



# WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

TERM 1, WEEK 4  
21<sup>st</sup> February 2019

## WOORAGEE NEWS

Dear Families and Friends,

**Parent Calendar:** I will be sending out an invitation to the parent calendar tomorrow afternoon. Please let me know if you experience any difficulty accessing this.

**Working Bee & Social BBQ:** TOMORROW AFTERNOON! Come one come all! Thankfully, the Army have come to our rescue and will be completing the Nature Playground path during the day on Friday, which frees us up a lot to do the other jobs on our list. We feel very fortunate to have their help and assistance. Thank you again to Alison for contacting them on our behalf.

**NERSSA Swimming:** On Monday Aston, Kalum, Doug, Abbie and Hope took our beautiful new Sports shirts out for their maiden voyage at the NERSSA swimming carnival and represented themselves and our school beautifully. They had a wonderful day and all tried their very best! 50m is a long way to swim! A big Congratulations to Aston, Kalum and Hope who will be representing NERSSA at the district carnival this coming Friday. Well done everyone!

**Folk Festival:** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Students need to decide on a colour that they would like to wear. We have asked that they choose a colour, which they have a lot of at home already, so there is no additional cost to families. We really ask that all students attend the parade and staff are more than happy to assist with transport and supervision to make this possible. We will be selling our Wooragee Natural Icy Poles on this night as well and would love your help. More information to follow.

**Wooragee Farmers Market:** Thank you to everyone for their kind offer of help. We are looking forward to this market. Please find the roster attached to this week's newsletter.

**School Council Nominations:** I officially called for school council nominations from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February and nominations close Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We actually have 6 vacancies available for

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- 21<sup>st</sup> Alicia Network Prin Meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:00pm Working Bee & Welcome BBQ 5:30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Alicia Regional Prin Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> PREP REST DAY

### MARCH

- 1<sup>st</sup> Folk Fest Costume CRAFTAFTERNOON 12:30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> PREP REST DAY
- 7<sup>th</sup> Wooragee Farmers Market 4pm-7pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 13<sup>th</sup> PREPS START ATTENDING WEDNESDAY
- 14<sup>th</sup> Wooragee Farmers Market
- 18<sup>th</sup> School Council 3:30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> LOTE Excursion Mt Pilot 12-3pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Wooragee Farmers Market
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Yack Folk Festival Parade
- 28<sup>th</sup> Wooragee Farmers Market

### APRIL

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



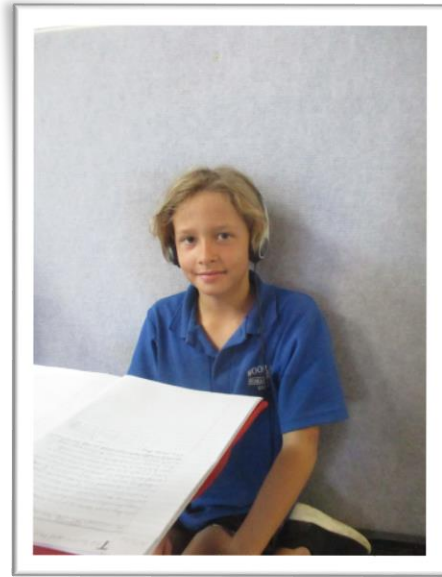
Tahji: On Monday we did Art. I drew a picture of purple flowers and a gum leaf. It was challenging to draw them but in the end it turned out good. I am proud of my work.



Georgia: During STEM we touched bread then put it in plastic bags in the sun. The following week we saw the results, which was a lot of mould on the bread where we had put our hands.



Abbie: Today we did Big Write, I wrote about a boy breaking his arm then escaping from hospital with no cast. He then goes to a beautiful lake and swims to a cave in the lake. He meets a mermaid and she fixes his arm.



Cooper: My story is about a Turtle and the island. One day a little turtle bumped his head on the island and then went looking for food. He found plenty of food so decided to live there.

School Council. We would love to hear your voice, it is friendly, cooperative and a way to directly support and guide the vision and direction of our school. Please see me for a nomination form, or help yourself to one at the parent information desk in the 4-6 classroom.

**Congratulations:** We would like to congratulate Douglas Gladstone for an achievement he made in the holidays. Douglas was a prize-winner in the 2019 Summer Reading Book Club run through the Beechworth Library. Well done Doug, there is so much to discover in books and what a wonderful way to spend the holidays.

