



Edition 116:31 August 2023

From the Principal

Term 3 Week 7

Welcome to Week 7 Term 3! This edition of the Namalata is chock full of pictures and information about the Book Week Parade, the Science Fair, the Athletics Carnival and more, from the past few weeks. We welcomed parents and carers through the gates for these events so that they could join in the fun and be part of the celebrations. It's been wonderful to share these events with our community. It's a community we're very proud of.

It's a bumper edition of the Namalata this week, so I won't take up too much space here, to allow you to get to the good stuff.

SASS Appreciation Week

Next week is SASS Appreciation Week here at WWPS. It was an opportunity for the staff of Woy Woy Public School to acknowledge the wonderful work done by all of our School Administrative Officers – Sandra, Kath, Sharon and Marnya, our School Administrative Manager – Linda, our GA – Macca, and all of the amazing School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) who work with children in classrooms. We consider ourselves incredibly lucky to have such dedicated, hard-working and professional people working in the school for the benefit of students and family and community members. They all do an absolutely amazing job and we as a staff were happy to be able to spoil them a little bit over the course of the week.

Camps and Excursions

Term 3 is excursions term here at WWPS. Year 4 spent Monday and Tuesday of last week at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Kincumber and had an absolute ball from all accounts. Our Year 5 students returned to school yesterday after heading over the mountains to visit Bathurst on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. There are some great photos on the school's Facebook page if you'd like to check out what they've been up to. The teachers who accompanied both groups (Year 4 and Year 5) - Mrs Louise Rayner, Mr Matt Wolski, Ms Vicki Phipps, Mr Wayne Price, Michelle Young and Mrs Amy Ford, reported that the students' behaviour was immaculate. I'd like to congratulate our students for challenging themselves, supporting each other, enjoying themselves and treating everyone at the respective camps and venues with respect. We'd also like to thank the teachers who supervised the excursion for the extra hours they put in for the benefit of the students.

Next week it's Year 3's turn. They're heading down to the Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre in Gladesville to participate in their 'Survivor' program, which involves a host of activities and physical challenges designed to test their mettle. Sounds like loads of fun! Can't wait to hear the stories they bring back with them. Thank you to Miss Natascha Lenz, Mr Matt Wolski and Mrs Amy Ford for running our students through their paces at this excursion.

NAPLAN Results

As you're probably aware, student achievement on the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests is being reported in a different manner this year to what it has previously been. Student achievement is being reported on using proficiency standards for each assessment area, at each year level. The four proficiency levels are:

'Exceeding': The student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.

'Strong': The student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.

'Developing': The student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.

'Needs additional support': The student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes that are expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

Parents of students in Year 3 and Year 5 have already received individual student reports detailing the standards their child has achieved on each of the assessments. It is of interest to all parents however, to examine the data obtained for all students in Years 3 and 5.

Writing proved to be an area of strength for our Year 3 cohort with 74.47% of students achieving Exceeding or Strong assessment standards, as did Reading, with 65.96% of students achieving Exceeding or Strong assessment standards. 59.58% of students achieved Exceeding or Strong assessment standards for Spelling. Numeracy and Grammar and Punctuation appear to be the areas in need of increased focus for Year 3 students, with 51.06% and 46.81% of students achieving Exceeding or Strong assessment standards and 51.06% of students achieving Exceeding or Strong assessment standards respectively.

For our Year 5 cohort, Reading proved to be an area of strength with 66.67% of students achieving Exceeding or Strong assessment standards, as did Spelling, with 64.7% of students achieving Exceeding or Strong assessment standards. 56.86% of students achieved Exceeding or Strong assessment standards for Writing. Once again, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy appear to be the areas in need of increased focus here at the school, with 54.9% and 50.98% of students achieving Exceeding or Strong assessment standards respectively. These results are not unexpected for neither Year 3 nor Year 5, and it is hoped that the schoolwide focus on professional learning on Multiplicative Strategies and Vocabulary for teachers will address the issue and see improved results on these assessments next year.

Please contact Mrs Ford if you have any questions about NAPLAN data or individual student performance.

Kindergarten 2024

The second of our Principal's Tours/Open Classrooms sessions is to be held next Wednesday 6 September. If you know anyone who's thinking of enrolling their child (or children) here next year but hasn't yet done so, this is a great opportunity for them to have a good look around, to see some of our educational programs in action, and to get inside the Kindergarten classrooms to see how it all works. Please let them know that they're welcome to join us next Wednesday.

