

## Woodbridge PS Newsletter - Issue 6

The Magpie - Friday 14 June 2024

A message from the Principal



Welcome to our final major newsletter for Term 2, bringing us nearer to the end of Semester 1. An amazing semester of celebration, recognition and achievement, which continues in the closing weeks

#### **Reconciliation Week**

National Reconciliation Week was held last week, from 3 June to 7 June. Woodbridge PS acknowledged Reconciliation Week in a number of ways. Many of these are outlined in this newsletter by Mrs Galley, who leads our Reconciliation Action Plan with Mrs Condo at Woodbridge PS.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and a community that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures. It was a privilege to attend a workshop led by parents Mrs Shenika Bennell, Mrs Angela Williams (our AIEO) and their mother, Daniella Borg, last week, who collectively hosted a workshop at the school at which staff created their own message sticks. Shenika presented me with a message stick she had personally created, photographed below. This message stick illustrates the journey we have been on as a school, and the growth and cultural safety our Aboriginal families have experienced in recent years, under the guidance of quality leaders, with students having great teachers and wonderful support from amazing, allied professionals at our school.





#### **Presentation Assembly**

Our Semester 1 Presentation Assembly will acknowledge and celebrate several students' achievements on Wednesday 26th June. We will have awards presented, from classroom and specialist teachers, to students who have demonstrated the 'Keys to Success'. Additionally, Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13 and 14 will perform dances. We look forward to this celebration as the first semester of 2024 comes to an end.

#### **Swimming**

Our students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 concluded a two-week series of in-term swimming today. Students participated enthusiastically in lessons each day, representing themselves and the school in a very positive way, displaying our PBS Expectations, aspiring to achieve their best! Thank you also to staff who supported and supervised students. Feedback from pool staff acknowledged, once again, the high standards of professional conduct displayed by Woodbridge PS staff during lesson observations. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our specialist staff members who provide a large proportion of the daily supervision. Special thanks extended to Mrs Bond for her efforts to coordinate and organise the swimming schedule, the staff roster, bus timetable and all of the other essential aspects for the two-week period.

#### **Cross Country**

Selected students from across the school recently participated in a cross country trial at Guildford PS. From this event, a small team of students have been selected to represent Woodbridge PS at the interschool event next week. We wish these students the very best of luck. I am sure they will represent the school in a positive way and aspire to do their best.

#### **Student Reports**

The Semester 1 student reports will be available to parents and carers on the afternoon of Wednesday 26th June, via Connect. A link to the reports will also be emailed to parents. This link will be available for 4 weeks, so please look out for it! Please ensure you spend time with your child, discussing their achievements for the semester, and acknowledge their efforts.

#### **Positive Behaviour Support**

Students have commenced participating in explicit lessons on what it means to display our 4 Expectations, being: *Caring, Respectful, Responsible* and *Aspiring* to be their best. When they are acknowledged doing so, they are able to earn points. These points are tallied individually, as well as at a class level and as a whole school. When we reach 100,000 points as a school, students will be acknowledged for their efforts with a movie and popcorn opportunity. It is anticipated this will happen **very** soon! More information will be communicated via Connect when we reach the target of 100,000 points.



#### **Compliance Review**

This week we have participated in a Compliance Review as part of the Department's School Compliance Program, whereby the school's financial and administrative records encompassing: Receipting and Banking; Purchasing and Payments; Governance and Accountability; Asset Management, and Human Resources have been assessed. Assessment findings were well above satisfactory in all areas. Thanks to Mrs Melissa Conway, our MCS, who has managed to implement and refine processes to ensure we are all compliant with operational requirements, since she commenced at Woodbridge PS.

# WPS 90TH ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK 2024 COMMITTEE NEEDED



#### Parent Committee for 90th Anniversary, 2024 Yearbook Wanted

Our P & C are very keen to have a Yearbook put together in recognition of our 90th Anniversary this year. Whilst this initiative would lie with the P & C as a fundraising opportunity, they are potentially seeking interest from some Year 6 parents who might like to work with this group towards this project over the next few months, with members of the P & C. If you are interested, please reach out to our current P & C President, Louise Pekan, regarding contact details if you're interested.

#### P & C President Position

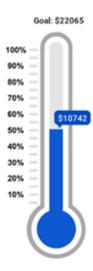
Louise Pekan, P&C Vice President, has assumed the position of President until this position on our P & C can be filled. If you, or someone you know, has the capacity to fill this position, and would like to nominate, please make contact with myself, as Principal, or a member of our P & C Executive Committee.

