



WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

TERM 2, WEEK 9
11th June, 2020

WOORAGEE NEWS

Dear families and Friends,

Welcome Back to School

It has been such a delight to have all of our students back with us. Every student is to be commended for the way in which they have settled back into our school routines and for the effort that they have put into their learning. We are happy to have you back with us!

Over the past term, due to the daily contact being made over Seesaw and email, the school hasn't been providing a weekly newsletter. Now that all students have returned to school, we will begin again to provide a weekly newsletter. Any additional communication or correspondence will still be provided via email and/or Seesaw.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Under the advice of Victoria's Chief Medical Officer, school staff have been advised to limit any physical contact with adults to minimise the likelihood of spreading COVID-19 until at least the end of this term. Thank you to everyone for supporting us in transitioning to the revised drop-off and pick-up routines in the mornings and afternoons. Things have generally been running smoothly and all of the staff have appreciated your flexibility in adjusting to the new routine. Our students have risen to the challenge and as a staff we have noticed that students have been less anxious following this routine. To keep the drop-off and pick-up routine continuing to run smoothly, please remember to drop-off and pick-up your child/ren promptly. You are still able to contact us via email or phone if you have any thing that you wish to discuss with us.

Literacy Block

Starting this week, our teaching and educational support staff have begun to implement a few changes to the morning Literacy block designed to

EVENTS CALENDAR

June

- 12th Book Club Due
- 17th Parent literacy session
- 22nd School Council Meeting
- 26th Last Day of Term 2

July

- 13th Term 3 Begins

maximise explicit teaching and learning time of essential language skills for all students. In the morning block, students now participate in three 40 minutes sessions:

- Word Work – where students learn word-level decoding and spelling skills including phonemic awareness, phonics, morphology, word-origins and high-frequency words;
- Language Skills – where students read a focus text and learn and apply comprehension strategies and vocabulary, grammar and punctuation skills in context to increase their understanding about how the English language works; and
- Writing – where students learn to write and compose narrative, informative and persuasive texts as well as receive daily handwriting instruction to form their letters correctly.

Supporting My Child with Reading Workshop

Students in Foundation and Year 1 will start to take home decodable books each week to help them practise the explicit skills they have been learning during their Word Work sessions. Students in other year levels will also start to take home books to practise their reading skills. To help all families know what they can do to support their child/ren with reading, teaching staff and I will be holding a 30 minute workshop on Wednesday 17 June starting at 5:00pm. To join this workshop on the day, you will need to click on the following link at any time from 4:55pm onwards.

- <https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/j.php?MTID=mf8bed7fae4783406666aa1a92d5fb2fb>

Student Behaviour Contract

Over the past two terms, students and staff have been working together to create a behaviour expectation matrix for the school. This matrix outlines the behaviours expected of all Wooragee Primary School community members, including staff, students, parents and visitors. Giant posters of these expectations have been printed and put up around the school so that they can continually be referred to and used to remind students of appropriate behaviours. In addition to this, students will be signing a behaviour contract over the coming week that outlines the school's behaviour expectations and the consequences for poor behaviour choices. A copy of this contract and the behaviour expectations will be sent home with all students over the coming days for you to discuss with them.

ResourceSmart Schools' Awards for 2020

This year, Eric and Owen were nominated for a volunteer award as a part of the Victorian ResourceSmart Schools Awards. They were named as one of the 4 finalists in the category. Last Friday 5 June, students in attendance at school watched the awards streamed live. It was great to see Eric and Owen's names up in lights! Unfortunately, they weren't the recipients of the award this year – there's always next! That being said, Eric and Owen are always winners to us and are to be congratulated and thanked for their continued efforts in supporting our school with its gardening program. We couldn't do it without you!

Kind Regards,
Mr. Brendon Peisley
Acting Principal
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STUDENT WORK

Scout: Foundation.

Scout is in the cabin.

Scout was surprised to see a bat.

The cat chased Scout and the bat.



Emotion Coaching: Connecting with Our Kids

Online Workshop

Help your child to:

- Understand their emotions and be able to communicate how they feel
- Regulate their emotions and calm themselves
- Develop resilience and positive self-esteem
- Develop problem-solving and social skills
- Develop kindness and empathy towards others

This two hour online workshop delivered by Gateway Health is for parents and carers of children 2-10 years of age who would like to learn more about emotion coaching, understanding their children's emotional development and how they can connect with their children.

WHEN: Wednesday 24th June 2020 from 10am to 12pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

HOW DO I REGISTER: Registrations are essential. To register or ask a question contact:

Gerda on 0429 984 203 or Gerda.schaap@gatewayhealth.org.au

There is no cost for this workshop.



This week we welcomed Jacob to Wooragee. Jacob is in Year 4, and he likes playing football and riding his bike. Jacob has a brother named Kodie, two dogs named Harvey and Sarah as well as two cats, one whose name is Sammy and the other is yet to be named as it is a kitten. Jacob has had a great first few days here at Wooragee.

Welcome back Lachlan to Wooragee. Lachlan has spent the last 6 months at St. Joseph's in Beechworth. Lachlan said he is glad to be back at Wooragee so he can see his friends.





Doug: Whilst in remote learning I enjoyed having video chats with my friends. I'm happy to be back at school to see my friends.



Kalum: We spent the last 2 weeks of remote learning over the coast. I finally got to go on a fishing charter boat and caught a fish. I'm glad to be back at school so that I can get out of the house.



Xaine: Whilst I was on remote learning I went camping and got to relax. I liked remote learning as I could concentrate better. It is good to come back to school so that I can talk to my friends.



Anton: Whilst in remote learning we got new chickens. I am happy to be back so I can see all of my friends.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a special thank you to:

Owen and Eric for continuing to garden every week through this unusual time.

All families for their continued support at this time.

Statements

Statements will be sent home today.

You will see that there is credits for Shrek and Term 2 SAKG if these were paid.

I have not allocated the credits towards any of the fees, so if you would like me to do this please let me know.

Please email me at walker.wendy.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

If you have any questions you can call me on Thursday or Friday next week.

Wendy

WOORAGEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Recognizing students who have identified our Wooragee values in their peers

Indigo for respect
Jess for respect
David for respect
Artemis for responsibility
Arlo for respect
Arlo for responsibility
Artemis for respect
Cooper H for responsibility
Ryder for responsibility

BIRTHDAYS

June Birthdays

9th Angel
13th Solace

SAKG FRIDAY MENU

No SAKG
At this stage due to Covid-19

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Please let us know if your child is on the bus everyday via Seesaw or by phoning the school.

Could all computers and iPad be returned to the school as soon as possible please.