Enrolments for both Kindergarten and for the Guliyali Preschool for 2024 are open. The WWPS Guliyali Preschool was rated 'Exceeding' in all seven Quality Areas of the National Quality Standard last year by ACEQCA. Places are filling up fast for 2024. As this goes to press, four places remain for the Seahorse group, and only three places for the Pelican group. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you wish for your son/daughter to attend our preschool next year.

Afternoon Traffic Congestion on Park Road

More than one person has contacted the school in recent weeks to express concern about the incorrect use of the 'Kiss and Ride' zone outside the doors to the school's office. Here's what the Service NSW website has to say about Kiss and Ride zones:

“Kiss and Ride Zones are designed for your convenience and for your child’s safety. Designed for quick entry and exit, these zones minimise congestion and risk when used properly by all parents and carers. These zones operate under the same conditions as no parking zones, which means you:

- may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes.
- are required to remain in, or within 3 metres of, your vehicle...”

The fact that people are sitting for, in some cases, a lot longer than the two minute maximum means that far from having the effect of minimising traffic congestion, the opposite is in fact the case – they adding to, perhaps even causing, congestion problems. We therefore ask that all parents who use the Kiss and Ride zone, do so in the spirit intended and stop for no more than two minutes. Doing so will allow more motorists to use the zone, and as a consequence we hope to see fewer vehicles stopping in the ‘No Stopping’ zone. We ask that you please comply with these road rules for the sake of the safety of the students of Woy Woy Public School.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

Later this term we will once again ask you to take the time to complete the 2023 Tell Them From Me Parent Survey.

The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the parent point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The survey questions aim to understand parents’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school, including teaching, communication and the school’s support of learning and behaviour. The survey will ask questions about whether parents feel welcome, whether parents are informed, whether the school supports positive behaviour, whether the school supports learning, whether the school promotes safety and inclusion, and which means of communication parents feel are most effective as a means for exchanging information.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

Survey responses are anonymous so staff in schools will not be able to identify individual parents or students from parent responses. Data collected from the survey responses are compiled into reports for school leaders. The reports provide information that can help schools in their annual planning and reporting activities, by helping to identify emerging issues and plan for improvement.

Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary but greatly appreciated. Please keep your eye out for a link to the survey in the coming weeks. I can’t emphasise enough how valuable the data from this survey is to the school in terms of planning for school improvement. Thank you in advance for your commitment to helping us to continue to strive to meet the needs of our community.

Swimming Scheme

At the beginning of next term, students in Years 2 head to the Peninsula Leisure Centre to participate in the Department of Education’s School Swimming and Water Safety Program; an intensive learn to swim program. The program goes for two weeks, and the dates are allocated to schools by the School Sports Unit. Permission notes have gone out for this one. Please contact Mr Rosewarn if you have any questions about the program.

That’s it for the August edition of the Namalata. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr D Betts

Principal (Relieving)

Athletics Carnival

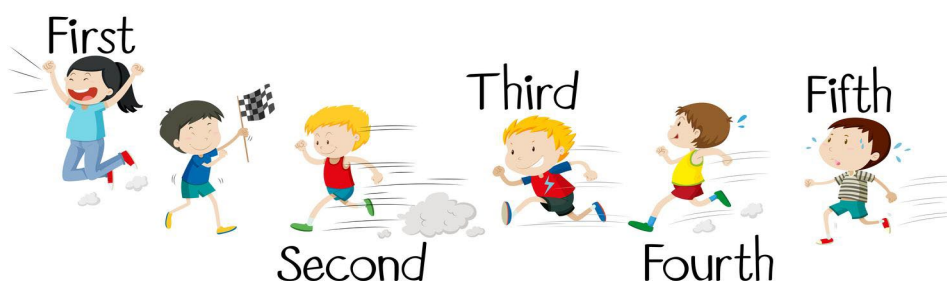
What a wonderful day!

Students from years 2-6 took part in our annual Athletics Championships.

Thank you to our P&C who came down and supported the day. The cake stall supporters gear was a huge hit!

Thank you to the families that came to support their children. We also had the pleasure of some Year 9 students from BWSC helping out with the day.

