



Woodland Road Public School

Newsletter

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Term 3

Week 1

Wednesday, 25 July 2018

Whole School Assembly
Week 1 Item by 2J and 2S

Crazy Hair Day

Friday August 3

Woodies Fair

Sunday August 12

Gala Day

Friday August 17

P&C AGM Meeting

Tuesday August 21

Education Week

Monday August 27

Book Fair

Monday August 27

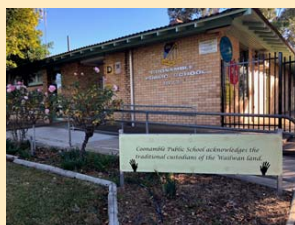
Kindergarten Teachers Visit Coonamble Public School

In Week 10, we went to Coonamble Public School for an exchange teaching program. Coonamble is located 2 hours North of Dubbo and is a rural township where teachers often miss professional learning opportunities due to their location. The school has approximately 200 students and 60 staff members. Through our assistance, teachers were able to participate in valuable professional learning that they otherwise wouldn't have and were extremely appreciative of our time and commitment.

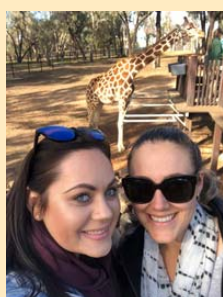
The experience was challenging and rewarding, having a different cultural context to Woodland Road Public School which allowed us to actively participate in NAIDOC week celebrations. We loved our experience and it allowed us to reflect on our own teaching practices and extend our teaching network to rural areas in New South Wales. We were even lucky enough to take a short visit to Dubbo Zoo!

We are happy to be back teaching our wonderful classes at Woodland Road Public School and look forward to an exciting term.

Miss Loveday and Miss Duggan



Welcome
Back
We Missed You



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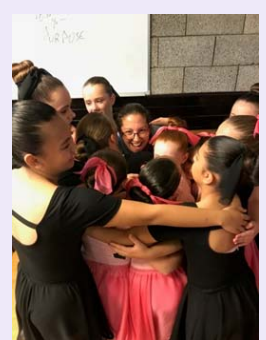
Ultimo Dance Festival

The last few weeks of Term 2 were very busy for our dance groups, who were eagerly practising and getting excited for their performance at the 'In the Spotlight' Dance Festival. We had three dance groups who performed wonderfully on a big stage with lots of lights. Thank you to all the parents and school community who continually support our dance groups. A special thank you to Miss Allen, Mrs McLaughlin and Miss Duggan for their organisation to make the day and night run so smoothly. The dance groups look forward to performing other dances for the school community.

Stage 3

On Wednesday June 20, Stage 3 dance group performed in the 'In the Spotlight' dance festival. The 16 dancers were divided into 4 cars and drove into the city. When we arrived we went inside the Seymore Centre and were taken to the room to get changed. We changed into our flowy pink and black costumes and went onto the stage to rehearse our dance. After our practice, we walked to the university and ate pizza for dinner. Then we walked back to the theatre to get ready for our performance. Although some of us were nervous, we worked as a team and did one of our best performances. It was exciting and we all wished we could it again and again.

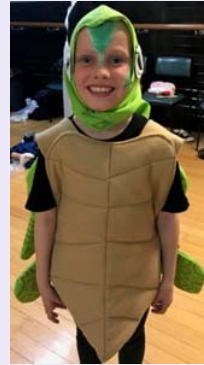
Aleesha and Anna



Stage 2

Under the sea, where all of the sea animals live, there are the colourful jellyfish. They love to swim around together in the ocean but their predators are never too far away. When the jellyfish feel threatened they sting with their tentacles and this keeps the other animals away for a little while.

One day a brave fish tries to bring peace amongst all of the sea animals. Will the jelly fish and other sea animals become friends? Or will they live separately forever?



Stage 1



The village children are told never to go beyond the village border as the ferocious lions will attack them. One day three cheeky children ignore the chief and explore the jungle where they find four playful lions. The children learn that the lions are friendly. The chief comes looking for the children and discovers them playing in the jungle with the lions. The chief begins to attack the lions when a child stops him. The children teach the chief that the lions are harmless. They live in harmony together, appreciating and valuing each other's differences.



DANCE



Debating

On July 4, all of Stage 3 gathered to watch Douglas Park and Campbelltown Seniors clash in a debate with the topic being ' That male and female parents should be forced to spend equal amounts of time looking after their home and kids'. We were asked to write a paragraph about what we had learnt and the strategies it takes to win a debate. It was really hard for the debaters and especially hard for the adjudicator since she had to decide who had the stronger arguments. What we think made the debate more intriguing was that it had amazingly strong rebuttals to help strengthen their opinions. To make a debate really interesting you have to emphasize the question to understand more of the topic, which will give you an advantage over the other team. There are many more other things that make a good debate but these two are definitely the best.



Taroa and Nik 5/6G

Next it was our turn. We were up against Campbelltown Public Juniors and the topic was ' That Primary school children should not have access to or use money'. We were the affirmative. We were confident we could all do it and the negative team was a worthy and challenging team to debate, but with good team work we managed to win.



By Heather and Alyssa 5/6B



NSW PSSA Rugby League Championships.

In June, I was lucky enough to be selected to go to Mudgee for the NSW PSSA Opens Rugby League Championships. It was a three day tournament that ran from Tuesday 25TH June to Thursday 28th June. I represented the Sydney South West Region and we had a great team consisting of other children from our region. We played six games against other teams from NSW regions, one of which we won, had a draw in three, and lost two, finishing 8th overall. It was a great opportunity although it was very cold in Mudgee.

