



# WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

TERM 2, WEEK 10  
27<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## WOORAGEE NEWS

Dear Families and Friends,

**LAST DAY OF TERM TWO TOMORROW:** Just to remind families that tomorrow, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June is the last day of Term Two and will be a 2:30pm finish for students. We resume school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** Wow....what a week we had last week! What an incredible opportunity for the students (and all of us!) and what a wonderful celebration of all things Wooragee, but especially our 30 year commitment to Landcare. I left on Friday feeling a buzz from all the excitement and an immense sense of pride for our whole school community. The smoking ceremony by Dixie was so special and an experience for many, as I was told on the day. It was a first time for me and one which I really appreciate having the opportunity to have and one which I feel lucky to have experienced with the students at our school. All of the students and staff have been working tirelessly over the past few weeks and I just want to formally acknowledge all of them. Wooragee Landcare have been amazing in their offers of support and we are very fortunate to have the relationship that we do have with them. Bonnie and Shani for coming in to help with the garden and get it sorted out. Wendy Fisher spent countless hours here at the school, very quietly going about doing huge amounts of work for us and then spent two days in the kitchen on top of that, thank you so much Wendy! Anton, Sacha and Marty Davey came in on their Saturday to help clean and spruce up the yard, again, so incredibly generous! Wendy Walker and her fabulous cake, Bec and all her running around to cater for the event, Andrew (Bec's Partner) for chopping all the wood and removing for us, Rus and Banjo for all of their welding, tip runs, tidying.....so many people to thank and so many people who have chipped in over the past few weeks. I really just want to say thank you. We couldn't have done it without you. The program will air on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019, I cannot wait to see Wooragee in all of its glory!

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### JUNE

24-28<sup>th</sup> Student/Parent/Teacher Learning Meetings  
28<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY TERM TWO  
2:30pm Finish

### JULY

15<sup>th</sup> First day of Term 3  
30<sup>th</sup> July Wooragee Public Speaking Competition  
Years 3-6 1:30-3:00pm

### AUGUST

12<sup>th</sup> WPS to MIPS 9:30-11:30  
14<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Musical- Charlie & the Chocolate Factory  
22<sup>nd</sup> Author Excursion: Jackie French-Cube Wodonga P-6  
30<sup>th</sup> Gardening Australia Program Airs

### SEPTEMBER

9<sup>th</sup> WPS to MIPS 9:30-11:30  
Melbourne Musical-



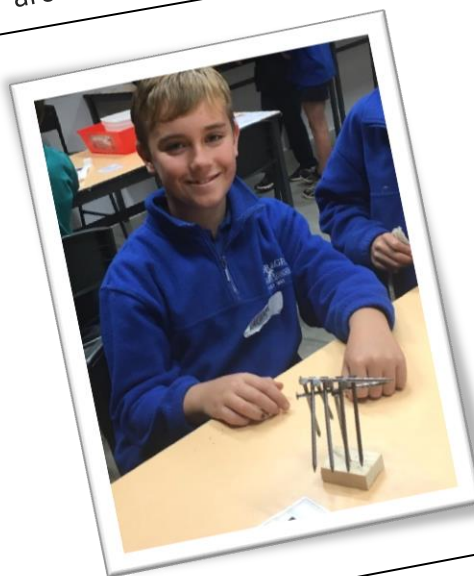
Logan: Today we went to Beechworth Secondary College for transition day. We got to do sport and music. I was playing the drums. I enjoyed today



Chloe: Today we went to the Secondary College. It was amazing, it was my first tour of a high school. My favourite subject was art. We got to do science. There were lots of different activities that we rotated around, including a funny concave mirror.



Xaine: Today we went to transition day. Our school was split into 3 different groups. Chloe, George and I were in one group with other schools. We done a few different activities, one of them was trying to balance 9 nails onto 1 nail.



Kalum: We went to Beechworth High today for a transition day. Trish the Principal introduced herself to everyone, and we were taken on a tour. We got to do some activities like the one pictured, where I had to balance 9 nails on 1 nail. I managed to balance 13 nails.

**PRINCIPAL REPLACEMENT:** The expression of interest process has officially opened for finding an Acting Principal whilst I am on family leave. This process will close on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019, with John Pryor, Senior Education Improvement Leader, commencing interviews in Week 2 of Term Three. I will be taking family leave from 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019, so essentially I will be away for Term 4 2019 and Terms 1 and 2 2020. I will be returning to work Term 3 2020. I am confident that we will find a perfect person to fulfil the role and to positively contribute to our wonderful school community. I will be in frequent communication with the successful person and will certainly be at as many school events as possible over my time of leave.

