



WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

TERM 1, WEEK 3
14th February 2019

WOORAGEE NEWS

Dear Families and Friends,

Parent Calendar: At the Parent Information session on Monday, I shared with parents the option of having Google Calendar for parents for school. This would allow parents to be able to see further along than the newsletter calendar. I requested families who were at the information session to write down their most suitable email address, so I can send out an invitation. If you could please email me at Odewahn.alicia.a@edumail.vic.gov.au with the email address you would like attached to the calendar by Friday 22nd February, otherwise I will just use the email address that we have on file from the time of enrolment.

Working Bee & Social BBQ: The Working Bee and BBQ will be held on Friday 22nd February. We will commence the Working Bee at 3:00pm with the students. There will be a list on the Parent Table at the entrance way, where parents can write their names next to their preferred job. There will also be a list of equipment that we will need, if people can let us know if they can bring any of these things along to make the jobs easier. The BBQ will start at 5:30pm and we will provide bread, sausages (plus vegan option), onions and coleslaw.

Folk Festival: This week we found out the theme for the Folk Festival opening parade on Friday 22nd March 2019. We encourage ALL children to attend the parade as it is a whole lot of fun and a wonderful community event to support. The students make the costumes in class time and they are at no additional cost to families. The theme this year is 'flamboyant feathers' and we are asking families if they have any old items of clothing or sheets, doona covers etc, which we can repurpose into costumes. We are looking for bright colours; blue, green, pink, purple, orange, yellow, etc. We are looking at having a 'crafternoon', working on costumes on Friday 1st March from 12:30pm. If you would like to come along and help, this would be greatly appreciated. Scissors and hot glue guns would also be very helpful if you happen to have those.

Prep Envelopes: The School Nurse will be coming to school on Thursday 21st February. Can Prep families who are interested in having their child see the School Nurse, please return their envelopes prior to Thursday 21st February.

Swimming Day: The children had so much fun on Wednesday and we cannot thank the staff at the Wangaratta Pool for their help and guidance with the children. We had many children stretch themselves enormously out of their comfort zones and we were just so proud of all of them. They conducted themselves beautifully, were organised, helped each other and overall it was just a really fun day. I want to congratulate the students on the way they approached the day.

EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 18th NERSSA Swimming (Select Students)
- 18th School Council 3:30pm
- 20th PREP REST DAY
- 21st School Nurse Prep Visit
- 22nd 3:00pm Working Bee & Welcome BBQ 5:30pm
- 28th PREP REST DAY

MARCH

- 6th PREP REST DAY
- 7th Wooragee Farmers Market
- 11th PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 13th PREPS START ATTENDING WEDNESDAY
- 14th Wooragee Farmers Market
- 18th School Council 3:30pm
- 21st Wooragee Farmers Market
- 22nd Yack Folk Festival Parade
- 28th Wooragee Farmers Market

APRIL

- 4th Wooragee Farmers Market
- 5th Term 1 Ends 2:30pm Finish
- 22nd EASTER MARKET
- 23rd STUDENT FREE DAY
- 24th Term Two begins
- 25th ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY- March at Yackandandah & Beechworth



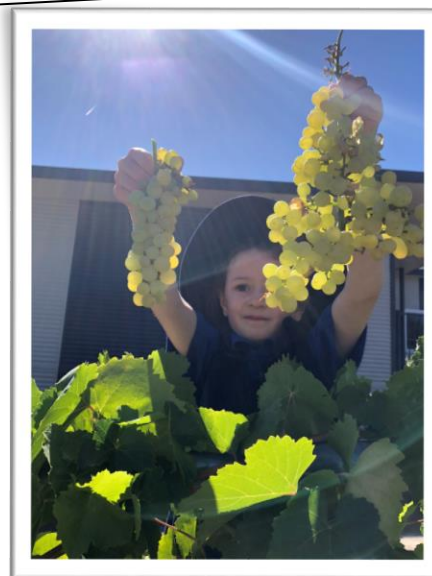
Meg: For my Birthday Ethan came and played the Cello for me and my friends. My grandmother brought in these cupcakes for us all to eat. All my school friends sang Justine Clark's happy birthday song.



Matilda: We stepped onto the teachers hand, then we floated on our backs for 5 seconds and then swam to the side of the pool. I put my head under 4 times.



Hope: yesterday we went to Wangaratta Indoor Pool and did swimming lessons, races and at the end jumping in the pool. My favourite part was the racing. Above is a photo of the P/3 class.



Niamh: Today we picked the grapes. They are very tasty. There were lots on the vine.

Wooragee Farmers Market: Please see attached to the end of the newsletter again this week, an expression of interest form for the upcoming Wooragee Market. This begins on Thursday 7th March. Please indicate on the form below and return to school if you are available to help and I will send home the roster with the newsletter next week.

