P & C NEWS

Hello Parents, Teachers and Friends,

To all new families and students, I’d like to say welcome to our school and communities, to everybody else, welcome back.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Tuesday 9th February, 3.15pm at the school.

Please come along and become part of a progressive group, who work towards benefitting the school and it’s students. Attached to this newsletter is a Membership form which you can complete and bring along with you to the meeting.

Hope to see you there.

With regards

Bella Trevillian

President

PANCAKE TUESDAY

Students have the opportunity to have pancakes for morning tea on Tuesday 9 February. Helen from the Wooli Caravan Park is making home made pancakes, with her special recipe, as a fundraiser for Camp Quality. Students are asked to make a gold coin donation on the day, if they wish to participate.

EMERGENCY CONTACT & PERMISSION FORMS

Thank you to those families who have returned the Emergency Contact, Permission to Publish and General Permission forms that were sent home last week. If you haven’t already returned your forms please do so as soon as possible so that our records can be updated and your child can participate in local excursions.

WOOLI SCHOOL CHAPLAIN PROPOSED ROLE STATEMENT

A Chaplain is an additional support for schools to assist with the social, emotional and wellbeing of our students.

The Wooli School Chaplain will run specific programs tailored to the needs of the school such as resilience building and anti-bullying. Chaplains also provide one-on-one care, mentoring and support for students, parents and staff.

Chaplains network with the local community to provide a broad range of support services to the school.

Our vacancy at Wooli Public School is for 10 hours per week. Please follow the links in the attached application form for more information. This program has been approved for our school for three years.

What kind of activities can our Chaplain do?

• Work with Learning Support or Welfare Team to facilitate student wellbeing
• Provide pastoral care for students, staff and the wider school community
• Facilitate small group programs and one-on-one meetings with students
• Facilitate lunch time activities to assist students in building healthy relationships
• Network with welfare services, local churches and other agencies in the local community to provide a broad range of support services to the school
• Help coordinate transition programs
• Provide support for students in the classrooms
• Build mentoring relationships and assist students with goal setting
• Support staff at school camps, excursions and other activities as required
Welcome back to my existing parents and welcome to my new parents. I am always amazed at how much students grow over the break. It has been great to catch up with my now Year one’s. My fantastic new cohort of Kindergarten students consists of five wonderful children who are eager to learn and we have had a great time getting to know each other already. Parents, notes will go home soon regarding: Homework, Home Reading (starts Monday next week), Class Dojo Point System (How to log on at home), News Day and anything else I need to inform you of.

In Literacy Year one has started Guided Reading and their Spelling words are (a) sounds. They include; rat, bat, bag, has, sat, ham and their High use words are; I, to, the, in and mum. They have also worked with words that rhyme with their list words. Kindergarten have started Guided Reading and learning their first group of sounds. They include (m), (a), (s), (t) and (i). Learning a group of sounds at a time, rather than one sound at a time, enables the students to be able to blend those sounds to make small words at a faster rate e.g. at, it, is, mat and sat.

In Numeracy Year one has started their first unit, ‘Numbers to Fifty’. They have been; identifying numbers that are ‘more than or less than’, skip counting by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s using catchy songs, number recognition and understanding ten’s and one’s. Kindergarten has been learning Numbers to Five. They have been engaging with hands on materials to count and recognise numbers to five. The students have also started to write numerals to five and make connections with the word names of numbers.

Those students who attended the Swimming Carnival on Tuesday had a really fun day and I would like to commend all of my students on their excellent behaviour. I would like to thank parents for bringing your children into the carnival. It is a great opportunity for the children to socialise in a fun school environment and a great opportunity for myself and all the staff to spend time and network with parents.

I am looking forward to a great year and hope to catch up with you all soon. As always my door is always open if you any queries.
2-3 CLASS NEWS

This term year 2/3 are doing a visual literacy unit on film making. We have three different films that we will all be working on during the term.

* Journey of The Big Red Ball- we will video our Red Ball's many adventures as he explores our local community.
* How does our garden grow- (time lapse compilation of our school garden)
* Slomation of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' this is an animated video of the Hungry Caterpillar's quest for food.

