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# Woodburn Public School

Week 9 Term 4

Wednesday 1 December 2021

## For Your Diary

**Week 9 29 Nov - 3 Dec**  
Fri School Captain Elections

**Week 10 6 - 10 Dec**  
Tues Planned Industrial Action  
Wed Water Fun Day  
Fri Sports Captain Elections

**Week 11 13 - 17 Dec**  
Mon Merit Assembly & Year 6 Farewell (5:30pm)  
Wed K-2 then 3-6 Presentation Assembly  
Thurs Final day for students

**Next P & C Meeting Monday 14 February 2022 at 6:30pm in the staffroom**

## Week 9 - lots still to come...

Whilst there is little more than two weeks of term (and the year) remaining, we still have a significant bank of activities to complete and finalise. Staff across the school have been finalising reports, planning events, analysing the current COVID rules and regulations, and hoping to see a relaxation of rules/requirements before finalising the details of events still to come.

With only two weeks remaining, the current regulations will be used to guide the planning of all remaining events. As a school, we will be complying with the expectations around end-of-year celebrations. In order to maintain the department's expectation for COVID-safe practices, we will be holding on-site events to celebrate the year that was, with the requirement that only fully vaccinated parents/carers attend the Year 6 Farewell. We know this is not the news many want to hear, but it is our responsibility to uphold the expectations of the department and to comply with these rules and regulations.

## Important Dates

### This Week:

Friday December 3 - Prospective 2022 School Captain Speeches

### NEXT WEEK - Week 10:

Tuesday December 7 - Planned Industrial Action (Teacher Strike)

Wednesday December 8 - Water Fun Day

Friday December 10 - 2022 Sports Captain Speeches

### Week 11:

Monday December 13 - Merit Assembly AND Year 6 Farewell (this event is after school)

Wednesday December 15 - K-2 and then Years 3 to 6 Presentation Assemblies

Thursday December 16 - Final day for students

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## *End of Year Assemblies*

Under current guidelines, we can have outdoor/open air assemblies to conclude the school year; however these are still not permitted to have parents in attendance. Schools can only have invited guests with specific roles (presenting awards/delivering speeches) in attendance and all these invited guests would need to be fully vaccinated.

Mr Michael Lord is aiming to weave his magic again this year to try and provide a weblink for parents to observe these assemblies. We know this is not the same as attending in person, but I applaud Michael's ongoing efforts to be both compliant and of service to our community.

## *Year 6 Presentation Evening*

Advice has been sent home with Year 6 students regarding their Year 6 Graduation which will be held on school grounds on Monday 13 December. By holding the event onsite all Year 6 students are able to attend, as are their fully vaccinated PARENTS/ CARERS for our Year 6 students.

- Outdoor settings represent a lower risk than indoor settings.
- Ceremonies should be conducted outside of school hours
- Ensure that all attendees, including students and staff and visitors, are well and free of any flu-like symptoms and have not been directed to self-isolate by NSW Health.
- All external visitors to the school site, including parents and invited guests, must show evidence of full vaccination.
- All staff and visitors must wear a mask indoors unless they have a medical exemption.
- Ensure people remain seated as much as possible to minimise mingling
- Staff and visitors attending the graduation are required to sign in using the school's QR code check-in process
- Have strategies in place to manage gatherings that may occur immediately outside the premises
- Consider how awards and certificates are distributed or

handed to the recipients in a COVID-Safe way

- Adopt and promote good hand hygiene practices and make sure that bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels, and have hand sanitisers at key points around the venue, such as entry and exit points
- Visitors should not be allowed access to areas outside of the designated event venue and should leave promptly at the conclusion of the event.

We do ask that parents be aware of, and proactive, in helping meet these necessary guidelines that have been put in place for such significant events to proceed.

Once the formal graduation assembly has concluded, the school has organised a COVID safe disco and celebration for the students. Parents/carers are asked to return after this celebration to collect students from the school site.