NERSSA Swimming: Please return NERSSA Swimming notes ASAP, as the carnival is on Monday. Grace and Bec will be transporting and supervising students and I will have any of the students from 4-6 who are not attending the carnival. Students will wear their excursions shirts. We understand that there is an extremely quick turn around for notes, but we wanted to make sure that students felt confident in the water at our swimming day, before we sent notes home.

School Council Nominations: I will be calling for school council nominations from Monday 18th February until C.O.B Friday 22nd February. We will have 5 vacancies available for School Council. If we happen to receive more nominations than positions, we will hold a ballot in the 2 weeks following.

Have a lovely weekend, Alicia Odewahn

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK: KIDS WHO DO CHORES ARE MORE SUCCESSFUL ADULTS

<https://www.inc.com/bill-murphy-jr/kids-who-do-chores-are-more-successful-adults-according-to-science.html>

Want your kids to grow up to be successful? Make them do chores. When they balk (and trust me: they will probably balk), you can tell them that scientific research supports you.

It sounds great, and it's true--but there is a catch. (We'll get to that in a minute.) For now, the science.

In the Harvard Grant Study, the longest running longitudinal study in history, (spanning 75 years and counting--from 1938 to the present), researchers identified two things that people need in order to be happy and successful:

The first? Love.

The second? Work ethic.

And what's the best way to develop work ethic in young people? Based on the experiences of the 724 high-achievers who were part of the study (including people like future-President Kennedy and Ben Bradlee, the Watergate-era editor of The Washington Post) there's a consensus.

A "pitch-in" mindset

"[The study] found that professional success in life, which is what we want for our kids ... comes from having done chores as a kid," says Julie Lythcott-Haims, in her 20XX TED talk.

"The earlier you started, the better," Lythcott-Haims continued. (You can see her whole TED talk here.) "[A] roll-up-your-sleeves- and-pitch-in mindset, a mindset that says, there's some unpleasant work, someone's got to do it, it might as well be me ... that that's what gets you ahead in the workplace."

The catch

Okay, here's the drawback. It's that having your kids do chores doesn't necessarily wind up being less work for you as a parent. My colleague Valerie Williams at Scary Mommy recently put it succinctly and memorably:

"That's cool, research lady. It really does make sense. But do you have any idea how much [stuff] we already have to beg our kids to do any given day?

I called today a victory because both of my kids brushed their teeth the first time I asked and haven't killed each other yet on this, the fifth day of their week off from school. If I asked them to do chores, they'd listen, but they'd whine. And they'd do a shoddy job. Ain't no momma got time for that noise. ... Have you seen the results when a child sweeps the floor?"

Yes, it's tougher than it seems at first glance. But--and here's an analogy I'll probably never get to make again--it reminds me of my days writing about military counterinsurgency and the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

Sometimes, even if you could do a job perfectly, you have to let someone else do it just-barely-passably, if you want the other person learn from the experience. It's the same principle whether we're talking about U.S. soldiers training the Iraqi Army, or parents letting their kids empty the dishwasher.

Because, as Lythcott-Haims told Tech Insider: "By making them do chores -- taking out the garbage, doing their own laundry -- they realize I have to do the work of life in order to be part of life. It's not just about me and what I need in this moment."



Student Work

By Taylor

Yesterday, I went to the swimming pool and I learnt how to get into the swimming pool safely.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a special thank you to:

Owen and Eric for taking our gardening program every week

Jess, Bailey and Anita for their help in the kitchen on Friday

Sadie and Cameron for their generous donation of craft supplies

YACKANDANDAH FOLK FESTIVAL PARADE COSTUMES

We are calling for donations of any unwanted fabric, clothing, sheets, doona covers, which we can repurpose into costumes for the parade. If anyone is available on Friday 1st March from 12:30pm, we would love some extra hands.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Funds

If you are holder of a healthcare card you may be able to apply for Camps, Sports and Excursions Funds. Please get a copy of the application form from the office. Complete and return. If you were in receipt of the funds last year you don't need to redo form.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

7th Nadia
14th Meg
16th Doug
17 Arden



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HATS

We already have a number of children who are coming to school without hats. As per our Sunsmart policy, students **MUST** have hats during Term 1 and 4 and whenever the UV is above 3. We do not have enough spare hats to go around and this can impact on the children's ability to socialise with their friends if they are restricted to play in the shade only. Students are welcome to leave their hats at school on their hooks over night, if this helps them to remember them.

SAKG FRIDAY MENU

Wraps
Fruit Platter
Banana Muffins
Zucchini Relish
Cucumber Relish
Pickled Eggplant

WOORAGEE FARMERS MARKET

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

DATE	STAFF	AVAILABLE YES	AVAILABLE NO
Thursday 7 th March	Alicia		
Thursday 14 th March	Jess		
Thursday 21 st March	Alicia		
Thursday 28 th March	Karen		
Thursday 4 th April	Grace		