



# WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

TERM 1, WEEK 1  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2019

### WOORAGEE NEWS

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back everyone. What a special time of the year this is. A time of transition and all of the excitement that exists at the beginning of something new. I am so excited to welcome you all back and officially get into 2019. I have to extend an enormous thank you to all of the staff who worked incredibly hard throughout the break to have the school looking the way it was, ready for our students to return. We are feeling positive about the changes to the spaces which have occurred and feel confident that the light, natural spaces will allow our students to feel calm and ready to learn in their environment. A very warm welcome to our new Prep students; Hunter, Anouk, Niamh, Artemis, Frankie and our new Year Three student Lachlan. It is so lovely to invite new families into our school and I know our existing Wooragee families will extend a very warm welcome to the new people in our community. We can all have the opportunity to meet each other properly at the parent information session and also the Working Bee BBQ which are coming up in the next few weeks. I have included some more information below.

**Parent Information Session:** On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding our annual Parent Information Session in the 4-6 classroom. This is an opportunity to revisit routines, expectations and events for the year and to share and ask questions. The updated Parent Information Handbook for 2019 will also be handed out on this afternoon. All teaching staff will be in attendance. This afternoon will start at 3:30pm and will run for approximately 1 hour, with flexibility of course for any questions asked. Students are welcome to attend, or they can watch a G rated movie in the P-3 classroom.

**Working Bee & Social BBQ:** The Working Bee and BBQ will be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We will commence the Working Bee at 3:00pm with the students. There will be a list on the Parent Table at the entrance way, where parents can write their names next to their preferred job. There will also be a list of equipment that we will need, if people can let us know if they can bring any of these things along to make the jobs easier. The BBQ will start at 5:30pm and we will provide bread, sausages (plus vegan option), onions and coleslaw.

**Swimming:** It was decided at school council last year that we would offer the students the opportunity to swim prior to the 10 year old + students attending the NERSSA swimming carnival early in Term One. All students in Years 1-6 will be attending a swimming day at Wangaratta Indoor Pool on

### EVENTS CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY

6 <sup>th</sup>	PREP REST DAY
11 <sup>th</sup>	Music with Billy & Charity
11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Information Session 3:30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Pool Day (All Students)
13 <sup>th</sup>	PREP REST DAY
18 <sup>th</sup>	NERSSA Swimming (Select Students)
18 <sup>th</sup>	School Council 3:30pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	PREP REST DAY
22 <sup>nd</sup>	3:00pm Working Bee & Welcome BBQ 5:30pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	PREP REST DAY

#### MARCH

6 <sup>th</sup>	PREP REST DAY
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wooragee Farmers Market
13 <sup>th</sup>	PREPS START ATTENDING WED
14 <sup>th</sup>	Wooragee Farmers Market
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
22 <sup>nd</sup>	EASTER MARKET



Anouk: I like school. I played with the kitchen and in the tent. I made new friends.



Frankie: On my first day at school, I saw eggplants. We played Piccadilly Circus.



Hunter: On my first day at school I saw zucchini's and carrots. I also like cats.



Niamh: school is good. I am making new friends. I saw potatoes growing in the ground.

Artemis: On my first day at school I did some writing. In the garden I saw a stick bug.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Prep students will not be attending as this is their rest day and due to the timing of the session. Students will have the opportunity to practice swimming skills with qualified swim teachers and older students will also have the opportunity to practice the various strokes to gauge their confidence in preparation for the upcoming carnival. Students will travel by bus to and from the pool.

**NERSSA Swimming Carnival:** The NERSSA swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at WAVES Wodonga. Only students who feel comfortable swimming 50m in the relevant strokes will be attending. If there are any parents who may be able to assist in transporting students to and from this event, can you please let me know. Bec Davis will be attending with our students from Wooragee.

**School Bus:** I received some welcomed news this week in regards to the bus service that we receive here at Wooragee. Yackandandah Bus Lines has now taken over a particular route, which means that any students travelling from the Yackandandah direction WILL NOT have to travel all the way to Beechworth, to then come back down to Wooragee. The bus will be stopping at school on its way up to Beechworth each morning. For any parents interested in how this may work positively for them, please come and see me. Essentially, it means that for any Yackandandah families, there is a bus from the Steel Rd depot in Yackandandah that will drop students straight to our school. The other positive, is that this may open up the possibility of after school care, as the returning bus at the end of the day will be going from Wooragee PS to Yackandandah PS. Please come and chat with me about this if you are interested.

