



# Woodland Road Public School

## Newsletter



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**Term 4**      **Week 7**  
**Wednesday, 22 November 2017**

**Whole School Assembly**  
**Thursday Week 7**

### For Your Calendar

#### School Production

Monday November 27  
Dress Rehearsal  
Tuesday November 28  
10am and 7pm  
Wednesday November 29  
7pm  
Thursday November 30  
7pm

#### Reports Go Home

Wednesday December 6

#### Presentation Day

Friday December 8

#### Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday December 13

#### Primary Pool/ Infants Movie

Thursday December 14

## Garamada Excursion to Mount Annan

On Tuesday 7th November, the Garamada students and their friends went on an excursion to the Mount Annan Botanical Gardens. At the gardens, our guide Terry showed us different bush tucker such as Lemon Myrtle, Aniseed and Tropical Berries.

He also showed us traditional weapons and how to use them correctly.

We enjoyed lunch with our friends at the park before arriving back to school.

**Amelia 5/6B**

I liked walking in the park and smelling the Lemon Myrtle leaves.

I also liked when our guide Terry was talking about Aboriginal Culture and I loved the dancing.

**Brooke 2H**

My favourite part of the excursion was when we were walking around and we saw a lizard. There were two different trees and the leaves smelled like lemon and liquorice. They can also be used as bush medicine.

**Bridie 5/6B**



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# Russ The Story Bus

1A and 1B had a visit from Russ the Story Bus. The bus was filled with hundreds of books- picture books, joke, comic and chapter books. The students were allowed to choose one book to keep. Deborah Abela read part of her new book, 'Wolfie,' to the students and signed a copy which she donated to the school. She told the Grade 1 students a very engaging story about a real adventure she had been on.



When we went to a bus it was called Russ the Story Bus. Deb the author told us a true story. Then she told another story but it was a book. Then we went in the bus we got to choose a book. "Wow I do not know what to choose" so I chose a karate book. After I chose it I went outside and I was reading it. Then we went back to class.

**Hamzah**



I went in a bus and there books inside it. We picked up a book and my book was called *Anyone but Ivy Pocket*.

The colours of the bus were blue, green, brown and white too. I heard a real story about a girl named Deb the author.

**Chloe**



There was a bus called Russ the Story Bus and there were famous people that came to my school. Her name was Deb and she had lots of books. It was like one million books in the bus and we got free books from the lady.

**Sione**



Russ the Story Bus is a bus full of books. Deb told us some stories and they were amazing. We went in the bus and chose a book to keep.

I also drew on the white board.

**Astrid**





## Dear Parents and Caregivers

As the school year comes rushing to an end, there seems to be more things to do than time to do it in. At school our students and teachers have been very busy putting the final touches to their performance 'A Swinging Summertime'. At home, teachers have been very busy finalising student reports which will be going home with the next fortnightly newsletter. As a staff we have taken all the thoughts, recommendations and information from our students, parents and teacher workshops to develop our shared vision and areas to address to improve our ability to deliver high quality education. As we evaluate the 2015-2017 School Plan we are also planning our strategic directions for the 2018-2020 School Plan; as you can see busy times on many different levels.

### **Captain Speeches**

Yesterday our students in Year 5, who were elected by their peers to run for school captain, presented their speeches to the whole school. Each of the thirteen candidates presented an outstanding speech which made voting very difficult this year. Voting has been completed and the results will be announced at the Presentation Day assembly.

### **2018 Kindergarten**

Last week our *Getting Ready for School* program was completed with five days in a row occurring. The final day was a Teddy Bears' Picnic in the courtyard. Thank you to Miss Loveday who ran the program as well as Mrs Nicol and Miss Slyn who assisted with the parent information session on the Thursday.

### **A Swinging Summertime**

Our school musical is on next week. I have been asked to remind you that costumes are due to school this Friday. On Monday, 27 November, we are having the full dress rehearsal. On Tuesday, 28 November, we have a matinee performance at 12pm and an evening performance at 7pm. On Wednesday, 29 November, we are having another evening performance at 7pm with Thursday night, 30 November, at 7pm being our last performance.

I would also like to remind parents that all students are expected to support our school musical by attending each performance. Parents are not required to have tickets for each night and are able to drop off and pick up their children at the conclusion of the performance from their classroom. Our students are very excited and like you, I look forward to seeing the whole school performance, allowing each child a time to shine on the stage.

### **Changes to Assemblies in 2017**

Please note that there will NOT be an infants' assembly next week, in Week 8 due to the performance week. There will NOT be a whole school assembly in Week 9 due to the hall being set up for Presentation Day on Friday, December 8. This week's assembly will be the last one for 2017.

### **Changes to Assemblies in 2018**

Next year, in consultation with the P&C Association, it has been decided that there will not be any infants assembly to allow more time for learning programs. Whole school assemblies will continue to run on a fortnightly basis. It is envisaged that each assembly will run with a class item and there will be opportunities for some class members to assist the captains and vice captains with introducing items.

### **Presentation Day**

Just a reminder, Presentation Day is on Friday December 8 at 9.20am in the school hall. I am looking forward to this special day where we celebrate the outstanding achievements of students at Woodland Road Public School. All parents are welcome to attend.

### **End of Year Activities**

Please remember that the following end of year events have a closing day for payments.

Year 6 Farewell must be paid by December 8.

K-2 Movie Day & 3-6 Pool Picnic Day must be paid by December 8.

Regards

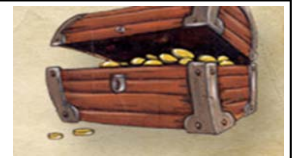
Carol Gruden

Principal



## Notices

### Student Banking



Student banking is every Thursday morning at the P&C Room (AV Room next to Canteen) from 8.15am to 8.45am.



## URGENT !

Raffle tickets need to be returned **ASAP**. Sold books can be dropped into the office anytime before the **1<sup>st</sup> December**. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a \$5000 holiday voucher. You have to be in it to win it.

P&C will be selling refreshments prior to the commencement of the production.



School Banking will be running until Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December (Week 9).

Keep up to date via our Facebook page.

If you would like to contact the P&C you can do so by email: [wrrspnc@gmail.com](mailto:wrrspnc@gmail.com) or by our Facebook page: Woodland Road Public School Community and Parents

Lee-Anne Hanney

P&C President

### WRITERS AWARD



*Sophie* 5/6G  
Term 4 Week 5

### A Mini Adventure

I woke up in the early afternoon, feeling the sun's UV rays on my furry chinchilla face. My eyes quickly refreshed themselves, spotting a tall object made from what looks like sticks. I leapt gracefully into the air, suddenly falling from my perfect stunt. I then found myself being carried by a human. They look younger than the other humans I've seen, but that wasn't the problem, the problem was I've been taken away from my tiny den.

Sophie 5/6G