

Woolomin Public School

Newsletter Week 7, Term 3

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Debating

On Monday 2 September, our debating team (James Sampson, Liam Dahl, Lily Parkinson and Bladen Steel) hosted a debate at school against Walcha Central School. The teams debated the topic "parents should have their Year 6 students children babysit younger siblings".

Tobias Douglas took on the role of time keeper while Talia Summers took on the bell keepers role. This was a good experience for our students. We also hosted an afternoon tea after the debate to further support student networking.

Zone Athletics

Last Friday our Zone Athletics team consisting of Tyler Woodard, Joseph Sampson, Allee Thompson, Liam Dahl, Talia Summers, Connor Jones, James Sampson and Bryce Thompson competed at the Athletics Complex in Tamworth.

James and our relay team (James Sampson, Bryce Thompson, Talia Summers and Allee Thompson) have been successful in moving on to the Regional Athletics competition.

Father's Day Pie Drive and Stall

Thank you to Mrs Meredith, Mrs Smith and the SRC for co-ordinating and running this years Father's Day Pie Drive. The SRC raised a total of \$465.50 to go back into their continued fundraising efforts for 2019.

The Father's Day Stall was another success with most items selling out quickly at lunch.

Hats

As the weather is warming up, students have been enjoying more time outdoors during lessons and breaks. We have noticed an increase in students wishing to borrow hats or without hats in the playground. Please ensure students are bringing their hat to school each day and taking hats home with them at the end of the day. Please also ensure that hats are clearly labelled to assist with the prompt return of any misplaced hats.

CAPERS

Notes for CAPERS were sent home with students last week with information on performance dates and parent commitments. Whilst performing at CAPERS is optional, dance as part of our Creative Arts program is not unless a formal conference between student, parent and teacher has been held and an alternate program organised. Please ensure notes are returned to the office NO LATER than Monday 9 September 2019. A copy of the note will be attached to newsletter's today if not previously returned.

CAPERS Indigenous Workshop

Students involved in the CAPERS Indigenous Workshop will receive a permission note home today with further details. Please read, sign and return to office NO LATER than Tuesday 10 September 2019 to assist with confirmations and transport arrangements.

Bounty Day

Staff acknowledge that towards the end of Term 3 students are tired and often run down after winter. To inspire and promote positive behaviour all students who have not received 2 strikes by end Term 3 Week 9, will have the opportunity to attend the movies, strike bowling and a lunch in town on Monday 23 September (Week 10).

Strikes can be given automatically by teachers or for two time outs in a single day.

External Validation

This week our school undertook an external validation. This involves a panel of Principals and a peer Principal reviewing the evidence submitted by our school. The evidence submitted was used by our staff to make balanced adjustments against the School Excellence Framework. This was a positive process that highlighted practices, processes and systems of strength within our school, and areas to focus on in the future.

The interview process was an amazing professional learning experience for staff with the panel of Principals absolutely loving have Tobias Douglas cook up his signature fish burger for their lunch.

Zeeko

On Monday 9 September 2019, the 19 students who have returned their permission notes on time as stated on the permission note, will be travelling by bus with Miss B and Mrs Smith into the Conservatorium of Music in Tamworth to see Zeeko.

Mrs McMahon will remain at school with those students not attending Zeeko with an alternate lesson plan.

Hockey

During sport lessons for the remainder of Term 3, students will be participating in a hockey program led by coach Hanah Little. Students will need a mouthguard for these lessons and we require all students to bring their own mouthguard to school in a labelled container each Thursday.

SASS Appreciation Week

Last week (26-30 August 2019) was School Administration Support Staff (SASS) Appreciation Week. SAS Staff were presented with a small gift of appreciation by students at assembly on Wednesday morning this week.

Kootingal Fair

Congratulations and thank you to the P&C, families and students who coordinated and staffed the Animal Nursery at the Kootingal Country fair over the weekend. We have received nothing but positive feedback to the school following the event.



William Adams, Maiya Douglas, James Sampson, Emma Adams, Mayci Oliver, Connor Jones and Joseph Sampson assisting with the Animal Nursery at the Kootingal Fair.

Fairy Gardens

Following the donation from the Dungowan Gardening Club, we have purchased resources to build student gardens across the school. This was a student initiative in which staff were approached by students wanting to build fairy gardens during their lunch break. Students are responsible for watering their own garden pots. This project will be ongoing as they paint signs, mushrooms & fairy figurines and the like to add to their gardens.

Book Club

Issue 6 of Book Club was sent home attached to last week's newsletter. Please return orders to school by Tuesday 10 September, allowing time for orders to arrive before the end of term.

Extended Kindy Program

The Extended Kindergarten Transition Program One started today, Thursday 5 September 2019 with 3 of our 4 expected Kindergarten students for 2020. A big welcome to Kyan Fisher, Chase Williams and Ellie Sampson.

Kyan and Chase are lucky enough to be joining their older cousins Indi and Tyler W at the school, with Ellie also joining her older brothers James and Joey.



