



Woodland Road Public School

Newsletter

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Term 3 **Week 9**
Wednesday, 19 September 2018

Whole School Assembly
Week 9
No item this assembly

Stage 1 Sydney Wildlife Park
 Wednesday September 19
Last Day of School
 Friday September 28
Students Return to School
 Monday October 15
P&C Meeting
 Tuesday October 16
Stage 2 Taronga Zoo Snooze
 October 24–26
Swim Scheme
 October 29–November 9
Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
 November 28 - 30



Thank you to the community for the ongoing support and a special thank you to everyone for helping our school collect vouchers for the Coles Sports for School Initiatives. We are proud to say that with the vouchers we were able to get some new equipment for students from Years K to 6 to enjoy. Thank you again from P.S.C. Leaders, Ben, Lucas, Jaidyn, Anna, Pyper, Charlotte, Cameron, Alyssa, Jai and Georgia.



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Zone Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday September 11 and Wednesday September 12 a number of Woodland Road Public School students attended the Zone Athletics Carnival. On Tuesday was the field events. There were four events. discus, shotput, high jump and long jump. We had three successful students Anna Lole in high jump, Riley Nonenmacher in discus and Cameron Nonenmacher in long jump. These three students will go on to represent our school at Regional next Wednesday September 19 and we wish them very good luck. On Wednesday at the track there were three events, 100m, 200m and 800m. We had another two students make it through they were Nicholas Loizou in the 100m and Cameron Nonenmacher in 100m, 200m and the 800m. They will also represent our school at Regional next Wednesday. We wish everyone good luck and we hope they represent our school with pride.

By Cameron and Anna



CONGRATULATIONS!

Public Speaking Competition

The beginning of this term saw the start of our Public Speaking journey for 2018. Students wrote their speech at home on particular topics and presented them to their class. All teachers were very impressed by the content of speeches and the students' public speaking skills. Last week, 9 students presented their speeches at Assembly and I had the tough job of selecting 4 students to go through to the Campbelltown Network Local Final which was held yesterday. Janaya-Marie Fletcher represented Early Stage One, Daniel Nand represented Stage One, Isabel Neilsen represented Stage Two and Stacey Ellis represented Stage Three.



Of the students who spoke yesterday at the Campbelltown Network Local Final Daniel Nand won his Stage competition and will be representing the Campbelltown Network held in early November. We wish him the very best of luck. Well done Daniel ! Also congratulations to Stacey Ellis who received Highly Commended in her Stage Competition. Thank you and well done to all students who put in the effort in preparing their speeches and presenting them, it was an excellent achievement.



Thanks
Elyse Duggan

Stage 3 Science Experiment

We like doing experiments with Ms Tapsas. This experiment was about different tastes, sweet, bitter, sour, salty and umami. There were multiple foods to taste like tomato sauce, carb soda, rocket, smarties, sour patch kids, bread, vinegar and more. I found the rocket very bitter and disgusting and Bella found the vegemite salty but delicious. We both liked the lemon juice even though it was very sour. My favourite was the tomato sauce, so was Bella's. Most of the kids preferred and enjoyed the lollies and chocolates. By the way things like bread are considered umami.

By Charlotte and Bella 5/6B



WE  ARE  SUCCESSFUL

Community of Schools Parent Conference at Airds HS.

This was fantastic day where we were privileged in celebrating the talents of students from our local schools. We also had the pleasure of listening to a number of guest presenters who were able to share their story. Thank you to those parents who attended and we look forward to next year where we will have our own students perform and increase the number of tables representing Woodland Road Public School.

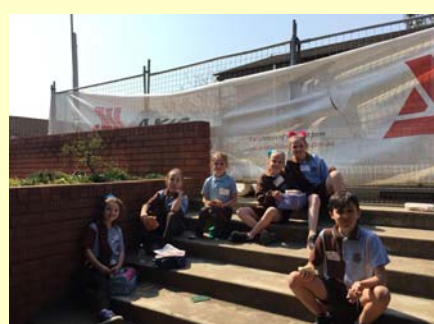


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Stage 2 Aboriginal Art

Last Tuesday 6 of the Garamada students from Stage 2 went to Bradbury Public School for an Aboriginal art day. We did string art, painted a big cut-out of a kangaroo and some charcoal drawing. Our favourite was learning the string art. We also liked the yummy food. It was a great day. We got to meet new people and make lots of new friends.

By Tiarnna, Brooke and Emily.



The *Tell Them From Me* survey (Term 3, 2018)

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student and parent/carer feedback surveys. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

Student Survey

You may remember that our students in Grades 4-6 also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback regarding school life, student engagement and the different ways that teachers interact with students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. The student survey will be administered during school hours in Week 10 of Term 3.

A consent form for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students in Grades 4-6. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Monday 24th September**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

Parent Survey

The parent survey provides school principals and school leaders with parents' perspectives on their school as well as learning at home. Communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent views on the school's support of learning and behaviour help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Parents/carers can complete the survey here: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/wrps2018> Alternatively, Miss Bareham is available to assist access to the survey in her classroom on Wednesday mornings 8:15-8:45am.

