

Woolomin Public School

Newsletter Week 2 Term 1

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Kindergarten 2017

Our beautiful Kindergarten students have settled quickly into routine and learning. It is such a special time of the school year for staff and older students as the amazing personalities of our new little students are revealed and we see the transition from pre-schooler to student. Rylan and Lochlin are learning the rules and skills of handball and also love playing in the sandpit during the breaks. It is lovely to see a new generation of 'horse breakers'. This appears to be a traditional game at Woolomin School, so don't be surprised if you visit during the breaks and see Maiya, Mercedes, Holly and Indiana making strange noises, pawing the ground with their feet and running around with skipping rope bridles and halters!

Photos of Rylan, Lochlin, Maiya and Mercedes on their very first day of big school as they walk through the school gate. This is an incredibly important day for not only the student, but for their families as well. We warmly welcome Lou & Chloe with Mercedes, Eathen & Kayla with Rylan, and welcome back Ninna & Marshall with their daughter Maiya joining big brother Tobias, and Amelia & Wayne with Lochlin joining Emma & Willum.

Pictured across are: (from top to bottom)

Maiya Douglas

Lochlin Gordon

Mercedes Rowan

Rylan Bryne



Assembly Awards



Principal's Award: Emma Lee



Merit certificate: Tyler Summers



Merit Certificate: Joey Sampson



Merit Certificate: Talia Summers



Tobi Douglas was given his belated 2016 H.S.I.E award from presentation night.

Family Tradition

It was with great pride that as Maiya Douglas got dressed for her first day of Kindergarten, she pinned on her the Woolomin Public School Centenary badge that her father, Marshall received while a student at this school in 1985. I recently read in the school centenary book that Marshall was responsible for creating the school motto 'Our best everyday'. It was reported that his suggestion was to be included on the school crest.

Thank you, Marshall for such a great motto. If everyone just gave their best everyday then what a great world we would live in. We can't give more than our best.

SRC 2017

The first SRC meeting was held last Tuesday. The first business was to vote on an executive for the 2017 year. It was fantastic to see so many students stepping up to nominate for roles. For these roles students were nominated by their peers then there was a vote. The SRC executive is as follows:

President: Riley Leys
Vice president: Fiona Self
Secretary: Emily Milo
Treasurer: Emma Lee

We look forward to the SRC organising lots of student initiatives throughout the year.

Healthy Harold

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school on Tuesday 14th February.

Students in the K-2 classroom will be participating in units of work on healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safe use and storage of medicines, emergency procedures and environmental health issues.

Our Year 3 and 4 students will be participating in units on friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy foods and active lifestyles. They will also explore cyber safety.

Senior students (Year 5 and 6) will participate in units on the consequences of smoking and alcohol use and misuse, laws, peer influence and refusal skills, risk taking, problem solving, safe and appropriate use of communication technology.

Please return your child's permission note and money by the due date if you would like them to participate in this educational experience.

Staff Development Day

At the first staff development day, prior to the return of students, Woolomin staff attended emergency first aid training with staff from Dungowan and Nundle School. This training included emergency care and anaphylaxis training.



Mrs Smith participating in CPR Training

Swimming Carnival

The Swimming carnival was held last Wednesday at the Nundle Pool. The heart and passion in which our children participated was so inspiring. It was amazing to see our young students jumping in and having a go at the medley, the toughest of all races! It was lovey to see our new Kindergarten and non-swimmers participating in swim coaching with Mrs Bromfield. Thank you to the parents and Pool Supervisor, Mr Taylor for their assistance on the day. Help with time keeping and recording is vital to the successful running of the day.

Congratulations to every student who participated.

The 2017 Swimming Champions are:

Senior Girl Champion: Riley Leys

Senior Girl Runner Up: Emily Milo



Senior Boy Champion: William Fisher

Senior Boy Runner Up: Luke Leys



Junior Girl Champion: Talia Summers



Junior Boy Champion: Tyler Summers

Junior Boy Runner Up: Joel Le Man



Minor Boy Champion: Tyler Woodard

Minor Boy Runner Up: Jacob Le Man



Minor Girl Champion: Allee Thompson

Minor Girl Runner Up: Mayci Oliver



Medallions will be presented to our stage champions at the Special Assembly in Week 5.

Mini Canteen and SRC Friday specials

Mini Canteen is now operating. Students can purchase ham and cheese toasties for \$2 Monday -Thursday (4 days). The SRC special will be available for purchase on Fridays. The menu was planned by SRC at their meeting last week and is listed below. Please keep in mind Toasties will not be available on Fridays. Students can also choose from a selection of ice blocks and P&C fundraising chocolates at break times after they have eaten their healthy food first.