**KITCHEN/GARDEN PROGRAM TRIAL:** Since increasing our student numbers over the past 18 months, we have been in constant discussion about how we best support and provide for our students during our kitchen/garden sessions. We have altered our gardening sessions to provide smaller groups and a greater opportunity to learn within the garden with Owen and Eric, but to also engage the students in Literacy based activities and sustainability. We have been thinking more as a staff, in consultation with Owen and Eric and our School Council and on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, we trialled a new potential model for our Stephanie Alexander Program. This model involved students participating in gardening OR kitchen each Friday on a rotating basis over the term. This means student/staff ratios are smaller, allowing more time to explicitly teach and spend time with the students, guiding them through their work. All staff agreed that the model was successful and in consultation with the students, they enjoyed the process also. This model also means we are able to share a meal with Owen and Eric to say thank you and that they get to experience what all of their hard work in the garden produces. At this stage we are going to do a more extended trial, meaning that we will do this model during Weeks 1-4 of Term Three, with the look to adopt this model moving into the future. This will allow all children to experience both cooking and the garden twice and we can then consult together and reassess the plan going forward. We think this will have positive outcomes for our students and welcome any questions you may have in regards to this.

**YOGA:** This week was our final week of Child Yoga with Emma. It has been so great to watch the children grow in confidence, skill and knowledge over the past term. So much so, that our very own Tahji took the whole school through Yoga activities on Friday at our Landcare Celebrations! We want to thank Emma for the opportunity she has provided our students and our school and we look forward to implementing these ideas throughout the days and weeks with the kids. We also hope to offer this program again in 2020.

**PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE:** Last week students would have come home with information regarding the Premiers Reading Challenge. We strongly encourage all students to participate, as it is a great incentive to getting children to engage with reading. Parents simply need to assist their children in filling out the forms with the books they have read and then return that form by 30<sup>th</sup> August, as we have to have all student data entered in to the system by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**PARENT OPINION SURVEY:** You will receive information early next term for the Parent Opinion Survey. It would be fantastic if families were able to take the time to complete this survey, as we really do value your opinions and feedback. It is a confidential process, where you are able to share your thoughts on our school. It requires internet to complete, so once more information comes out, if you need support to complete, please just let us know and we will do our best to accommodate.

*I hope you all have a fantastic holiday break, enjoy those slower mornings, keeping warm and spending time with your little ones. See you for another wonderful term in Term Three! Take care and travel safe, Alicia Odewahn*

## Student Work

By



## THANK YOU

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

Owen and Eric for taking our gardening program every week

Grant's community crew for all of their help in preparing the school for our Gardening Australia Visit

Alison, Sadie, Shari and Megan for loaning us their slow cookers

Shani, Bonnie, Wendy, Anton, Sacha and Marty for giving up their time and helping us tidy up the school

Wendy Walker for her wonderful cake

Andrew (Bec's partner) for cutting and removing the wood pile for us

Rus and Banjo for welding, doing tip runs, whipper snipping, etc

Chelle, Artemis, Bonnie, Darcy, Shari, Kade, Summer, Ollie, Cooper, Von and Georgia for helping us with our lambs

Emma for giving our students the opportunity to do Yoga this past term- what a fabulous experience for them!

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Find us on Facebook



## 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/ elderly dropped at theatre door)  
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

## CAN YOU HELP?

We have a prospective family looking to move to the area to attend our school. They have asked if we could share the following...

We are excited to have made the decision to enrol in the school and move to the area. We are looking for a cottage or house to rent, preferably out of town please.

Contact Kellie 0428655391

## JUNE BIRTHDAY

8<sup>th</sup> Jess

13<sup>th</sup> Grace



## SAKG FRIDAY MENU

Lunch in Yirrikama  
(baked potatoes and  
damper)

# Term 3 Gymnastics Classes



**Preschool, Recreational, Free G, Adults, Seniors**

**Class Dates/Times:** Monday July 15 - Sept 16,

Ages 5-13 @ 3:45, 4:45, 5:45

Age 3-5 years @ 2:30 to 3

Adults 6:45, 7:45

FreeG Tuesday 5:45

Seniors Friday 9:30

**Location:** Unit 1/ 26 Crawford St,  
Beechworth

Spaces are limited and will book out.

***Register today***

[www.indigogymnastics.com.au](http://www.indigogymnastics.com.au)

or Call Erin 0499 027 243

OSA OPERA  
WINTER SCHOOL

# CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

11:00AM - 12:00PM FRIDAY 12 JULY 2019  
MEMORIAL HALL, BEECHWORTH

FREE EVENT. REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT  
[WWW.OPERASCHOLARSAUSTRALIA.COM.AU](http://WWW.OPERASCHOLARSAUSTRALIA.COM.AU) OR CALL 0488 067 666

## INDIGO SHIRE LIBRARIES SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



# LEGO MANIA

YOU BRING THE IDEAS - WE BRING THE BRICKS

Yackandandah	Tuesday 2 July	11am - 12pm
Rutherglen	Wednesday 3 July	11am - 12pm
Chiltern	Wednesday 3 July	2.30pm - 3.30pm
Beechworth	Friday 5 July	2.30pm - 3.30pm

[www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/Libraries](http://www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/Libraries)



**BRIGHT  
RED** FOOTBALL IN  
THE COMMUNITY

MUFC ACADEMY

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

Wodonga / Albury

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> 9am - 1pm

Ages :  
5 - 13 years

Cost :  
\$40 per day or \$100 for 3 days

Dates :  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup>, Thu 11<sup>th</sup>, Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July

Location :  
NSW/VIC Holidays - Kelly Park, Wodonga

Register via this jotform link : <https://form.jotform.co/91677945128873>

Registrations close: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

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