The survey is available in 23 languages.

Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Thank you,

Terese Bareham

Relieving Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Visit by Greg Warren - MP Campbelltown

Last week I had the opportunity to meet with Greg Warren, local member for Campbelltown. The purpose of the meeting was around student safety regarding the crossing at the front of the school. Our fantastic crossing supervisor regularly reports near misses with cars speeding through the crossing in excess of the indicated 40km zone and even failing to stop when she is standing in the middle of the road guiding students across the crossing. Student safety will always be one of our priorities in the school. Mr Warren has contacted local council, RMS and other relevant bodies to formulate a plan to address the risks being posed to our children and wider community regarding the crossing.

Please contact me at the office if you have any concerns or anecdotal evidence that I can use in making representation to the relevant groups.

Parent Conference

I recently had the pleasure of taking a number of parents to the Community of Schools Parent Conference at Airds HS. This was a fantastic day where we were privileged in celebrating the talents of students from our local schools. We also had the pleasure of listening to a number of guest presenters who were able to share their story, in many cases, how they had overcome adversity while developing resilience in a highly complex world. All the participants at the conference were given the opportunity to reflect on their own lives and develop a stronger belief in themselves. Thank you to those parents who attended and look forward to next year where we will have our own students perform and increase the number of tables representing Woodland Road.

Public Speaking

This week, we hosted the Campbelltown Network Public Speaking Competition in our school hall. I would like to say a huge thank you Elyse Duggan for her fantastic effort in organising and hosting the event. Public speaking is such a critical skill for students in the future and it was inspiring to see students from Kindergarten to Year 6, provided with the opportunity on a broader stage. Each student had to deliver a prepared speech and then an impromptu speech that had to be constructed by the student on-site with 5 minutes of preparation time. A huge congratulations to Daniel who won his stage and will progress to the grand final later in the year. A special mention goes to Stacey who was successful in getting highly commended in her age division. Well done to all our participants who represented the school and were successful in winning the school based competition.

School Upgrade

On Tuesday, I was informed that the school has been successful in securing some substantial funding from the State government for maintenance across the school. The project will see the tiled roof being replaced with insulated colourbond steel, along with cladding, guttering and down pipes across the entire school. As you can imagine, this is a significant program that will require some accommodation by the school. Work will commence during the next school holidays and continue through till January - 2019. There will be some impact on classes during this time as classes will be moved out of existing classes while the work is being undertaken overhead. This process will be carefully negotiated with the building contractors and communicated to the whole school community. While I acknowledge that some disruption is not ideal, I believe that the longer term benefits will be great for our school.

Kindergarten 2019

Do you have a child or know of a child who is looking at starting school in 2019? We are currently accepting enrolments for next year and are already providing a getting ready for school program on Wednesday mornings. Over the next few weeks, I will be looking at staffing for next year and projected Kinder numbers play a large part. If you are looking at enrolling a child or know of a child starting next year, then please contact Kylie in the office for an enrolment form and we can invite you to the getting ready for school program.

Have a great fortnight!

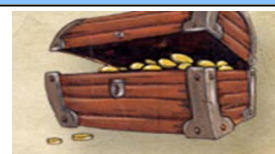
Kind regards Chad Harris

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.



Friday was our last Gala day for the year and we would like to congratulate all students who played and we hope you enjoyed and had lots of fun playing against the other schools, To all the parents/carers who also helped out on the days and behind the scenes we thank you sincerely as you made it possible to provide all sorts of goodies for the students ,which helped with funding costs to put back into our school. We would also like to thank parents who were able to attend to watch their child/children play and cheer them on, you are a great support and encouragement for them.

With Christmas fast approaching the P & C have teamed up with Laura Jean to run a photo day on Sunday 4th November, families can have portraits taken together the cost is \$20 per family which you will receive a 10"x13" portrait. So look out for the official note that will detail all about the photo day.

Our next P & C meeting will be held on 16th October 2018.

Lisa Micheals

P&C President.



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ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019



**TRANSITION TO
KINDERGARTEN
PROGRAM 2019
BEGINS EARLY
TERM 3!**

WEDNESDAY DATES:

Term 3 (9-10am):

Week 6	29 th Aug
Week 7	5 th Sept
Week 8	12 th Sept
Week 9	19 th Sept
Week 10	26 th Sept

Term 4 (9-10:30am):

Week 1	17 th Oct
Week 2	24 th Oct
Week 3	31 st Oct
Week 4	7 th Nov
Week 5	14 th Nov

5 DAYS IN A ROW (9-11AM):

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd Nov: 9-11am

Parent workshop and Best Start information sessions



- SMALL SCHOOL ATMOSPHERE
- BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE
- EXPERIENCED STAFF
- SENSE OF COMMUNITY
- FREE TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM AVAILABLE
- SUPPORTIVE OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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