensive Swimming QHS Transition Day Yr6 PHS Transition Day Yr6
Wednesday 6 th December	Intensive Swimming
Thursday 7 th December	Intensive Swimming
Friday 8 th December	Intensive Swimming

Week 10

Thursday 14 th December	Presentation night Reports Home
Friday 15 th December	Students last day 2017
Monday 18 th December	Staff Professional Learning
Tuesday 19 th December	Staff Professional Learning