## School Absence Reporting

Please ensure that the text includes the student's name, date of absence and reason for absence. Do not call the number as it is an automated system, which is not manned by a person. Sample SMS Reply Message: Jane Citizen, 11 Jun, sick.

For School Absence Reporting - Please text 0447 934 132

## **Voluntary Contributions**



Thank you to those families who have already paid their 2024 voluntary contributions, we really appreciate it. One of the many things that your contributions go towards that benefit all of our students is online subscriptions. These include: Literacy Pro, Maths Online & Maths Seeds.

Please be reminded that the current contributions have been set at \$60 per child per year and to a maximum of \$120 per family for the year. Payment can be made in cash or EFTPOS at the office, or electronically directly into the school account:

Commonwealth Bank

BSB 066 040

A/C No: 19907195

This fortnight we are up to **49.73%** of voluntary contributions paid to date.

## Facebook Page

Our Facebook page has been very successful since it was launched. If you haven't already, please click on this <u>link</u> and follow us for regular updates on what is happening around our school. Thank you to everyone who has followed us so far.

## Kindy Enrolments 2025



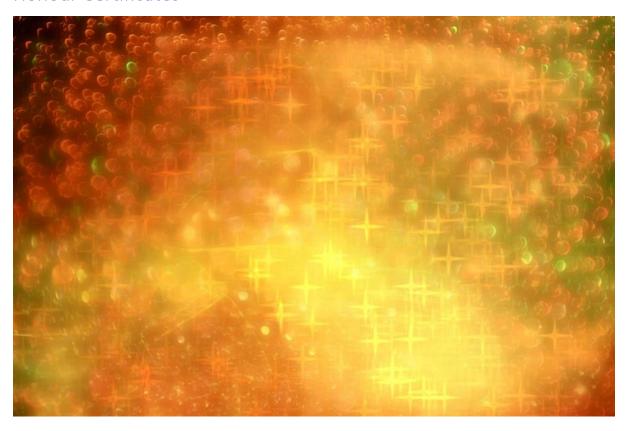
It is that time of year again! If you have a child who is born between 1st July 2020 and 30th June 2021, they are eligible to apply for a Kindy placement for 2025.

To start the enrolment process and to help with our future planning, Application for Enrolment Forms are available from the Administration Office. For those in area, you will be given an Enrolment Form. To facilitate the process please bring in a copy of your child's birth certificate, an updated Australian Immunisation Registry record (these can be printed through your My Gov site) and proof of address, e.g. a utility bill (dated no more than 3 months old) or lease agreement.

If you know of any other prospective families in our intake area, can you please pass on the message that enrolment needs to start happening. Our parent information session will be held in Term 3 and parent interviews in Term 4. We will be holding two sessions in Term 4 where Kindy students can come along for two hours with their parents/carers to gain a taste of Kindy.

For more information, please click here to go to our Enrolment page on our website and access the Application for Enrolment Form. Enrolments