Chase, Ellie and Kyan working alongside Indiana during today's Kindy Extended Transition Program One.

STEM4TEN

The STEM4TEN program has been an outstanding success with students having hands on opportunities with a wide range of technology. There are 3 weeks left of this amazing program and we're sure students will enjoy the upcoming remaining lessons.

Drought Donation

The school has received a \$500 donation from the Lioness Club of Tamworth, specifically to support families in hardship of the drought. Staff have decided this will be applied to the cost of Intensive Swim lessons in Term 4 as a further subsidy to families. As such, this year there will be no cost to families for the program.

Joey Burger

Following an interactive writing experience where Stage Two made signature hamburgers, Joey's Burger has been chosen to feature on the SRC Friday Specials. Students will be able to purchase a Joey Burger on Friday of Week 10. The Joey Burger consists of double cheese, beef patty, salad and tomato sauce on a golden sesame seed topped bun. Yum!

Off Site Evacuation Drill

On Friday 20 September 2019, the school will be conducting an Off-Site Evacuation to the Woolomin Evacuation Centre next to the Tennis Courts on the Back Woolomin Road. Students will walk to the centre at 2.30pm alongside staff during the drill. School will depart from the Evacuation Centre at 3.00pm. The bus has been organised to collect bus students from the centre, with walkers and parent pick up also departing from the Evacuation centre.

Mini Canteen

Please note there has been a change to this weeks Friday Special—Mini Sausage Rolls will be available for \$0.50 each instead of the Hots Dogs originally planned.

Friday Specials

Week 7—Sausage Rolls	\$0.50
Week 8—Dim Sims	\$1.00
Week 9—Butter Chicken	\$3.00
Week 10—Joey Burger	\$3.00

Weekly Regulars

Ham & Cheese Toasties	\$3.00
Ice Blocks	\$1.00
Chocolate Yowie Cups	\$2.00
Sippah Straws	\$1.50

Upcoming High School Taster Days

Tamworth High School

To be confirmed

Quirindi High School

Year 6 Taster Day Tuesday 3 December

Peel High School

Year 5 Taster Day Wednesday 11 September
Year 5 Taster Day Wednesday 30 October
Year 6 Treasure Hunt Wednesday 20 November

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School

Year 5 Expo Friday 27 September
Year 7 Orientation Thursday 5 December

Term 3 2019

Week 7

Monday 2 September	Active After School Sport
Tuesday 3 September	External Validation Mrs Hughes at YEM training
Thursday 5 September	Extended Transition 9-11.15am Mrs Smith SLSO Induction
Friday 6 September	Mrs Smith SLSO Induction

Week 8

Monday 9 September	Zeeko Performance K-6 Active After School Sport
Wednesday 11 September	Resilience Kids Program PHS Yr 5 Taster
Thursday 12 September	Extended Transition 9-11.15am

Week 9

Monday 16 September	Active After School Sport
Wednesday 18 September	Resilience Kids Program Books to Life @ DPS MAPA training—Mrs Mc, Miss B, Mrs Smith
Saturday 21 September	P&C Games Night

Week 10

Monday 23 September	Active After School Sport Bounty Day
Wednesday 25 September	MAPA Training—Mrs Mc, Miss B, Mrs Smith
Friday 27 September	Last Day of Term 3

Kindergarten Orientation Programs

This year Woolomin School is offering **two different programs** designed to provide children living in the area with the opportunity to become familiar with their local school.

Program One: Extended Transition Program

Aim: The aim of this program is to provide families the opportunity to spend time in their local school in the years leading up to enrolment in Kindergarten so that they become familiar with the school grounds, staff, students and routines.

Parents are invited to stay for the duration of the program and enjoy a cuppa with other parents while their child spends time getting to know Miss Burford (K-2 teacher) and other children all whilst engaging in a social skills program.

Ages: This program is suitable for children aged 3-5 years old

Time: 9am-11.15am

Day: Thursdays Term 3 Weeks 7-10

Dates and Times:

05/09/19	9am-11.15am
12/09/19	9am-11.15am
19/09/19	9am-11.15am
26/09/19	9am -11.15am

Activities: Craft, Social Games, Story Time, Gross Motor Skills, Fine Motor Skills Practice and much more!

Program Two: School Readiness Program

Aim: The aim of this program is to provide children who are turning 5 before 31st July 2020 and intend on commencing Kindergarten in 2020. Children will spend time in the K-2 classroom learning the routines and expectations of 'big school'.

Ages: This program is suitable for children enrolling in Kindergarten in 2020.

Day: Wednesdays Term 4 Weeks 5-7

Dates and Times:	12/11/19	9am-3.00pm
	19/11/19	9am-3.00pm
	26/11/19	9am-3.00pm



RSVP now by phoning the school to inform us that your child will be attending. Please indicate the program or programs you would like your child to attend.

School Phone Number- 67642274

Please note when enrolling your child you will need to bring their birth certificate, immunisation details and any medical information / health care plans.