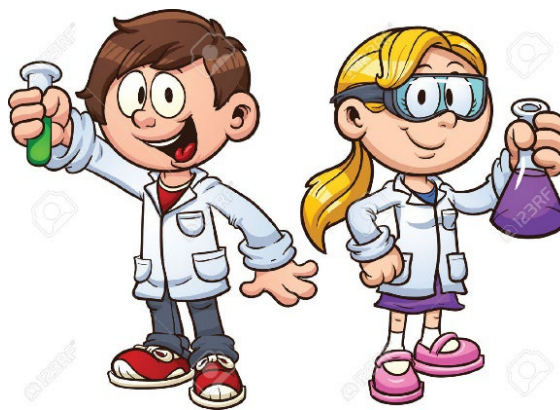
Finally thank you to the staff for making their day happen. A big shout out to Mr Greig for organising a great Championship!



Rumbalara

Stage 3 Students took part in a Science Incursion called 'Bright Sparks' learning about different types of electricity.

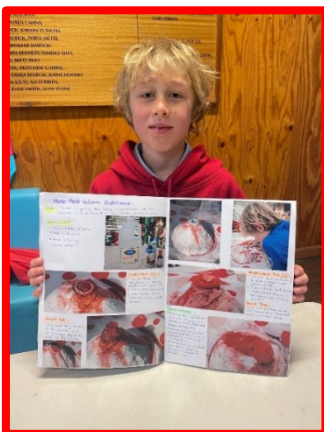
Thank you to Rumbalara for a great learning experience.



Michelle Young
Classroom Teacher
Stage 3 Assistant Principal (Relieving)

Science Fair

Last week students in K-6 presented their science projects. Teachers and students were blown away with the amount of effort students put into their detailed projects and engaging demonstrations. We saw volcanic eruptions. Mould growth in the home environment, sustainable electricity production, DIY insect traps, the effects of sugar on teeth, magnet movements and so many more! Well done to every student who participated in the Science Fair and a big thank you to parents for supporting their children throughout the process!!



Calindy Weston
Classroom Teacher



Aboriginal Shirts

Our Wednesday Aboriginal Shirts designed by the very talented Maurice Goolagong are still available from our front office for purchasing. If your child would like one, please come and see our office staff. It is so lovely to see our Staff and students wearing these fabulous shirts and supporting our Aboriginal Community.



Debating

Congratulations!

The Debating Team 1 consisting of Ava, Levi, Clancy and Delisha travelled to Umina Public School for their 4th and final round of the Premier Debating Challenge. We were able to gain another victory of 4 wins and 0 losses out of 4 rounds.

With this result Woy Woy Public Team 1 have been crowned Zone Champions! Good luck for your next debate!

Thank you to Mr Greig for the hard work and time that has been given to support our students!



Features of Places

In Week 4, Stage 1 students participated in a Geography incursion where they explored the natural and human features of places in Australia to consolidate their understanding of their Geography unit, 'Features of Places'.

Stage 1 students listened attentively to the rangers where they discussed various types of animals and their environments. Students also engaged in various educational and hands-on activities including bug catching, waterworks and habitat-making.

Mrs Rathbone

Classroom Teacher



Talent Show

Our 2023 Talent Show will be occurring next week. All parents are invited to attend on Tuesday 5th September at 12:00pm in the hall. We have many different acts from our talented students. Singing, dancing, Physie, gymnastics, piano and many more. Come and join in the fun! We also have a band performance after recess at 2:00pm under the COLA with 'Ruby and the Groovy Doobies' which will be amazing. Ruby is an ex-student of our school and is now a talented singer/songwriter. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Rayner

Classroom Teacher

Great Aussie Bush Camp

Our Year 4 students had a wonderful time at our Great Aussie Bush Camp!



Bathurst

Year 5 students had a wonderful time in Bathurst this week.

Students took part in two hands-on activities during our first tour. We investigated Aboriginal people's use of natural ochres and identify its use in artworks then painted their own boomerang in symbols to take home as a souvenir. Secondly, students will throw a returning boomerang in a safe wide-open space.

Students interacted with personalities from the past and got their hands dirty building mudbricks, damper cooking, operating old machinery and panning for gold.