## **Honour Certificates**



Room 1 Jack, Cian

Room 2 Grace, Isha

Room 3 Jack, Elaina

Room 4 Elek, Sonni, Keona

Room 5 Hayden, Huntah, Jayde, Elsie

Room 6 Phoenix, Natalie, Austin

Room 8 Lorenzo, Harlan

Room 9 Zuha, Hosanna, Ajay

Room 11 Jonathan, Emily

Room 12 Delilah, Ysabela, Liam

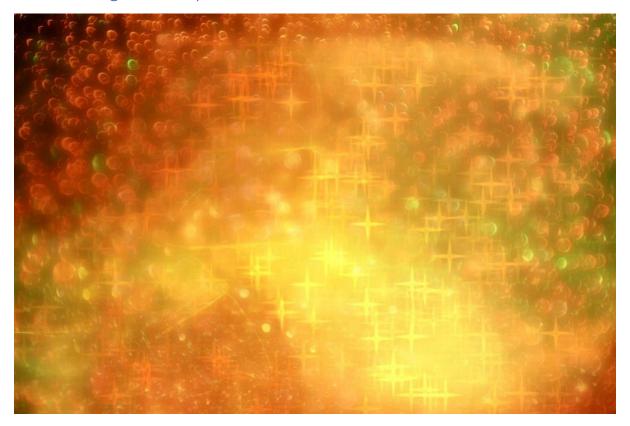
Room 13 Caiden, Niva, Peter

Room 14 Alex, Cleo, Ghassan

Room 15 Azalea-Rose, Arthur, Isla, Saira



## Outstanding School Spirit Award



Chloe - Year 3, Room 2



Chloe is a kind and caring student who always greets her fellow classmates and teachers with a warm and friendly manner each day. Chloe goes about her school life in a quiet and confident manner. She always puts forward her best efforts each day at Woodbridge Primary School. Chloe consistently displays the "5 Keys to Success" and our school expectations of Aspire, Respectful, Responsible and Caring. Chloe is a role model to others, her manners are impeccable and her patience towards others is commendable. Chloe, we are so very proud of you, and we love having you in Room 2.

Well done, Chloe!

#### Slade - Year 3, Room 4

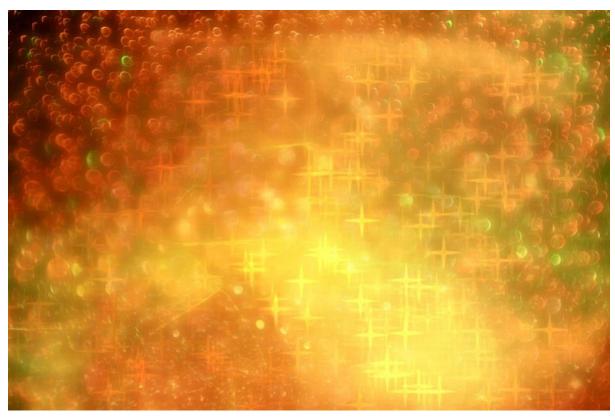
Slade is a kind, caring, respectful and responsible student. His empathetic attitude and friendly demeanour make him a well-liked member amongst his peers. Slade takes pride in meeting our school expectations of; aspiring to do his best, caring, being responsible and respectful daily. He is always willing to lend a helping hand and is often seen using words of encouragement and praise to cheer others up.

You are a truly deserving recipient of our Outstanding School Spirit Award, Slade.

Fantastic work!



Super Student



#### Elina - Year 3, Room 4



Elina is a kind, caring and responsible student, who has made a smooth transition into Woodbridge Primary School. She engages enthusiastically in her learning and consistently produces work to a meticulous standard. Elina always meets our school expectations and should be recognised as a role model for her peers.

Food: Noodles

TV/Movies: Not sure

**Hobbies:** Drawing

Books: India

**Sports:** Karate

Future Career: Doctor

Other: I love going on my iPad!



Eleanor is a conscientious student who displays an excellent work ethic. She is an independent learner who enthusiastically tackles all set tasks with a positive mindset and can do attitude. She completes her work to the best of her ability and will seek extra challenges to further extend her knowledge. She sets herself goals and reflects on her personal learning journey.

Eleanor is always humble when she experiences personal success, and quietly takes it in her stride and carries on. She is responsible, caring, kind and empathetic.

Eleanor, you are just a delight to teach and a true "SUPER STUDENT". It is an honour to have you in Room 2 this year.

Food: Vanilla choc chip ice-cream

TV/Movies: Kitti Katz

Hobbies: Playing piano

Books: Wings of Fire (Dragon series)

**Sports:** Swimming

Future Career: Vet

Other: "I am very energetic"

#### Kellie Lord



This Newsletter our spotlight is on Miss Kellie Lord, who is one of our Special Needs Education Assistants here at Woodbridge PS.

Some fun facts about Kellie:

What is your favourite food: At the moment I love fish dishes.

Where is your favourite holiday destination: Anywhere near water. I loved Albany when we visited last year.

What do you do in your spare time: I play the ukulele and I'm learning to do water colour painting. I love going to the pool, reading autobiographies and chilling out with my partner and four cats, whilst watching a good documentary or tv show.

If you were an animal, what would you be?: A pelican

If you could be anyone for a day, who would you be: Myself as a world-famous children's entertainer.

What do you love most about your job?: Feeling safe, cared for and supported. Helping students achieve academically and emotionally. Hearing children laugh and play and feeling alive surrounded by their energy. Making even the smallest positive change in a child's life makes my heart happy.