**Uniform:** We were informed very late in the holidays that our uniform stockists are no longer making our school dress. They are no longer stocking the fabric. This will become an agenda item for our next school council meeting, so please watch this space. In the meantime, we have some second hand school dresses available in our collection of uniforms and families are more than welcome to those.

**Homework Folders:** Students will have brought home brand new Homework Folders this week. These folders are home to Communication Diaries, Homework Books, Take home readers and any Wooragee PS Library books. Students will not be able to take home WPS library books without their homework folders. This just helps to ensure that our supplies stay in good condition for others to borrow into the future. The Homework folder should be brought to school every day and left at school on Friday's. We will discuss this in more detail at the parent information session, but we will be using the communication diary to send home all permission notes and school related correspondence.

**Active After School:** We will commence Active After School again next Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February. All students are welcome to participate and we run the session from 3:30-4:30pm. Students are given a fruit snack after the end of the school day, prior to sport commencing. Students just need a hat and water bottle to participate.

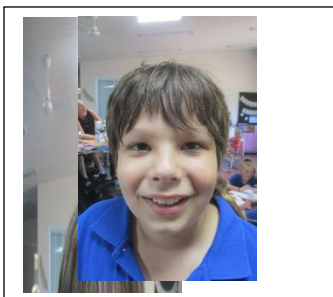
**StudentCover Insurance Policies:** Along with this week's newsletter you will see information regarding StudentCover Insurance policies for students. This is a parent decision and I have attached the information for you to be able to pursue further if you would like to.

**Breakfast Club:** Every Thursday and Friday we offer Breakfast Club for our students in the kitchen. This occurs between 8:30-8:55am prior to gardening and Kitchen sessions. There is no pressure for children to have breakfast, but it is available every week for them to have. For existing parents, the timing has been brought forward to ensure that it does not encroach on our teaching and learning time. Breakfast Club is an added service that we offer, which happens outside of school hours.

**Student Leadership Team:** This year we are going to introduce the Student Leadership Team. Students from Grades P-6 will be invited to be on the Student Leadership Team, which will discuss student issues and be an avenue to facilitate student voice. Students will just have to put themselves forward to be included and we will meet fortnightly on during lunchtime break. I will share more with the children next week.

Have a lovely weekend, it has been so wonderful seeing you all back at school!

**Alicia Odewahn- Principal**



## Student Work By George

I am starting flying lessons. It has a motor. I am happy.





## THANK YOU

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

Owen and Eric for taking our gardening program every week

Jason's Crew for painting the furniture, moving furniture, taking care of rubbish, weeding and just helping out. They are amazing helpers.

Bec, Jess and Grace for all of the heavy lifting and cleaning to make the classrooms and library look as beautiful as they do  
Belinda and Trevor Gladstone for fixing the path and taking everything to the op-shop for us

Shari, Kade, Ollie, Cooper and Summer for taking care of our bird and fish

Jo and Pat for taking care of the chickens  
Owen, Owen lives and breathes the garden and does not stop for a moment during holidays. Thank you for everything!

To everyone who watered over the break; Davey/Hammil family, Gladstone Family, Innes/Rippingale family, Wynne-Jenkins, Lang family, Cole/Mueller Family- You all made a huge difference!

Shani and her Mum Julie, for all of their running around and time in working out the covers for our library ottomans, they are going to look beautiful

Artemis for her lovely cupcakes to share with the class on the first day

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### FORTNIGHTLY GROUP LESSONS TERM 1, 2019

Now taking expressions of interest for students seeking private or group instrument lessons in Term 1, 2019.

In addition to the after-hours private lessons currently running at WPS; from term 1, 2019 - fortnightly group lessons will be offered. At the much-discounted rate of \$15pp each lesson.

These contribute to the affordability of school music delivery.

Hire instruments can be arranged.

Lesson payment is to be made in advance - at the beginning of term wherever possible.

#### GUITAR UKULELE & PIANO

Fill in the EOI form at the front office.  
For questions or bookings contact  
Billy on 0402 490 095  
or Charity on 0400 140 965



## JANUARY BIRTHDAY

14<sup>th</sup> Henry



## SAKG FRIDAY MENU

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January

Bruschetta  
Vegetarian lasagne  
Grace's Salad  
Apple Crumble  
Tomato Relish

## NETBALL TRAINING

Every Thursday

Juniors 5-6

Seniors 6-7

## TRIALS

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

Juniors 5-6

Seniors 6-7

ALL WELCOME



