



# WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

TERM 3, WEEK 2  
25<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## WOORAGEE NEWS

Dear Families and Friends,

**PARENT OPINION SURVEY:** This week you would have received a letter from me regarding the annual Parent Opinion Survey. Our school elects to survey every parent, as we value the input from all of you and want everyone to know their voice is heard and valued. This survey, accompanying the Student Attitudes to School Survey and Staff Opinion Survey, help to shape conversations, actions and future directions for the school. The survey is completely confidential. Every family has a unique code to access the survey, so if you have lost or misplaced this, please just let me know. If anyone requires technology to access the survey, please also let me know as this is simple to support. I anticipate the survey will take you no longer than 20 minutes and you have **until Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019** to complete.

**POSITIONS:** Interviews were undertaken last week for our Acting Principal and Educational Support Positions. John Pryor (SEIL) and Emma Hamill (School Council President) were the panel for this appointment. I am pleased to announce that the Acting Principal position will be filled by Michele Solecki. Michele comes with lots of experience and is currently in the role of Integrity Liaison Officer with the Department of Education and Training. Michele was Assistant Principal at Brighton Primary School for 3 years and has extensive experience working as a part of a Leadership Team, improving student outcomes, supporting staff with professional learning and working with hearing impaired students. Michele is thoroughly looking forward to being back in a school environment with the children, staff and families and also experiencing life in North East Victoria. Michele and I will be completing a handover process over the course of the term until I undertake Parental Leave and I will be in touch as to what this will look like, so the school community has the chance to meet and get to know Michele. I will be in communication with Michele over the course of my leave, so that it is also a smooth transition upon my return. I am also pleased to announce that Rebecca Davis was the successful applicant for our Educational Support Position and her contract now carries her through until the end of 2020.

**KAREN RETRA POLLINATOR EXPERT:** Karen visited our students again on Friday to see the pollinators, pests, fungi and other interesting things we have in our school at the moment. Karen is looking at supporting our students twice each season, so that we can map and collect data on what we are noticing when in our school grounds. This information will be invaluable and also directly impact the

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### JULY

- 29<sup>th</sup> MIPS to WPS- Years 2-6 Government
- 29<sup>th</sup> School Council 3:30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Wooragee PS Public Speaking Competition 1:30-3:00pm

### AUGUST

- 1<sup>st</sup> SEED Day Wodonga (Select Students Presenting Eco Bricks)
- 5<sup>th</sup> BOOK CLUB DUE
- 12<sup>th</sup> WPS to MIPS Years 2-6 Government
- 14<sup>th</sup> CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Jackie French Author Talk Wodonga
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Book Week Parade & Grandparents Day Lunch 12-3
- 26<sup>th</sup> MIPS to WPS- Years 2-6 Government
- 27<sup>th</sup> WODONGA ARTS FESTIVAL (All students)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Fathers' Day BBQ Breakfast & Activities 8-11am
- 30<sup>th</sup> Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion
- 30<sup>th</sup> ABC Gardening Australia Airing

### SEPTEMBER

- 6<sup>th</sup> Alicia commences Parental Leave
- 9<sup>th</sup> WPS to MIPS Years 2-6 Government
- 12<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL WORKING BEE



Indigo: On Monday the kinder kids came and made birds and trees (made out of leaves from the nature reserve) with us. Then we played with them in the nature playground and also the playground. I loved playing with them because they were very friendly.



Hudson: On Monday I got to see one of my best friends who came to visit from Kinder. My friends name is Kayden.



Cooper: We walked down the ramp to the kitchen, we had soup and bread with the kinder kids. Then we went to the nature playground and we picked up sticks and leaves, then we went up to the classroom and made birds in trees talking to each other using the sticks and leaves that we collected. Then we went back down stairs to have a play.



Aston: The kinder kids came over and we got to do lots of activities and played with them. The activities were that we got to paste on some pictures of birds and write what they were saying. Then we put them on the floor. We might be able to put them on display.



types of plants we plant in our garden to encourage or eradicate certain things and also, a wonderful way for our students to continually see Science in their everyday life. Such a rich experience for the children.

**WOORAGEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** You will notice on the back on this week's newsletter a new section called "Wooragee Acknowledgements". At the end of Term Two, the staff approached the Student Leadership Team with the idea of student focussed acknowledgments of "The Wooragee Way", our school values. We wanted students to be modelling and living our school values, but wanted them to be operating in that manner with intrinsic motivation and not driven by pleasing teachers, but acting positively as part of the school community. The Student Leadership Team liked the idea and we have made up little 'acknowledgements', which students can hand out to other students, with the support of their teacher. The goal here is for students to endeavour to uphold our school values and to also work on acknowledging positive behaviour in others, assisting in fostering and building community. We have had in depth conversations about having real reasons and examples of where these behaviours have been exhibited and that certainly they are not for just the everyday expectations that we have as a school community, but are saved for special incidents. This ensures they are valued by both the children who hand them out and the children who receive them. We will feature any students who receive these acknowledgements over the next few weeks, but this won't remain a constant part of our newsletter, as we do not want to shift the motivation to the extrinsic driver being the public acknowledgment of effort or achievement.