Our film making will involve some adventures around the village so please make sure that the local area permission note has been returned to school as soon as possible.

Student Wellbeing and behaviour.

Our focus for the next couple of weeks will be on behaviour management and establishing agreed rules in the classroom and in the playground. We have started our discussions by comparing punishments used at home to punishments used at school, we will go on to looking at punishment or sanctions used in a community.

I will be sending a brief survey home to parents to ascertain your opinions on the schools current Student Welfare and Discipline policy.

MISS TELFORD’S REMINDER

Thank you to those students who have already brought in their shoe boxes for our ocean themed diorama activity for Art. If you haven’t brought one in as yet, please do so as soon as possible as we have already started our projects.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VANCEA FAMILY ON THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR NEW BABY GIRL—MISTIQUE. MUM AND BABY ARE DOING WELL.

4-6 CLASS NEWS

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had an enjoyable break over the Christmas period.

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a pencil case ready for school work. Please have your child’s name clearly marked on ALL their stationery and belongings.

Our homework will be completing Home Reading in term 1. Students should be working towards building up their reading for at least 20-30 minutes per night at home, including weekends. Please initial your child’s book each night as a record of their home reading. Students should be reading a book, magazine, ebook or anything they enjoy reading. I have attached a brochure Pause, Prompt, Praise which contains ideas to help your child with reading at home.

This week we have been focusing on writing, handwriting and spelling in literacy. In Maths we are all working on whole numbers and place value this week.

All smiles at our swimming carnival—Henna, Alex, Petria, Madi & Ruby.
The Sports Shed

School Swimming Carnival 2016

Congratulations to everyone who competed in the School Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. It was great to see students ‘having a go’ and competing against other students from different schools. Ribbons were awarded to competitors and participants at school on Wednesday morning.

Thank you to all parents who brought their children along and cheered on our competitors. We appreciate that this carnival was very early in the term and parents did not have a lot of notice to organise private transport. In future when all students are involved in an activity the school will endeavour to provide a bus. A price per child will be required to cover the cost of the bus hire.

Next Friday is the Small Schools Carnival held at the Grafton Pool. Students who received ribbons 1st, 2nd and 3rd at our school carnival on Tuesday move onto the Small Schools Carnival please be prepared for a 9am start at the pool. If the weather is inclement please listen to 104.7FM or 1206AM radio for cancellations. Swimming carnivals are normally only cancelled if there is lightning and thunderstorms around. We will also endeavour to get a timely notification out on the School Bag app if the carnival is cancelled.

The following students have been nominated for the following events at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival next Friday 12th February:

100 m Freestyle: Liam Pitt, Navrin Howard.

50m Freestyle: Hayley Liquete, Samuel Plowman, Parker Davis, Owen Howard, Ruby Plowman, Isaac Bibby, Liam Pit, Jasper Waern, Regan Howard, Ethan Liquete, Mia Pitt, Navrin Howard.

50m Breaststroke: Isaac Bibby, Jaspe Waern, Regan Howard, Mia Pitt, Navrin Howard.

50m Backstroke: Owen Howard, Ruby Plowman, Jasper Waern, Regan Howard, Mia Pitt, Navrin Howard.

50m Butterfly: Liam Pitt, Mia Pitt, Navrin Howard.

Individual Medley: Mia Pitt.

Congratulations everyone!!!

Please contact me if you have any enquiries about this year’s nominations.

I will be attending the carnival next Friday. If your child cannot compete next Friday please let me know as soon as possible so another student from our school can be nominated in their place.

Please pay a levee fee to school of $3 per competitor. Entry to the pool will still remain $3 entry.

IMPORTANT! Please note that it is Pool Policy that when the carnival ends that everyone leave the pool grounds. Those wishing to re-enter the pool can do so along with adult supervision.

Good luck everyone!!!

Mrs Hummelstad.

Relief Cleaner for School

ISS, the company contracted to clean our school, is seeking a local cleaner who can be called on to relieve our current cleaner, Di Wilkie, when she is on holidays or sick leave. If you are interested, please contact the school and we will put you in contact with the supervisor in charge.