## *Planned Industrial Action (Teacher's Strike)*

The NSW Teachers Federation has called for industrial action by its members next Tuesday 7 December, 2021. At the core of this action is a request for increased salaries and improved working conditions to help address the rapidly escalating teacher shortage across NSW. The vast majority of teaching staff in our school are members of the union, and at this time the vast majority of staff have indicated that they will be engaging in the industrial action as proposed. As a result, there will most likely be the barest skeleton of teaching staff at school next Tuesday. Parents should do all they can to find alternate arrangements for their child/children on this day. If more staff indicate that they will be undertaking the industrial action, the school could be closed for the day. In this event, parents will need to have alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of children on Tuesday 7 December.

Teaching and learning programs will not be able to proceed as normal if the industrial action proceeds. Parents and carers are asked to make the necessary arrangements for the safety and wellbeing of students.



Final arrangements will be advised to parents next Monday, 6 December via the SENTRAL Parent App, email to parents and the school's Facebook Page.

Please use this early advice to guide your planning over the days ahead.

## Kinder 2022 Transition Program

Thank you to Mrs Nicole Lord and her band of helpers for the work in conducting our 2022 Kindergarten Transition Program. Whilst we would have liked greater opportunity to meet and interact with the parents and carers of this cohort, we trust the opportunity and exposure to these children has been beneficial.

We look forward to a positive start for all these students as we commence the 2022 school year.

## P&C Update

At the most recent meeting of the Woodburn P&C Association it was possible to finalise the P&C Executive vacancies and establish a full executive for the parent representative body as we move into 2022. The full executive of the P&C at this time is:

President - Jade Stevens

Vice President - Sheridan Staader

Vice President - Ilana Conte

Secretary - Nicole Lord

Treasurer - Naomi Simpson

The last two years have been challenging for the P&C, impacting opportunities to meet and challenging the running of fundraisers etc. One can only hope that 2022 is a far more productive year for all.

## 2022 Enrolments

Thank you to the families who have advised us that you will be leaving us at year's end. Whilst this is sad news, we certainly appreciate the heads up for our planning and class compositions for the new year.

As a school, we are still welcoming any enrolment applications across all grades. The earlier any applications are received, the better we are able to manage and support these placements into our planned 2022 class groupings.

We continue hoping that 2022 is a year of even greater normality and certainty for us all.

Until next newsletter.....

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**Live Life Well @ School**  
**Learn to make my own healthy lunch**

Teach kids healthy habits for life!

Provide your children with useful life skills for the time previous school routines returns.



1. Prepare ingredients: Wraps, rainbow of fillings of choice chopped and laid out on plates.
2. Demonstrate choosing fillings and wrapping these.
3. Students prepare healthy wraps for lunch from the smorgasbord.
4. Share photos of your creations with your friends.

For more ideas, search 'healthy lunch box builder' at:  
[www.healthylunchbox.com.au](https://www.healthylunchbox.com.au)



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# Our Stars



Class	Respect	Safety	Engagement
KL	Charlie Stewart	Stevie Dufty	Frankie Lickiss
1J	Scarlett Warren	Nate Hull	Wylie Yates
2D	Khloe Morgan	Mac Lickiss	Emily Elwell
3/4J	Alexis Martin	Ryan Wicks	Tom Ford
3/4Z	Hayden Swansborough	Jack Ozanne-Sharwood	Sophie Alchin
5/6B	Ayla Conte	Emma Marshall	Max Martin
5/6R	Toby Hancock	Leyland Humphreys	Lily Elwell
K-6J & K-6W	Abel Moore	Arlia Collingburn	Hudson Boland

## Book Awards

KL	Sophie Stewart for her improved willingness and ability to engage independently with writing tasks
1J	Frankie Brown for being an enthusiastic contributor to class discussions and always trying her best to complete must-dos
2D	Tessa Brown for always being ready to listen, accept feedback and ready to make changes to her work
3/4J	Cooper Macintosh for consistent home reading
3/4Z	Chloe Wood for trying to be super organised during rotations and improvement in her reading
5/6B	Lawson Algie for his fabulous efforts during group Maths investigations
5/6R	Kiara Ryan for taking a big, bold leap of confidence in presenting aloud for the class
K-6J & K-6W	Isabel Stevens for being consistently respectful, engaged and a safe member of school

## RIPPER Awards

Tanaya Wright-Hutley	Frankie Brown Maisie Lord	Alyssa Symonds	Jack Ozanne-Sharwood
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