## **Sports News**

The last 2 weeks has seen all our students in years PP-6 participate in the Department of Education swimming lessons, at Swan Active, Beechboro. We have had wonderful feedback both from the swim teachers and members of the community about how well our students behaved at the pools. They tried their best, showed respect, listened to instructions and were willing to learn new strokes/swimming skills. This intense method of swimming lessons every day for 9 days has been very beneficial for our students and it has been a pleasure to watch their confidence and swimming skills improve over this time. I would like to encourage members of our school community to consider putting your child into VacSwim lessons, to further continue their journey in learning to swim, as it is vital skill for our young children. I want to publicly acknowledge our wonderful staff who supported me in supervising students both on the bus and at the pools.

#### Mrs Bond

#### **Physical Education Specialist**







## **Library News**

Premier's Reading Challenge



Well done to the 52 students who have already signed up for the Premier's Reading Challenge. With over 80 days still remaining to complete the challenge, there is still plenty of time to sign up if you would like to take part. There are lots of certificates and prizes to be won.

For more information or to sign up, please visit <a href="https://www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au/">https://www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au/</a>

#### Storytime

#### **Woodbridge Primary School**



Please come and join us for weekly Story Time sessions in the school's library.

Each week we will read a new book, learn new rhymes and songs, as well as create some fun art and craft.

Perfect for children aged 2-4yrs, though all are welcome with parent assistance.

Story Time sessions are supported by the school Library Officer, Suraya Drabarek.

When: Thursday 9am – 9:30am (during school terms)
Where: Woodbridge Primary School Library

Here at Woodbridge Primary School we are proud to offer **Story Time** sessions every Thursday morning in our school library.

Families are able to come in and enjoy reading a story, learning some fun nursery rhymes, as well as engaging in craft activities with their little ones. Perfect for children aged between 2-4yrs (though all ages are welcome).

Sessions are held Thursday mornings in the library from 9am-9:30am.

Suraya Drabarek

Library Officer

## Choir, Music and RAPS News

#### Junior Choir

Week 10 Wednesday 19th June is our LAST session for term 2. Thank you to all of you for bringing your joy, passion and laughter to choir this term. Remember that PP-Year 3 students can join again in Term 4. We will be singing a medley of multicultural songs at the Year 6 Graduation at the end of the year! If you plan to come back, start thinking about a great costume from your family's country of origin, that you can wear for the performance on Friday 6th December!

#### Senior Choir Term 3

Kaya Senior Songsters! In Term 3, we will be looking for children from Year 4-6 who would like to be in our Noongar Choir. The focus of this choir is to perform at our NAIDOC assembly on Wednesday

18th September. Rehearsals will run from Weeks 2-10 from 8.00-8.30 on Wednesdays in Koolbardi Corner. Permission Slips will be available in *WEEK 11* from Mrs Galley.

#### Music

Well done to all for your beautiful singing at our Reconciliation Assembly lead by Room 2 & 4. On Wednesday 26th June at the Presentation Assembly the whole school will singing Wanjoo again and then the National Anthem in English, Noongar and Auslan.

In Week 11, a small cohort of students will be recording the Birthday Songs (written and arranged by students and Mrs Galley) at Riverview Church's Sound Studio. These students have been diligently rehearsing for months in preparation. Some classes have heard their demo recording already and given great feedback. We are very lucky that the Music Producers at Riverview Church are kindly gifting us with this opportunity to hear our compositions done professionally, at no cost!

#### RAPS (Reconciliation Action Plan)























Thank you to all of our moort (families) who took part in our after-school workshops for adults! We hope you treasure your beautiful clapsticks and enjoy cooking some lovely bush tucker inspired foods from your recipe books. A very big thank you to Belinda Condo, Angela Williams, Shenika Bennell and Daniella Borg for leading these workshops for staff and families. Many thanks for our school community supporting our "Wear It Yellow" fundraiser for Children's Ground. We raised \$367.00. The students could not get the song "Taba Naba" out of their heads all week! Thank you to Room 2 & 4 for a wonderful assembly showcasing the Torres Strait Island.

This week we started our first dance workshop for our Aboriginal Dance Group for 2024. These koorlangka were able to decide what they would like to do to celebrate NAIDOC in Term 3. Students from our Aboriginal Dance Group will be rehearsing with our Senior Choir every Wednesday next term from 8.00-8.30 in Koolbardi Corner.

NAIDOC will be celebrated at Woodbridge Primary School on Wednesday 18th September with a special assembly at 9.00am. This will be followed by many fun activities for students. A big thank you to everyone who has been part of planning this event since February this year. You are moorditj!

