



WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

TERM 3, WEEK 7
29th August 2019

WOORAGEE NEWS

Dear Families and Friends,

MICHELE SOLECKI: Michele has been with us this week and it has been a wonderful opportunity for her to meet the students and staff and begin to get to know our little place that is Wooragee PS. I have really valued the time we have got together and know that Michele will do an exceptional job in my absence. Tomorrow, Friday 30th August 2019, I am inviting parents to stay for breakfast club. This will be an additional opportunity to meet Michele and say hello.

RESILIENCE: We have been spending a lot of time with the students this year unpacking what it looks like to be resilient. I want to formally acknowledge our wonderful staff for the resilience they have shown over the past two weeks, despite lots of changes to staffing, routines and circumstances. The Grandparents Day and Book Week lunch, was laboured over for weeks. The theme was a "Wonka" lunch and not a detail was spared. This was already a huge feat, with all staff on board, then take Jess and myself out of the mix and everything still went ahead. This was through countless hours of work and effort well outside the designated time. Students experience and learn through modelling. Our staff have shown enormous amounts of resilience and demonstrating our capacity to get things done, even in the face of challenge. I am very proud of our team.

FATHERS DAY BBQ BREAKFAST: Today was amazing and a huge thank you to all of the Dad's and special guests who made the effort to come in for the morning. We love being able to say thank you to our families and the vibe today was incredible. We hope that everyone had an amazing time and that all of our special Dads get spoilt on Sunday for Fathers' Day.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY: Thank you to those families who took the time to complete the parent opinion survey. I am pleased to report that we close to doubled our participation rate of 2018, as we had 50% of families complete the survey this year, which is great. We will be working hard in 2020 to increase that rate even further. I will share these results when they become available, but please know that we are always here if there is anything you would like to catch up about or share.

EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 26th-30th Michele Solecki (Acting Principal) at school for the week
- 26th FULL DRESS REHEARSAL at school for Wodonga Arts Festival
- 27th WODONGA ARTS FESTIVAL (All students) 11:30am Show
- 29th Fathers' Day BBQ Breakfast & Activities 8-11am
- 30th Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion
- 30th ABC Gardening Australia Airing

SEPTEMBER

- 6th Alicia commences Parental Leave
- Book Club Due
- 9th Michele Solecki commences as Acting Principal
- 9th WPS to MIPS Years 2-6 Government
- 13th SCHOOL WORKING BEE & BBQ 3-5:30pm
- 20th Last Day of School 2:30pm FINISH

OCTOBER

- 7th FIRST DAY OF TERM FOUR
- 9th-11th 3-6 CANBERRA CAMP with MIPS
- 11th Jess absent- Amanda Jane in



Nadia: Yesterday we went down to YIRRIKAMA our nature reserve for LOTE. I was at the creek and I saw a mussel in the mud just outside the water, just chilling. I wasn't able to reach it so Hamish helped me. It was meant to be in the water, it felt alive it was heavy, and was a little bit slimy when I picked it up. I put it in the water. It is known as a Mud Mussel



Hunter: We went to the park after Arts festival. I was bouncing on the bouncing logs. I didn't fall off. I liked the park.



Ellie: We went to the Arts Festival, we got up on the stage and we sang the song A Drovers Dream. I was excited to be on stage. I got to watch all the other people do their songs as well. I liked their songs.



Niamh: After we went to the Arts festival we got to go to the park. We started off by climbing up the stairs, then we walked along a verandah. Then we went down the slide. It was lots of fun.

WODONGA ARTS FESTIVAL: The students did a great job at the Wodonga Arts Festival. A big thank you to Billy & Charity for working with the children on their item. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed being up on the stage in lights. What I must commend them on is their beautiful manners. They were the first act and managed themselves perfectly as the audience and displayed respect and kindness. We were very proud of them.