SRC Friday Lunch Menu

Week 2: Fish & Chips \$4.00 (This week)

Week 3: Tacos \$2.50

Week 4: 4 Mini Pies \$2.50

Week 5: Fruit salad (1 Cup) \$2.00

Week 6: Soup with Bread \$2.50

Week 7: Spaghetti Bolognaise \$4.00

Week 8: Small Pineapple Pizza \$2.00

Week 9: Hotdogs \$3.00

Week 10: Baked Beans \$1.50

Lunch and afternoon tea

Students have quickly settled into school routines including following expectations for lunch and afternoon tea. Students are asked to sit down to eat. They are to eat their substantial foods provided first (sandwiches, cheese / crackers/ meals from home etc) then eat snack foods.

Please discuss with your child the foods that you pack and would like them to eat as teachers on duty are often told by students that they don't like their food and refuse to eat it. This can cause some difficulties as students are required to eat most of their food before playing. On the other hand, parents are encouraged to speak to their children about the quantity of food that they pack for school as some students are eating all their food in the first break and have nothing for the second break. Whilst the school provides extra pieces of fruit for emergency situations we often run out due to the number of students asking for more food or not having fruit supplied from home.

P&C

The P&C held their first meeting for the year on Monday. An Animal Nursery sub-committee was formed to meet at the school on Monday the 13th at 2.30pm. If you would like to be involved in the planning of this major fundraising event for the school, please come along. Your support and ideas would be gratefully appreciated.

P&C AGM

The 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Woolomin Public School Parents and Citizens' Association will be held on Monday 6th March commencing at 3.30pm.

Following acceptance of the minutes from the 2016 AGM and the tabling of the Audit Report for the half-

year ended 31 December 2016, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions:

- President
- 2 x Vice Presidents
- Secretary
- Treasurer

All current P&C members are encouraged to attend the AGM to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions on the executive and sub-committees.

For more information concerning any aspects of the P&C including the conduct of the AGM, and the roles of executives and sub-committees, please go to the NSW P&C Federation website;

<http://www.pandc.org.au/faq.seo>

The AGM is open to all parents and carers who wish to attend, however only financial members are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions.

At the completion of the AGM the March general meeting will be held.

Wasps, Spiders and Snakes

Last week we had the school spayed for wasps and spiders so hopefully we shouldn't have any more students experiencing wasp bites. At school, we teach the students to use their eyes to look carefully for spiders, snakes or anything else that might be around when they move into different environments. Being very observant is one of the best ways to stay safe when you learn, work and live in the country.

School Fundraiser

Bales of garden mulch hay (the big bales around 400kg) are available at a donation of \$30 for the school. Tony Jones will deliver locally to Woolomin area if required. Thank you to the Jones family for organising this fundraiser and helping out the school and students.

Information Night

Last night, information relating to the 2017 school year was shared with our school families. Thank you to Tony Jones and Ben Woodard for cooking the sausage sizzle. Some of the information presented by staff is included in this newsletter however if you were unable to attend and have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

• Hats

It is a DEC requirement that children are to wear their uniform every day. This includes the correct school hat. The school hat is a yellow bucket hat that has Woolomin School embroidered across the front in blue. All students have a school hat and are required to wear it as part of their full school uniform. There have been several different types of hats being worn which are not part of uniform. Parents are asked to ensure their child wears the correct hat to school each day. If a student forgets their hat there are 4 loan hats that they can borrow. These are signed out when borrowed and signed back in on return. Whilst on loan, the hat is the responsibility of the student who borrowed it. Please discuss with your child if they are allowed to borrow a loan hat if they leave their hat at home. If you would prefer your child not to wear a loan hat they will be required to play in the shade of the cola or under the fixed equipment shelter.

• Arriving and departing school

Students being set down in the bus area of Dewhurst St are to be dropped off only. The bus zone in school hours is not a parking area.

At the end of the day students catching the bus are required to line up in two lines. Students who are walking, riding or being picked up should be seated on the silver seats until the bus leaves.

This method of departing is to ensure all students depart in a manner where they are least at risk of being hurt. If parents need to leave in a hurry, please park on the Frederick St side of the school and we can dismiss your child from the main departure area safely.

• Variation to routines

If your child is not going home after school or if they are to be picked up by someone else after school, then the school must be notified. Under no circumstances will children be sent to another place besides their own home unless we have received notification from parents.

Students leaving excursions early are to be signed out by parents. Supervising teachers will have exit slips that should be signed by parents before leaving any venue.

• Student absences

Please if your child is going to be away ring the office and provide an explanation as to why, followed by a written note of absence on your child's return. Any unexplained absences will be recorded on school files as unjustified. The school is audited regularly for attendance. The DEC expects all children to be at school for at least 85% of the school year.

