



# WOORAGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

TERM 3, WEEK 8  
5<sup>th</sup> September,  
2019

## WOORAGEE NEWS

Dear Families and Friends,

**THANK YOU:** It is with a slightly heavy heart that I sit down to write this week's newsletter, my last for a little while. I feel very confident in the incredible team and community we have around us here and I know that Michele will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role and her time here. I did just want to sincerely say thank you though. I feel very grateful for the opportunities I have had since beginning at Wooragee over 2 years ago, the faith, support, kindness and trust you have all shown me. It is an unusual position to be in, as we get excited to welcome a baby into our family, this school has been my baby since I started. Together we have grown and nurtured our little school into the place it is today. We have experienced some change, some growth and some exciting times together and I know that the future continues to shine brightly for our school and what we stand for here. I will by no means be a stranger during my leave, but I will also provide the space needed for Michele and the team to do the wonderful work that I know that they will do here. But Thank you. Thank you for all of the little, big, supportive and kind things you have all done over the years to contribute to this school being the place it is today. I feel truly lucky to be a part of such a community.

**SCHOOL WORKING BEE & BBQ:** Next Friday (September 13<sup>th</sup> 2019) is our school working bee. This will be an opportunity to get the school looking lovely and prepped for Spring. We were also hoping there may be some volunteers who would like to go through the library books and ensure that they are in their correct locations. There will be a variety of jobs available on the afternoon, we will put a jobs list out on Monday in case people would like to put their name next to something in preparation. We will have a sausage sizzle at 5:30pm so all helpers get a light dinner before they head off for the afternoon. We would appreciate the help. It will also be a nice opportunity to chat with Michele.

**NAPLAN RESULTS:** NAPLAN results arrived this week and families have received their student's results. Despite the poor wrap that NAPLAN often gets in the media, we value it as a piece of the puzzle and an opportunity to discuss student learning. I am a firm believer that anything that directs conversation around students and helping them move forward, is a positive step. The staff will look at these results more closely over the following weeks and this data will form a part of informing our AIP goals for 2020. But please, if you have any questions at all, please make contact with us.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 6<sup>th</sup> Alicia commences Parental Leave
- Book Club Due
- 9<sup>th</sup> Michele Solecki commences as Acting Principal
- 9<sup>th</sup> WPS to MIPS Years 2-6 Government
- 12<sup>th</sup> School uniform orders due back
- 13<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL WORKING BEE & BBQ 3–5:30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Last Day of School 2:30pm FINISH

### OCTOBER

- 7<sup>th</sup> FIRST DAY OF TERM FOUR
- 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 3-6 CANBERRA CAMP with MIPS
- 11<sup>th</sup> Jess absent- Amanda Jane in
- 16<sup>th</sup> PREP TRANSITION DAY 8:55-11:00am
- 19<sup>th</sup> Storytelling Night- Beechworth Berries 6-9pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> PREP TRANSITION DAY 8:55-11:00am

### NOVEMBER

- 7<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Classroom Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> PREP TRANSITION DAY 8:55am-1:30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> PREP TRANSITION DAY 8:55am-1:30pm



Hope: On Thursday my dad came for Father's Day. I ate breakfast with him, then we went down to the nature reserve and we made a Teepee. Then dad had to go to work.



Cameron: On Thursday Grandad and Uncle B came to school for our Father's Day breakfast. We were making a Teepee, they were being made out of bark. It was nice to have Grandpa and Uncle B down by the creek with me.



Indigo: We celebrated Father's Day at School. We went down to YIRRIKAMA where we made a boat and tested it. Our boat was made out of fat wood and bark, we tied it together with some thin long grass. We used wattle for the flag, then we tested it in the creek and it floated all the way to the end.



Matilda: On Thursday we had our Father's Day breakfast, I had an egg roll, then we went down to the nature reserve and we made a boat using reeds. Then we went and played down ball. I enjoyed the day.



