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Woodburn Public School

Week 5 Term 4

Wednesday 11 November 2020

For Your Diary

Week 5 9 - 13 November

Swimming continues this week

Week 6 16 - 20 November

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Meerkat Productions - "Three"

Thursday 26 November @ 9:30am

**P & C Meetings and
Canteen are on hold until
further notice**

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Public Speaking Success

Congratulations to all four finalists who participated in the Mid-Richmond Public Speaking Finals last week at Evans River K-12 School. This event, organised by Mr Steve Curtin at Broadwater PS, was another well organised event, especially fighting all of the 2020 COVID restriction. I also recognise Ms Deisha Rose for her coordination of public speaking across our school in 2020.

After a long and protracted year for our public speakers, we are thrilled to announce Asger Paungreen as the winner of the Stage 3 event. Asger has been a winner at the Stage 2 level previously. Congratulations also to Jasper Rose, the Stage 3 runner-up.

All four students: Asger, Jasper, Alma and Rocky, should be proud of their efforts and achievements. They have excelled at the school level and shone at the Community of Schools level. Asger will continue to represent our group of schools at the Lismore Public Speaking Finals (at Kadina HS in 2020) in the coming weeks.

Athletics Wrap

This week, our school has wrapped up our 2020 Athletics Carnival. Working to be compliant with all the 2020 rules and regulations has delayed proceedings, however students were given great opportunities to still have a go and do their best as emerging athletes. Congratulations to Mr Lord and his band of helpers for all they have done in this space.

Students across all grades got in and had a real go in 2020. There were a few new sporting records in high jump for Ilah Gardiner and Hayden Grove, showing that despite all that 2020 has thrown at us, some students still have a spring in their steps.

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World Teachers' Week

After celebrating World Teachers' Day last week, it is fitting to mention that so much of a teacher's work is often unseen. Their work occurs both within and beyond the classroom setting. I lead a team of dedicated and professional staff who give so much of themselves for the benefit of our students. We as a community reap the benefits of this.

To each of our teachers I say 'thank you for the time, energy and efforts you give, each and every day, for the students of Woodburn Public School'.

Kindergarten 2021 Orientation

As we are now in Week 5, our 2020 Kinder transition is only two weeks away. We need to emphasise that in 2020, students can only participate in our transition program after completing and submitting an enrolment application.

Initial planning is for Kinder transition in Week 7 (Nov 24), Week 8 (Dec 1) and Week 9 (Dec 8) of this term, from 9:30am to 11:30am. Most students will access this program from preschool and will return to preschool upon completion. Children who are not enrolled in the Woodburn Preschool will have to arrange drop-off and pick-up as non-essential visitors are still not permitted on school sites.

Swimming for Sport

Swimming has commenced and it is wonderful to be using our community pool so frequently. Thank you to all families who are sending along the required equipment, particularly those that are cleared labelled for return should they be misplaced.

2021 Planning

School planning for 2021 is well underway. A new Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024 is being created, and focused on three themes (or strategic directions), these being along the lines of:

- Student growth and attainment (DoE mandatory strategic direction)
- Connect, Thrive, Succeed (Wellbeing)

- Quality Learning Environments (Classroom/teaching focus)

At present, we look to have 128 mainstream enrolments projected, for 2021. Based on these enrolment projections, we will most likely offer six mainstream classes next year, rather than the current seven. Whilst this is flagged at present, any unexpected new enrolments could change this as we are quite close to the numbers needed for the seventh class to be viable. Likewise, any unexpected loss of enrolments could take us further from the number needed to validate a seventh class. We will continue to offer two support classes that serve not only our school, but the wider education community.

Alongside the strategic planning and class formations, a new school budget is being developed, seeking to ensure all classes are well resourced to support teaching and learning each and every day of the school year.

COVID Update

Schools were last week advised that from tomorrow 12 November, the following changes in school operations have been made -

- P&C onsite meetings can resume outside school hours (under 4 square metre rule) - the school will await advice from our P&C on how things will proceed in 2020, or whether we will see a return in 2021.
- Parents and carers can enter school site to purchase/pick-up uniforms - Non-essential visits are still NOT permitted.
- Principals may continue to restrict, limit or prohibit activities if deemed to be contrary to the advice of the day, and should escalate any issues or concerns to the Director, Educational Leadership.
- Professional Learning for staff can continue following departmental guidelines.
- Whole of school assemblies are permitted (for students).
- Year 7 Orientation can proceed (Tuesday 1 December - state-wide orientation day).
- All schools can hold formals and graduation events (following guidelines).
- End of Year activities such as: Award ceremonies, school performances, productions, plays and concerts (following guidelines) may proceed.

- Principal endorsed school and community events (following guidelines) are permitted to proceed.

Whilst permission to proceed on some events is positive, the 'guidelines' that sit behind this are still quite restrictive and create many limitations. The guidelines have been shared with the P&C Executive as school staff continue to explore how we can best make life normal while remaining compliant. At this time, it is most likely our 2020 Presentation Assembly will be modified to being several class groups at a time, only involving students and staff. We will keep people advised as the dates and final plans are confirmed.

Until next newsletter.....



Meerkat Productions - "Three"

Meerkat Productions will be presenting a performance of "Three" in (belated!) celebration of Book Week 2020. The presentation will take place on Thursday 26 November (Week 7) at 9:30am.



The cost will be \$10.00 per child. Permission notes will go home tomorrow. Please return signed permission notes to your classroom teacher by Friday 20 November 2020.

Deisha Rose
Organising Teacher

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">Our Stars</h1> 				
KL	Savannah Davis	Nate Hull	Carter Thompson	Adam Richards
1J	Harper Gardiner	William Staader	Hunter Prodanovic	Tyson Rogers
2D	Archer Craggs	Tom Ford	Blane Frankland	Cailie Hicks
3J	Alma Paungreen	Hayden Swansborough	Sophie Robinson	Amelia Simpson
4M	Sophie Butler	Ayla Conte	Riley Mason	Leyland Humphreys
5Z	Oden Rowe	Addison Edwards	Xyz Smithicks	Emma Marshall
6R	Max Ticknor	Will Smith	Xahran Smith	Axton Brown
K-6B	Hudson Boland			
K-6W				
RIPPER Awards	Zack Hicks Harper Gardiner Ryan Wicks Will Bowyer	Nevaeh Laurie Kayne Alchin Kaleisha McIntyre Hudson Boland	Shakiya Gambrell Ben Smith Zahlee Olive	Lilly Graham Maytaya Chamberlain Angus Slater Ella Stevens
Book Awards	Bella Graham Kari McKenzie	Cooper McIntosh	Nevaeh Laurie Lorelei Munro	Daisy-May Ryan Miley Adams Ben Vale