Cameron 5/6G



Multicultural Public Speaking

On June 28, four students from Woodland Road Public School went to Thomas Acres Public School to represent our school in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition.

Stage 2 topic was 'Changes.' We were confident and a little bit nervous about our prepared speech but were a bit scared for our impromptu speech. We all got participation awards and Teagan received Highly Commended. It was a great day!

By Teagan and Maddy

Stage 3 topic was 'Heros and Villians.' It was a challenging competition, unfortunately we didn't place but we had a great time!

By Stacey and Lily-Ann



Congratulations



Athletics Carnival

On Friday July 27 we will be holding our annual Athletics Carnival. Children to wear house colours. All are welcome to come and join us.

- 9.00am** Students line up under the Hall COLA in their house groups to march to the oval area. Students sit on tarps on oval in house groups.
- 9.20am** Age races begin. (All year 2 students turning 8 years old in 2018 can run in the 8 year old races)
- 10.15am** Whole School Ball Games (on the oval)
- 11.00am - 11.40am** LUNCH
- 11.40am - 12.40pm** K-2 Rotational Novelty Events (in courtyard and hall)
- Hurdles - Miss Duggan
 - Shot Putt - Miss Marsh
 - Sack Races - Miss Allen
 - Parachute - Miss Loveday
 - Rhythmic Ribbons - Mrs Jones
 - Ninja Course - Miss Slym
- 11.40am - 12.40pm** Primary 200m and 800m (on the oval)
- 12.40pm - 1.00pm** RECESS
- 1.00pm** Age Race Finals
- (Whole school to be in house groups on the oval to support and cheer.)
- 2.00pm** Relays to finish the carnival. (time permitting)



Canteen

Meal Deal Day this Friday

1 hotdog with sauce (tomato , mustard or BBQ) + 1 apple juice cup **\$3.50**

Orders accepted until Friday morning 9am.



Hot tea , coffee and hot chocolate for parents and muffins **\$2**



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope that you had an enjoyable break with your family and had the opportunity to spend some quality time together.

I'm very pleased to see so many students have returned with great big smiles and the willingness to learn and to collaborate with each other and with their teachers.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Kindergarten will be holding their parent teacher interviews tonight. I would like to thank all the parents and carers who attended the school to meet with teachers in celebrating the successes achieved by our students. The partnership between home and school is critical in ensuring the best educational outcome for students. If you have not met with the class teacher or have any concerns I would encourage you to make an appointment with the class teacher.

Peer Pressure

Having a group of friends is one of the most important aspects of being a child and a teenager. A 'Peer Group' is a group of friends about the same age. 'Peer Pressure' refers to the effect that this group of friends can exert on an individual. Peer groups can be a very positive influence on a young person's life, but they can also cause them great stress, including their parents!

Peer groups help a young person to have a sense of belonging and a sense of being valued. It provides them with a sense of security and of being understood by others who are going through the same experiences. The peer group can provide a safe environment for young people to test values and ideas, develop friendship skills and provide positive reinforcement and encouragement for the young person to develop their personality and identity.

Peer pressure often creates extra stress for young people as they want to 'keep in' with friends, and do things that help them belong to the group. There is nothing worse for most young people than to be shown up or embarrassed in front of their peer group. Not all young people respond in the same way to peer pressure. Some are simply more independent than others and can withstand or resist the pressure better. Research indicates that young people who do not receive support at home are more likely to be influenced by their peer group.

The two best supports for young people who feel they are under pressure from their peer group are family and friends. It is very important for parents to keep the channels of communication open. As parents, you can provide the support to help your child resist pressure from friends or the wider peer group. Being able to talk things through with your child can enable them to see how they are being pressured unfairly or unnecessarily. Having a good friend (or two) can be critical in helping your child put things into perspective. Two people can resist pressure better than one and provide an alternative viewpoint that can then influence peer group views and actions.

Peer groups are part of growing up and they will cause a great deal of pleasure and at times, some grief. By being aware of, and connected with your child's friendships, you are in a better place to monitor and support them if 'pressure' arises.

Have a great fortnight

Kind regards

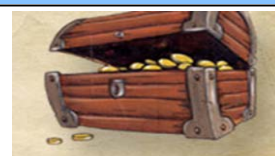
Chad Harris

Relieving 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.



Welcome back to Term 3 and with less than 3 weeks to our 2018 School Fair we have been very busy in putting the final touches together. Going home today with the newsletter is a fair update and the raffle tickets. If you require more then 1 book per family please see the front office.



We will be having another fundraiser on August 3 'Crazy Hair Day'. Again this will be a gold coin donation. Thank you for all donations and support on our 'Colourful Mufti Day.'



School Banking will commence this Thursday for term 3. This term the reward items available are a Mighty Boom Handball and Heat Reactor Pencils. (pencils that change colour with heat)

Our next P&C Meeting is our AGM on Tuesday 21st August at 7pm. In the next newsletter there will be more information regarding our AGM.

Lee-Anne Hanney P&C President



Well done!



WRITERS AWARD

KD - Natalie
KL - Quentin
1A - Dominic
1M - Alivia
2J - Charbel
2S - Lana
3B - Ebonie
3H - William
4B - Koru
4/5M - Tailey
5/6B - Danielle
5/6G - Abbey

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