STORYTELLING BAKING: The wonderful fundraising committee are seeking our help! We are looking for baked goods which we can use for catering for the storytelling night coming up on 19th October 2019 (please see attached Flyer). If families are happy to bake goods, they can be stored at school in the freezer until the storytelling night. We just ask if you can please document the ingredients, so that we can ensure food safety and avoid allergens for our guests. We are looking for anything that can be frozen easily and served with tea or coffee. If you have any questions, please just ask.

Have a lovely weekend, Alicia Odewahn- Principal

Thank you for the lovely welcome I received at Wooragee Primary School this past week.

It has been a wonderful opportunity to meet everyone before I officially begin my new role on Monday 9 September.

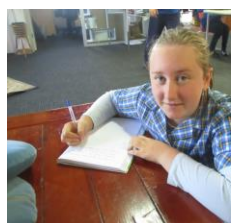
I am also well aware of the large shoes I'll be filling while Alicia is away.

As many of you already identified, I do have a South African accent. My family and I immigrated to Australia sixteen years ago and made Victoria our home. Having been raised on a farm overseas, I love the outdoors and I'm looking forward to the tree change. This is arguably, one of the most beautiful parts' of Victoria.

For the past few months I've held a regional role in the North East region. During this time I have learnt a lot and enjoyed the work I have done. However, I do miss the students and the unique and dynamic experience of working in a school. I have taught in primary schools and early intervention both in Melbourne and abroad. Prior to moving into my regional role in the department, I was one of the assistant principals at Brighton Primary school in Melbourne.

When I'm not at work, I enjoy being outdoors and spending time with family and friends. I have two adult children who are currently studying.

Regards,
Michele Solecki



Student Work

By Abbie

"STOP!" I yell at the drivers, all the drivers screech to a halt. The duck family waddles across the four lane highway in Cairns. "Gezz" I mutter under my breath, "That was a close one". So like any other reader you are probably wondering what is going on, well to say the truth, I don't know what's going on. I'm just walking around and helping all the animals get across the road. I look at my watch "OH no!" its 12pm, I had a booking at the cupcake café for 12.30pm and it's a 40 minute walk from here. I quickly get out my phone and make a call.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a special thank you to:

Owen and Eric for taking our gardening program every week

Wendy Fisher for helping out in the kitchen and doing an incredible job (as always!)

Bec, Grace, Karen, Kaylene and David for being amazing on Friday with the absence of myself and Jess and providing the students with such a special day

"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)

WOORAGEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Cameron and Darcy for being resilient during the Art Festival performance.

Hamish for being caring and a fantastic role model during handball with our preps.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAY

6th Kalum

8th Tahji

11th Hamish

13th Ocean

21st Bec

23rd Xaine

26th Ollie

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EXCURSION SHIRTS

Any families who have not yet returned the excursion shirts handed out for the musical, can you please send them back ASAP so that all of the students have access to a shirt for our excursions coming up.

SAKG FRIDAY MENU

Pumpkin Soup
Roasted Garlic and
Cheese bread
Vegetable Stir-fry
Italian potatoes
Muffins

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), Barapara (Vic/NSW Murray River), Dja Dja Wurrung (Loddon/Avoca Rivers), Djupagalk (Richardson River) and Wergale 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

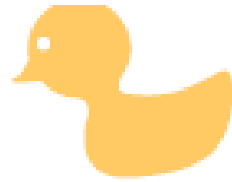
Adult: \$20.00 • Child: \$10.00 • Family: \$50.00

For more information Contact Shireen Porteous 0415 835 203



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Indigo Shire Council presents

Parent Child Mother Goose

For parents of children
0 - 2 years



Using touch and play you will learn new positive ways to connect with and care for your little one. You can use rhymes, songs and stories at home to help them settle or just have fun together. Watch the delight on their face when you use a rhyme or song they know. All of this helps them learn and helps you get to know them better.

Mondays, starting 7 October 2019 (10 week term)

10-11am

Yackandandah Kindergarten, Isaacs Avenue

FREE

Bookings essential



Bookings essential, call Paula 0447 271 331