**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Thank you again for absolutely everything. I look forward to a pause and being able to come back in 2020 with fresh eyes, greater focus and working with everyone to continue making our school a rich and wonderful place to be for our students. Please take care of yourselves and enjoy the upcoming holiday break. I look forward to seeing you all soon and introducing you to the newest Odewahn.*  
**Alicia Odewahn- Principal**

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/parental-as-anything-with-maggie-dent/managing-meltdowns-and-handling-tantrums-including-your-own/11330860>

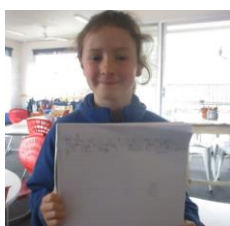
## Episode 5 – Managing meltdowns and handling tantrums – including your own – ABC Podcast

POSTED ON JULY 23, 2019



Your screaming three-year-old in the supermarket; your eight-year-old losing it over a board game; your surly teenager slamming a door in your face — we've all been there. Kids are prone to tantrums, especially the little ones, but what's the right way to deal with them?

Maggie Dent talks to podcaster and author of *No Bad Kids: Toddler Discipline Without Shame*, Janet Lansbury, about how to manage meltdowns in our children, especially once they've passed the point of no return. Maggie has some fantastic advice for you on how to pause, breathe and avoid getting angry at your children.



## Student Work

By Niamh

Once there was a ship that was magic. One day there was a crash and because the ship was magic it made a treasure box.

## THANK YOU

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

Owen and Eric for taking our gardening program every week

ABC's Gardening Australia for our wonderful segment Friday night

Nathan for fixing the kitchen door for us (and at Fathers' Day breakfast too!)

## GARDENING AUSTRALIA

We have a downloaded copy of the program which we are allowed to share with families.

So if you would like a copy, please send in a labelled USB and we will ensure you get a copy. The program will remain on view for quite sometime, just in case you missed it!

## WOORAGEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Taylor for being a caring and kind friend and showing respect for those around him

## STORYTELLING BAKING

*The fundraising committee are seeking our help! If you are able to bake goods that can be frozen in preparation for our storytelling night, we would really appreciate the help. Please see message within newsletter and tick sheet attached to this newsletter, so that we can document ingredients*

## 8TH SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

8<sup>th</sup> Abbie  
8<sup>th</sup> George  
21<sup>st</sup> Judah  
27<sup>th</sup> Indigo

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## FIRE SEASON PREPARATION

Please see attached to this newsletter our plans for the upcoming fire season. We will always communicate clearly and openly with you, but it is good to know what plans are in place. This is also to prompt families to consider their own private fire plans.

## SAKG FRIDAY MENU

Broccoli walnut tart  
Broccoli quinoa  
nuggets  
Vegetarian sausage  
rolls  
Parmesan Cauliflower  
bites  
Sticky date cakes

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](http://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 LIBRARIES

# ROALD DAHL

Celebrate the magic of the worlds greatest storyteller

# DAY

## Friday 13 September

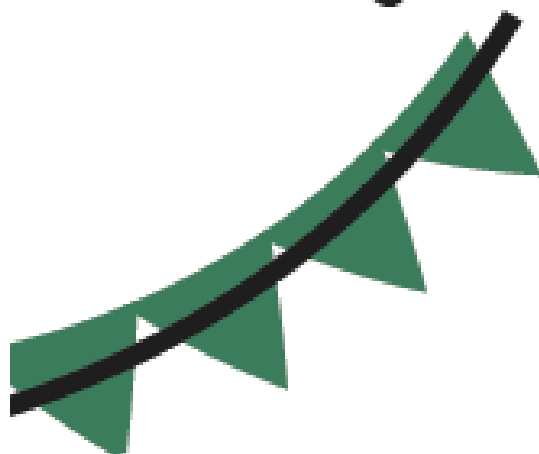
3.30pm - 5.30pm

GAMES

ACTIVITIES

ART

CRAFT



RUTHERGLEN LIBRARY



YACKANDANDAH LIBRARY



CHILTERN LIBRARY



BEECHWORTH LIBRARY





## Wooragee Primary School Procedures for the bushfire season



Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

**Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

### CODE RED DAYS

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, SMS or phone. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- After school sport will also be cancelled on these days
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- School buses are cancelled on a Code Red day.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

### What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters and letting us know when your child is not coming to school,
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

### EXTREME FIRE DANGER DAYS

Wooragee Primary School may will relocate to Beechworth Primary School on Extreme Fire Danger days.

We will notify you by phone or SMS as soon as the decision has been made to close or relocate.

Parents may choose to keep their child with them, however, we need to know if you are doing that please.

**Once confirmed, the decision to relocate will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.