



WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

TERM 4, WEEK 2
17th October,
2019

WOORAGEE NEWS

Dear Families and Friends,

WELCOME BACK: A warm welcome back to term 4. Spring time is always a lovely time of year where everyone feels more energised. Once again we have lots planned for this term. We've already had the Canberra Camp and our first Prep Transition morning. Both of which were a great success.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OWEN: As you might be aware, Owen celebrated his birthday during the school holidays. There was a slight misunderstanding about it being a significant 0 birthday this year. Owen tells us that will be next year... However, we feel birthdays are always worth celebrating and the students have been eagerly preparing a small surprise for tomorrow.

STORY TELLING EVENING: A reminder that our Story Telling Evening will take place this Saturday evening between 6 and 9pm at the Beechworth Berries. Shireen and our dedicated event organisers have been very busy preparing. Tickets are available from the school office or at the entrance on the night. Please feel free to bring your friends and family along to share in what promises to be a most enjoyable family evening.

Grade 3-6 CAMP: Last week the grade 3-6s travelled to Canberra where they had a fabulous time learning about our national capital. They were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the nations capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This amount was deducted from the total costs that families were invoiced.

PLANT AND PRODUCE STALL: If you are able to volunteer for the plant and produce stall on Saturday next week, please add your name to the roster.

Michele Solecki

Acting Principal

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EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 19th Storytelling Night- Beechworth Berries 6-9pm
- 21st School Council
- 24th SEED Day, Wangaratta
- 26th Plant & Produce Stall
- 30th PREP TRANSITION DAY 8:55-11:00am

NOVEMBER

- 5th Melbourne Cup holiday
- 7th Outdoor Classroom Day
- 8th P-3 School Sleepover
- 13th PREP TRANSITION DAY 8:55am-1:30pm
- 27th PREP TRANSITION DAY 8:55am-1:30pm
- 29th Student Free Day

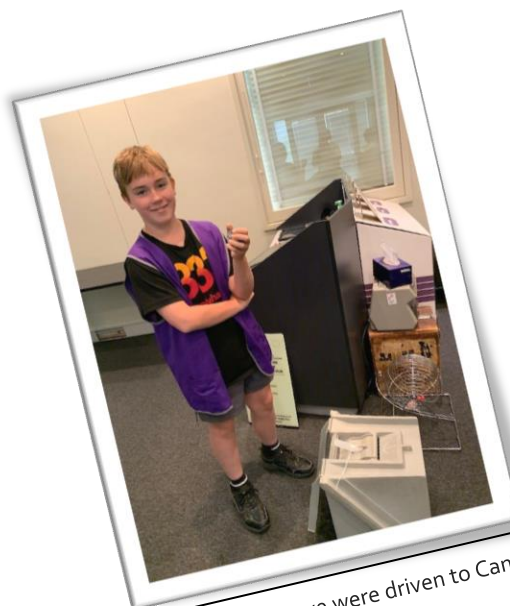
DECEMBER

- 9th School Council
- 10th Statewide Transition Day 9:00am-1:00pm
- 12th School Concert
- 20th Last Day of School





Abbie: We went on a camp on Wednesday and came home on Friday. We had great fun on Thursday as it was also Anton's Birthday. We sang him Happy Birthday on the bus and gave him birthday claps. On the way there I sat next to Logan. On Thursday night I sat next to one sat next to me. On Thursday night I sat next to Georgia, I also sat next to her on the way home. Room rating: ★★★★★ (Better than last camp).



Kalum: On Wednesday we were driven to Canberra by our coach driver Cameron. The middle indigo students came with us to Canberra. After a long drive we stopped at the War Memorial. We entered through the school entrance and we split off into groups. We did a self guided tour for a while then a lady took us for a tour of the Shrine part and told us some stuff about the weapons. The coolest thing I saw was the helicopter and the massive bomber. The scariest part was the gas masks. Hotel rating: ★★★★★ Schnitzels were great and beds were comfy.



Ocean: On school camp we went to the swim and slide. My favourite part was the giant waterslide. I went down with Judah and Hamish. The first time I went down the way you go down a slide. The second time I went face first. We didn't actually end up in the wave pool, we ended up in a small pool of warm water. I enjoyed going on camp. It was exciting.



Xaine: Last week we went on camp. The best bit was swimming. It was the best because of the massive slide we all went down at once.

SOCIAL SESSION

FOR STUDENTS OF STRINGED INSTRUMENTS



2pm SUNDAY, 20th OCTOBER
YACKANDANDAH COMMUNITY CENTRE
FREE FOR REGISTERED STUDENTS - \$20 FOR VISITORS



Student Work

By Freddie

The warm hole was as big as the biggest dinosaur. I went to the portal and I saw a Tyrannosaurus Rex. He saw me, I saw him, I ran and he chased me. I found a hide out, he found me. That's the end. Stay tuned for Jurassic Park.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a special thank you to:

Owen and Eric for taking our gardening program every week

David McAuliffe for installing our water hand pump station.