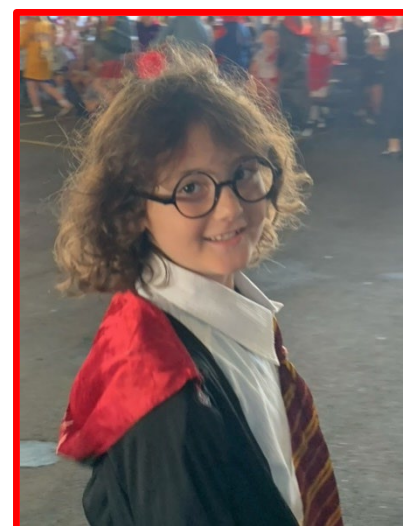
Finally, students visited the impressive Bathurst Courthouse. We then investigated the history of law and order in colonial Australia using Bathurst as a case study. The Courthouse is an opportunity for students to explore the architectural significance of a key landmark and its connection to the success of shaping Australia.

Mrs Young

(Stage 3 AP)



Library News



BOOK WEEK



Cathy Walker
Teacher Librarian

Aspire Home Reading



Congratulations to the following student who has reached their 25, 50, 100, 150, 175 & 200 nights of home reading!

25 Nights Emily Rozzi K-6PG

50 Nights Tyson Natoli K-6PG

100 Nights Aidan Betts K-6PG

150 Nights Lily Rende 4/5F & Leon Ward K-6PG

175 Nights Lily Rende 4/5F

200 Nights Lily Rende 4/5F



Sentral Parent Portal

All communication is now being delivered through the Sentral Parent Portal

Dear families,

We hope you have connected with our new messaging system, Sentral Parent Portal. This app will be used in a variety of ways, with new features being added throughout the year.

We will be broadcasting live messages to the whole school, stages, individual classes and students, much in the same way we would usually post to 'Class Dojo'.

Parents can use 2-way messaging for important, but not urgent, communication regarding student wellbeing and learning. This should not be considered an instant messaging service, as teachers DO NOT receive these notifications until logging into our system at a convenient time during the school day.

You can download the Sentral Parent Portal to your smartphone and receive notifications to help you stay up to date with what's happening in our school.

Mrs Michelle Young

Stage 3 Assistant Principal (Relieving) | Classroom Teacher & ICT Coordinator

School Bell Times



Times	KLAs
8.30am	Morning Bell
8.47am	3 min warning bell
8.50am	Line up / first session
10.50am	1 st lunch
11.10am	2 nd lunch
11.27am	Transition bell
11.30am	Eating bell
11.40am	End eating / start middle session
1.25pm	Recess eating time
1.30pm	Start Recess
1.47pm	3 min warning bell
1.50pm	Last session
2.50pm	Home time bell

Please see the list of bell times. Please be mindful of these times when collecting your children for appointments through the day. It is very difficult to locate your child once they leave their classroom for break times. If your child does have an appointment during the day could you please let our office staff know so that we can arrange for your child to wait in our office prior to pickup.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter it is greatly appreciated.

Snack Shack News

Volunteers are always needed, 9:00am – 11:30am. If you can spare even one day a month, it all helps. Why not pop in and say hello and discuss days available.

Online ordering is available www.flexischools.com.au

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Term 3 Roster

Monday	28 th August	
Tuesday	29 th August	Colette
Wednesday	30 th August	Nicole
Thursday	31 st August	Kay
Friday	1 st September	Vicki/Colette
Monday	4 th September	Vicki
Tuesday	5 th September	
Wednesday	6 th September	Nicole
Thursday	7 th September	Colette
Friday	8 th September	Katrina/Colette
Monday	11 th September	Kerry
Tuesday	12 th September	Colette
Wednesday	13 th September	Nicole
Thursday	14 th September	Kay
Friday	15 th September	Vicki/Colette
Monday	18 th September	Vicki
Tuesday	19 th September	
Wednesday	20 th September	Nicole
Thursday	21 st September	Colette
Friday	22 nd September	Katrina/Colette

Closed in shoes are to be worn and long hair to be tied back please.

If you are unavailable for a shift please contact **Fiona on 0409 008 452**. Thank you 😊

Ethics classes at Woy Woy Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Could you be an ethics coordinator for Woy Woy Public School?

The ethics coordinator communicates with school staff, supports ethics teachers, and liaises with Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the program.

This role provides a great opportunity for a working parent who might be unable to volunteer during school hours and is a rewarding way to engage with the school community. Times are flexible, requiring approximately 1-2 hours per week. Online training is provided.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully, and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit primaryethics.com.au and/or contact Cemine Sezgin at cemine.sezgin@primary.ethics.com.au

Parents and Community (P & C)

Flexischools

The order cut off is 5:00pm Wednesday for a Thursday delivery.