#### Kitchen Garden News

We were very proud to pick our beautiful eggplants from our school garden a couple of weeks back! The students who then came to Grub Club enjoyed making Baba Ganoush! They peeled the skin off the roasted eggplants, then mashed the flesh in a bowl, before stirring through the remaining ingredients. We ate our dip with Lebanese bread. It was such a fun session!

Children have also enjoyed picking beans and radishes in the garden. Some are not sure of the taste but it's great to see them having a go!

Jean Muthukumaraswamy

## Kitchen Garden Coordinator













### News from Room 10

#### **World Environment Day:**

To celebrate world environment day Kindy Blue, read "The Heartbeat of the Land" by Cathy Freeman and Coral Vass. The Kindies discovered that our actions have a big effect on the land, and it is up to us to care for the land to ensure it is happy and healthy. We cannot turn back time, but we can grow forests, revive water sources, and bring back soils. The Kindies then made seed bombs using paper offcuts and wildflower seeds to take home and plant to help bring back the heartbeat of the land.















## Wear It Yellow

On Friday 31st May we held a 'Wear It Yellow' fundraiser for Children's Ground and to support a bright future for First Nations children and families. Thanks to all our students and staff who participated.















## Claim the WA Student Assistance Payment

#### Claims are now open for the WA Student Assistance Payment.

For more information on the payment, including eligibility criteria, visit <a href="education.wa.edu.au/wasap">education.wa.edu.au/wasap</a>

The WA Student Assistance Payment (WASAP) is from the state government.

Parents and carers of eligible students can claim the payment to help with the cost of schooling.

The payment for a:

- primary school student, including Kindergarten, is \$150
- secondary school student is \$250.

Claims are now open. The last date to receive claims is 28 June 2024.

#### Claim process:

The preferred method for claims is through ServiceWA.

If parents and carers are unable to claim through ServiceWA, there are **alternative ways to submit a claim**.

In order of preference, a claimant can use the:

- WASAP online form
- WASAP printable claim form
- school claim exception process, if they meet the following criteria:

The claimant can use this process when they are:

• unable to:

complete the claim form.

provide 100 points of identification.

• an independent minor:

under regulation 147(1) of the School Education Act 1999 (WA), as deemed by the principal.

with a current letter of confirmation or statement from Centrelink that confirms independent status.

- a young carer under the Carers Recognition Act 2004 (WA)
- from a remote or small school.

If you are using the "school claim exception process", please make an appointment with the school for assistance.

Claimants must send the printable claim form to:

**Department of Education** 

Reply Paid 85719

East Perth WA 6892



## **Uniform Shop News**

Orders may be placed online through the link below.

#### https://www.quickcliq.com.au/

or a completed order form left with Deb Taylor in the office, with the correct money. The Uniform Shop will be open at the stated times below: -

Tuesday mornings 8.15am to 9.00am

Thursday afternoons 2.15pm to 3.00pm



## Community News

## **BRICKS 4 KIDZ Winter School Holiday Workshops**



#### **Murdoch University School Holiday Sessions**





#### Come and join us for an engaging STEM program this school holiday!

Get involved with our three school holiday sessions in the areas of Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.

Students will meet at 450.3.001 (Building 450) on the morning.

Price per student \$70 per single day \$130 for 2 days \$185 for all 3 days

CRICOS Code: 00125J | TEQSA Provider ID: PRV12163 (Australian University

#### Wednesday 10 July 2024 Physics

Thursday 11 July 2024 Chemistry

Friday 12 July 2024 Mathematics

#### 10:00am - 3:15pm

AM - After School Program Session PM - Outreach Hands-on Workshop

Places are limited! Registrations open until 23rd June

To register your interest, please contact AfterSchoolProgram@murdoch.edu.au

## My Spirited Child - WA ADHD Conference 2024



## Diary of Events

Week 10	17 Eid al-Adha (Muslim) Senior Sport Training	18 Trillion Trees Rm 5 Excursion	19 Interschool Cross Country	20 9am Storytime in the Library	21
Week 11	Room 889 Kalamunda History Village Excursion Senior Sport Training	25	26 Presentation Assembly Reports to Parents	27 9am Storytime in the Library	28 International Mud Day (29th) Last day of Term

#### Term 3

#### School commences for students on Monday 15th July

## Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday 31st January - Thursday 28th March

Term 2 Tuesday 16th April - Friday 28th June

Term 3 Monday 15 July - Friday 20th September

Term 4 Wednesday 9th October - Thursday 12th December

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