The staff and students from Middle Indigo Primary for attending camp with us.

GARDENING AUSTRALIA

We have a downloaded copy of the program which we are allowed to share with families. So if you would like a copy, please send in a labelled USB and we will ensure you get a copy. The program will remain on view for quite sometime, just in case you missed it!

WOORAGEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

4-6 Class for being responsible for their learning.

Henry, Aston, Lachlan for being inclusive and engaging fellow students with kindness and respect.

STORYTELLING BAKING

The fundraising committee are seeking our help! If you are able to bake goods that can be frozen in preparation for our storytelling night, we would really appreciate the help. Please see message within newsletter and tick sheet attached to this newsletter, so that we can document ingredients

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

3rd Owen
10th Anton
13th Hudson
22nd Cooper I

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FIRE SEASON PREPARATION

Please see attached to this newsletter our plans for the upcoming fire season. We will always communicate clearly and openly with you, but it is good to know what plans are in place. This is also to prompt families to consider their own private fire plans.

SAKG FRIDAY MENU

Herb & garlic
bread
Penne bolognaise
Wooragee salad
Pralines

Wooragee Primary School Fundraiser

An evening of

Storytelling

'Spin Your Story'

A Whole Family Event

- Entertainment • Campfire • Light Supper • Dessert •
- Refreshments • BYO Chairs • Live Music •

Our Local Guest Speakers



Gary Murray

Gary Murray a Multi-Clan descendant of the Wamba Wamba (Vic/NSW Murray River), Dhudhuroa (Vic/NSW Murray River), Wiradjeri (NSW Bogan River), Yorta Yorta (Vic/NSW Murray River), Baraparapa (Vic/NSW Murray River), Dja Dja Wurrung (Loddon/Avoca Rivers), Djupagalk (Richardson River) and Wergala Nations (Wimmera River), Father to twelve children and grandfather to twenty-three grandchildren.



Cathy McGowan

Cathy grew up in the Indigo valley and went to school in Beechworth. As well as farming, she was also and most recently a politician - the Independent representative for Indi. She recently visited PNG and has lots of stories to tell about our nearest neighbour.



Libby Clark

Linguist, Teacher,
Singer



Benjamin Gilbert

Sculptor,
Agency of Sculpture

Saturday 19th October 2019

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Beechworth Berries • 46 Reid's Way Wooragee

**Tickets Available from Wooragee Primary School &
www.woorageeps.vic.edu.au**

Adult: \$20.00 • Child: \$10.00 • Family: \$50.00

For more information Contact Shireen Porteous 0415 835 203



WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Wooragee Primary School Procedures for the bushfire season



Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

CODE RED DAYS

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, SMS or phone. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- After school sport will also be cancelled on these days
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- School buses are cancelled on a Code Red day.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters and letting us know when your child is not coming to school,
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

EXTREME FIRE DANGER DAYS

Wooragee Primary School may will relocate to Beechworth Primary School on Extreme Fire Danger days.

We will notify you by phone or SMS as soon as the decision has been made to close or relocate.

Parents may choose to keep their child with them, however, we need to know if you are doing that please.

Once confirmed, the decision to relocate will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.



**Tuning into Teens™
at headspace**

When: Tuesday 22nd October to
26th November 2019 (6 weeks)

Where: Gateway Health 155 High St,
Wodonga Training Room (G10)

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Contact: Intake Team (02) 60228888
Bookings Essential

A FREE six session parenting
program for parents and
carers of young people.

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EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING

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Learn how to:

- Understand what they're going through at this stage in life
- Understand their emotions
- Manage conflict more effectively
- Communicate more effectively
- Create a closer more connected relationship
- Build on your skills as a parent.

Ask a headspace worker about the Tuning in to Teens™ program and other services this centre offers family and friends.

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**LIVING BRIDGE
MUSIC**

- UPCOMING DATES -

LESSONS RETURN - 7th October

SOCIAL SESSIONS - 19th October

STUDENT CONCERT - 16th November

**TERM 4
MUSIC LESSONS
REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN**



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**WODONGA
WATERPOLO CLUB**

**NEW JUNIOR PLAYERS
FOR THE 2019/20 SEASON**

**Interested in playing water polo
this summer?**

The 2019/20 season is fast approaching. If you want to see if polo is the right fit for you before registering, come to our free come & try sessions for junior boys & girls in September. You do not need to have played previously, but you do need to be able to swim 25m non-stop.

WHO
New & returning, juniors male & female (Born 04, 05, 06, 07 & 08)

WHEN
Wednesday 18 & 25 Sept & 2 Oct 5:30 - 6:30 PM

WHERE
WAVES Wodonga - normal pool entry fee required

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

- Season starts 12th October 2019, junior games on Saturdays
- Break for Christmas & January
- Season ends, end of March 2020

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PLANT & PRODUCE STALL
ROSTER

TIME	NAME	NAME	NAME
8AM-10AM			
10AM-12PM			
12PM-2PM			