With the conclusion of the state government “Back to School Voucher” program, we will again be returning to Flexischools as our primary ordering platform. There will only be limited orders done through the email account. If you wish to use any remaining “Back to School Vouchers”, please do so before 30th June. Please feel free to reach out to the P&C if you need any additional information on this.

Also, we are currently out of size 8 blue polo shirts. We appreciate your patience in this matter.

2022/2023 Membership

Membership for the next year is now open. Membership runs from the first meeting after the AGM to the close of the Following AGM.

You can join the P&C at any time by filling out a membership form and paying the \$2 membership fee. Forms available on school website or by request from woywoypublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Cassandra Bernie
WWPS P&C Secretary



Message from the Office



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

****** Unless your enquiry is a matter of urgency, please restrict entry into our office area ******

Office Hours

School phones are manned from 8:30am until 3:15pm. The office window is opened at 8:30am and closed at 3:00pm however office staff are available until 3:15pm. There is a teacher on duty at the bus lines until 3:20pm.

Changes to Going Home Arrangements

Could you please ensure that your child is aware of how they will be going home in the afternoon. If these arrangements change during the day, it would be appreciated if you could contact the office prior to 2:00pm to ensure that the message is passed on to your child.

Sentral APP and Website

We have made the switch from Class Dojo to the new Sentral Parent Portal. All communication will be delivered through the Sentral Parent Portal.

You can download the Sentral Parent Portal to your smartphone and receive notifications to help you stay up to date with what's happening in our school. You can record your child's absence from school here as well. You will also find our School website at <http://www.woywoy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> which is regularly updated with events happening in our school. The School email address for correspondence is woywoy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Student Mobile Phones

Students who bring their mobile phone to school are asked to leave them at the office on their arrival and collect it at the end of the school day. Students are not permitted to have their phone with them during the day. It is also helpful if their name is on their phone.

Late Arrival / Early Departure

If your child is late arriving to school or needs to leave early for an appointment, a partial absence slip is to be printed at the school office and given to the classroom teacher.

Payment of Money to the School

******* EFTPOS IS AVAILABLE IN OUR OFFICE *******

Understandably, our preferred method of payment for any school costs is contactless.



Payments for any school fees or activities can be made either by credit card via the Woy Woy Public School Website (<http://www.woy-.schools.nsw.edu.au>) using the 'Make a Payment' tab or for your convenience we also have an EFTPOS facility at the front office.

Should it be necessary for payment to be made using cash, monies should be placed in an envelope with your child's name, class and reason clearly noted. If payment is for multiple children, each must have their own envelope.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Linda Goldsmith

School Administrative Manager

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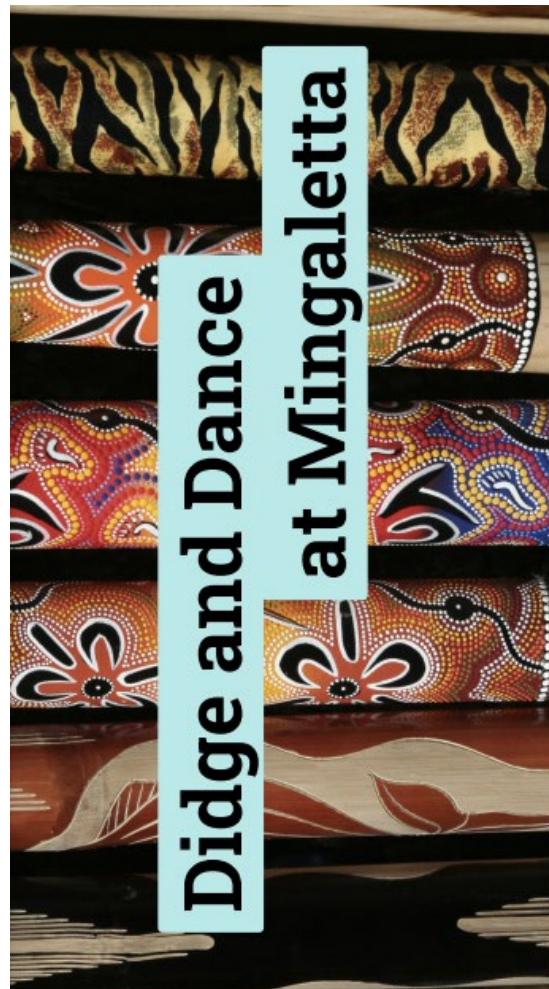


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or email Rheese Bull at rheesebull91@gmail.com

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