*Have a lovely weekend, Alicia Odewahn*

### **ARTICLE OF THE WEEK: WANT TO RAISE SMART, KIND KIDS? SCIENCE SAYS DO THIS EVERY DAY**

<https://happyyouhappyfamily.com/raising-smart-kids/>

The whole article is great, so please take a look, but this is the powerful part

This is what happens when you read aloud to your child every day:

Your child will hear a wider variety of words. Here's why this is important: "The one pre-kindergarten skill that matters above all others, because it is the prime predictor of school success or failure, is the child's vocabulary upon entering school. Yes, the child goes to school to learn new words, but the words he already knows determine how much of what the teacher says will be understood. And since most instruction for the first four years of school is oral, the child who has the largest vocabulary will understand the most, while the child with the smallest vocabulary will grasp the least." – The Read-Aloud Handbook  
You grow your child's brain, literally. The more you read to your child, the more the neurons in her brain will grow and connect together.

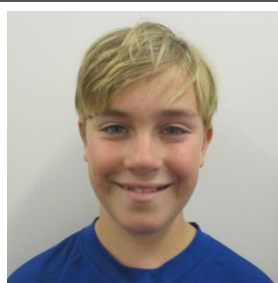
You put her on the path to be a lifelong reader. Reading is essential for the learning process, and kids who struggle with reading tend to struggle in school. But you have the power to give your child this one key to success in school and life because: "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children." – Becoming a Nation of Readers

Your child's behaviour will improve. When you read aloud, you increase your child's ability to pay attention and concentrate – skills that definitely help your child in school. Also, reading aloud to a child can even decrease aggressive tendencies in the child.

You build a stronger bond with your child. Kids love when you read aloud to them because of the physical closeness and emotional bonding it offers: "We're blown away that kids time and again said the most special time they recall spending with a parent is reading together." This makes sense when you think about it. In our busy modern lives, how often do we stop everything we're doing, put down our phones, and just enjoy time with our kids? A strong connection with your child leads to better cooperation from them, and that's something pretty much every parent could use more of.

You increase your child's capacity for empathy. When you read fiction to your child, her brain is "literally living vicariously through the characters at a neurobiological level." In other words, you're exposing your child to different types of people and giving her the ability to put herself in their shoes while you read. Growing your child's empathy muscle will teach her to be a friend who empathizes, a partner who can see her partner's side in a disagreement, and a compassionate person who helps others in need. The moral of my little research project? The one single habit of reading aloud to your child kicks off a chain reaction of all these positive outcomes, and more. If you're looking for the secret to raising smart kids, reading aloud is it.

So why wasn't I making it happen even half the time?



## **Student Work**

**By Kalum**

There was the sound of drops of water landing on a pond. I get up and realise I am in a cave. I spot a little pond. It starts to glimmer strongly when the sun shines through a hole in the roof. There is soft moss everywhere. There is large rocks and slate peeling of the walls. I start to walk further into the cave, the cave seems to never end.



## THANK YOU

### *We would like to say a special thank you to:*

Owen and Eric for taking our gardening program every week

Maureen Cooper for her donation of Science equipment and craft items to the school

Eric for his donation of beautiful bird books for our library

Bec and Shireen for transporting students to the NERSSA Carnival

Warren Lucas and team for their extra kind donation (once again) of sawdust for our path

Yackandandah News agency for their newspaper donations

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> March from 12:30pm, we would love some extra hands.



## 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.

### Family Contributions

Statements have been given out today.

Those that had credit have had this applied to the charges for this year. Families that wish to pay outstanding amounts from 2018 see Wendy to organise payment.

### 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

7<sup>th</sup> Nadia

14<sup>th</sup> Meg

16<sup>th</sup> Doug

17 Arden



## SAKG FRIDAY MENU

Silverbeet Parcels

Cheese and Potato  
Croquettes

Apple Teacake



# **WOORAGEE FARMERS MARKET**

## **ROSTER 2019**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>STAFF</b>	<b>PARENT/FAMILIES</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Alicia</b>	<b>Marshall/ Venables</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Jess</b>	<b>Holt</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Alicia</b>	<b>Browne</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Karen</b>	<b>Holt</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Grace</b>	<b>Porteous</b>



## **ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™ PARENT COURSE**

*Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems*

will be held at

Gateway Health

155 High Street, Wodonga

Thursdays 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (1pm – 3pm)

### **Learn:**

- ✓ Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- ✓ New understandings of adolescence
- ✓ A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- ✓ Self check-in, first - for parents.
- ✓ Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- ✓ Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore

### **Registration Fee**

**FREE**

For registration or more information contact the intake team on  
6022 8888

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •

This course is being run by a ParentsShop® licensed practitioner. [www.parentshop.com.au](http://www.parentshop.com.au)