• Scripture

Scripture lessons are held on Fridays at 2:00pm. Father Flood delivers catholic scripture and Mrs Janelle Tongue delivers non-denominational scripture lessons. Please ensure you have returned the permission note if you would like your child to attend these lessons.

• Sport

Sport lessons are on Wednesdays. Students are required to wear their sports uniform, joggers, hat and bring a water bottle.

• Library

Library lessons are on Wednesdays. Students are required to bring a library bag if they wish to borrow books. They can borrow 2 books which must be returned before they borrow more.

• Assembly

Weekly assembly is held on Monday mornings from 9-9.30pm. A special assembly will be held in weeks 5 and 10 on Fridays at 2pm where students will present items and special presentations will be made.

Dates for Your Diary

Week 3

Tuesday 14 th February	Healthy Harold visit. Cost \$5 per student.
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Week 4

Monday 20 th February	Active after School commences – Hockey.
Friday 24 th February	Zone swimming

Week 8

Wednesday 22 nd March	Tamworth High School taster day. Years 4 & 5
Friday 24 th March	Tamworth Show



This is your opportunity to tour our campus and see what Farrer can offer your son

OPEN DAY 2017

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY
9.00AM – 2.00PM

We are the only boys' agricultural Government selective school in Australia. Farrer has established an enviable reputation as a centre of excellence in academics, agriculture, welfare and sports programs. Catering to the education of both day and boarding students Farrer is set on 191 hectares of prime agricultural land, 10 kilometres from Tamworth, New South Wales.

Register online at <http://farrer.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/>
By Tuesday 21st February 2017
6764-8607 – Kerry Hussey – Enrolments Officer
Wear casual clothing & bring a hat.
Refreshments and a light lunch will be served.



Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School
585 Calala Lane, Tamworth NSW 2340
6764 8600 www.farrer.nsw.edu.au

Reasons to enrol your son at Farrer

A broad curriculum offering academic, practical and creative learning opportunities, taught by a cohesive, collaborative team

A 78 year tradition of pride in our school with core values of respect, excellence and fairness

Vision Statement
"Proudly committed to producing thinking, well-educated, skilled, flexible and caring people capable of confident effective participation in society."



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Support to Pay Electricity and Gas Bills*



FAMILY ENERGY REBATE



LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD REBATE



NSW GAS REBATE



MEDICAL ENERGY REBATE



LIFE SUPPORT REBATE



ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Help is available to pay
your energy bills.

For information on
rebates and emergency
assistance go to:

[www.resourcesandenergy
.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates)

or phone Service NSW
on 137 788

* eligibility criteria apply

YOU COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE OR MORE OF THESE REBATES/ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Family Energy Rebate* – \$150 or \$15 per year – If you are the electricity account holder in your household, have dependent children and receive a DHS payment called Family Tax Benefits (Part a or B), you could qualify for this electricity rebate. Information on application deadlines is available from our website.

NSW Gas Rebate* – \$90 per year – If you have natural gas or use LPG for cooking, heating or hot water, you could qualify for this gas rebate. To be eligible you will also need to be the gas account holder and have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card marked with WW, TPI or EDA.

Medical Energy Rebate* – \$235 per year – You could qualify for this rebate if you, or someone living with you, have an inability to self-regulate body temperature which is often associated with medical conditions such as Parkinson's disease and Multiple Sclerosis. The electricity account holder in your household must have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card.

Low Income Household Rebate* – \$235 per year – If you are the electricity account holder in your household and have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card marked with WW, TPI or EDA, you could qualify for this electricity rebate.

Life Support Rebate* – If you are required, or have someone living with you who is required, to use approved energy-intensive medical equipment at home, you could qualify for this electricity rebate. Information on approved equipment and rebate rates is available from our website.

EAPA* – Energy Accounts Payment Assistance Scheme – helps people experiencing a short term financial crisis or emergency to pay their electricity or natural gas bill. The scheme helps people stay connected to essential energy services during a financial crisis. EAPA is not means tested and you do not need to hold any DHS or DVA concessions cards to access this scheme.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION AND WHERE DO I APPLY?

The Department of Industry website has all the information you will need to determine if you are eligible for an energy rebates or emergency assistance. Go to www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates for further information.

If you do not have access to the internet you can call Service NSW on 137 788 and talk to a customer service officer about your circumstances. Service NSW can also post you application forms.

If you have an electricity or natural gas account with an energy retailer you can call them to apply over the phone for the Low Income Household Rebate and NSW Gas Rebate. Your retailer can also provide you with application forms for other rebate programs.

REMEMBER

If you have a DHS (Centrelink) Health Care Card you could qualify for the Low Income Household Rebate and/or NSW Gas Rebate.