**BEECHWORTH KINDERGARTEN VISIT:** Monday (and again on Friday), we welcomed the Beechworth Kinder to our school. We started the visit with a lovely soup and crusty bread lunch in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen, followed by a tour through Yirrikama, leading us into our book for the day "A Walk in The Bush", which children then completed activities around. The students then had a play out in the yard and met the lambs, which was perfect in the glorious sunshine we had on Monday. We look forward to tomorrow's visit. Yackandandah Kinder will also be visiting us later in the term.

*Have a lovely weekend, Alicia Odewahn- Principal*

"Failure is an opportunity to grow"

**GROWTH Mindset**

"I can learn to do anything I want"

"Challenges help me to grow"

"My effort and attitude determine my abilities"

"Feedback is constructive"

"I like to try new things"

"I am inspired by the success of others"

"Failure is the limit of my abilities"

**FIXED Mindset**

"I'm either good or I'm not"

"My abilities are unchanging"

"I don't like to be challenged"    "I can either do it or I can't"

"My potential is predetermined"

"When I'm frustrated I give up"

"Feedback and criticism are personal"

"I stick to what I know"

I have a **GROWTH MINDSET.**

I am in charge of how smart I am because I can **GROW** my **BRAIN** like a muscle by learning hard things.

I can achieve **ANYTHING** with **EFFORT** and **RIGHT STRATEGIES.**

And when I fail or make a mistake, it is a **GREAT** thing, because I can **LEARN** from them and **I GET BETTER!**

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## Student Work

By Ocean

"Goal!" Ocean yelled, high fiving Kalum and Hillas. Ocean, Kalum, Hillas, Hamish, Xaine, George and Slenderman were playing a game of soccer in the park. Ocean, Kalum, Hillas and Slenderman were on the opposing team to Hamish, Xaine and George. "You're getting the ball Ocean" Hillas said, because he was goalie. "OK you come too Slenderman, you as well" Ocean said just before Slenderman stuffed his face with pie. "AAAAAAWWWWW".

## THANK YOU

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

Owen and Eric for taking our gardening program every week

Bec and Jess for helping out with the lambs over the weekend

## WOORAGEE FAMILIES FACEBOOK PAGE

*There has been a closed Facebook group set up for families of our school. Simply search "WPS Families" and request to join and you will be added. Parents are hoping to use the page to exchange uniforms with each other, arrange playdates, etc*

## CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY ITINERARY

7.00am Coach departs Wooragee School  
7:15am Coach departs Beechworth Courthouse  
9:15am Arrive at morning tea spot  
11.45-12:00pm Arrive into Melbourne for lunch - (Students dropped at Parliament Reserve in Spring Street)  
12.20 Students and staff walk to Her Majesty's Theatre  
1:00pm Show starts  
4:00ish pm Depart Melbourne  
5:00pm Wallan McDonalds for Dinner  
6.00ish pm Depart Wallan McDonalds  
8.30-pm Arrive in Beechworth Courthouse Bus stop  
8.45pm Arrive Wooragee School

**"TUNING INTO KIDS"**  
emotionally intelligent  
parenting (2-10 years)

Gateway Health Wodonga are running this program again on Fridays from 22<sup>nd</sup> August until 19<sup>th</sup> September

10:30am-12:30pm

Contact Gateway Health on  
(02) 6022 8888 for more  
information

## WOORAGEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Recognising students who have identified in their peers

**"The Wooragee Way"**  
**Respect** (for self, for others, for the environment and community)  
**Resilience** (Trying Hard, bouncing back, persisting)  
**Responsibility** (for our learning, for our thoughts, for our actions)

## JULY BIRTHDAY

12<sup>th</sup> Anouk  
Frankie  
22<sup>nd</sup> Chloe  
23<sup>rd</sup> Logan  
26<sup>th</sup> Taylor



## SAKG FRIDAY MENU

Potato, Leek &  
Bacon Soup  
Curried Sausages  
Jam Drops  
Fruit

Vegan options will  
be available

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# CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Please advise where you would like to catch the bus from. Return this sheet by 9<sup>th</sup> August

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Beechworth

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please tick

Yackandandah

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