

Wakool Burraboi Public School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 3 2018

Principal's Report

I hope all mothers and grandmothers had a lovely day yesterday on Mother's Day.

A reminder that students in Year 3 and Year 5 will complete NAPLAN this week. This will take place in the library. Please see further details in the newsletter about this. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN, please contact the school.

Last Friday I attended an online Adobe connect session with our Early Action for Success Instructional Leader. She discussed literacy and numeracy programs in place at the school, student progress and using software to track student progress using the Learning Progressions. This was a valuable opportunity to speak face-to-face online to gain valuable feedback to ensure our students learning is maximized at the school. I look forward to continuing to utilise technology to connect with professional learning opportunities to support our students.

Information for parents regarding overnight excursions for students in Years 3/4/5/6 will be sent home later this week. These excursions will be held later in the year. Please contact the school as soon as possible if your child will not be attending.

Permission notes for the District Cross Country Carnival will be sent home today. The carnival will be held in Moulamein on Friday 25th May. Miss O'Meara will be attending as the supervising teacher. Please ensure permission notes are returned even if your child will not be attending the carnival. School will run as normal for those students that have not been selected to attend.

A reminder that if your child is absent from school, a signed note is required to indicate the reason for the absence from the child's parent or carer. This is a Department requirement. I have been including school attendance information at the end of our newsletters to provide further information on the importance of student attendance at school.

There was a number of jumpers with no name or current owners name on them left at school last week. Please make sure your child's clothing items are clearly labeled so that these items can be promptly returned.

Have a great week!
Lisa Chambers
Principal

Upcoming Events

This week: NAPLAN - Roof Replacement
Monday 14th

> Homework Due – 4-6

Tuesday 15th

> School Library

> NAPLAN – Yr 3&5 Language Conventions & Writing

Wednesday 16th

> NAPLAN – Yr3&5 Reading

Thursday 17th

> NAPLAN – Yr3&5 Numeracy

Friday 18th

> Homework due – K-3

Next Week:

Monday 21st

> Homework Due – 4-6

> Mobile library

Tuesday 22nd

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Wednesday 23rd

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Thursday 24th

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Friday 25th

> Homework due – K-3

Pie Warmer

Last week students discussed healthy options for pie warmer lunches. We discussed several foods that students like to eat, cook and prepare. We will look at how these foods are prepared and could be heated in the oven as a pie warmer lunch. We also discussed the benefits of eating a variety of foods. This discussion included everyday foods and sometimes foods.

Please make sure that pie warmer lunches are in a suitable wrap, such as aluminum foil, or container, such as a disposable foil container. They also need to be clearly labeled with the child's name.



Science

Last week during our science lesson, students explored different forces using toys and games. We looked at push, pull, gravity and stored energy in a pull back toy car. Students also used books to identify aspects of the topic they would like to further their learning in. Areas students identified that they would like to learn more about included; electricity, wind power, what is electricity and solar power. We will continue learning about forces and energy throughout the term.



Reminder:
**Any overdue
school library
books need to be
returned to school**

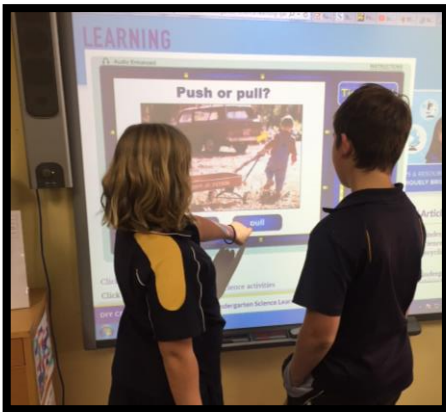


Miss O'Meara worked with the students during Wednesdays art session to make a lovely photo frame gift for students to give to their mums. This activity followed on from maths, with students using 2D shapes to construct their frames. Thank you Miss O'Meara for your effort with printing the photos for this activity.



Students worked with Mrs Follet and myself on Friday to create another special gift that looked at measurement. Students used a jar and dry ingredients to make a "Chocolate Chip Cookies in a jar" gift. This involved careful measuring and reading of these recipe. A big thank you to Mrs Follet for helping with this activity.

Thank you also to the Year 6 Students and Mitchell for helping younger students with this.



Mothers Day Gifts

Last week students used the art room in K/1/3 for literacy groups. We made the most of this opportunity making Mothers Day cards. This involved a modelled writing session, writing messages inside our cards. We then painted our hands to create two plants on the front. This was followed by some careful finger painting to create petals for the flowers. We finally pasted on flower pots. The cards were then completed with some writing on the front and personal drawings throughout by the students.



NAPLAN –THIS WEEK

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2018

Years 3 and 5 students in all government and non-government schools will sit the NAPLAN in 2018. The program assesses literacy and numeracy.

Tests will be sat across Australia on the same dates.

- **Tuesday 15th May:** Language and Conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and Writing
- **Wednesday 16th May:** Reading
- **Thursday 17th May:** Numeracy

Please contact the school if you have further questions about the 2018 NAPLAN Program.

School Roof



The final steps in the roof replacement process will be completed this week. It is now expected the scaffolding and work site fencing will be removed Tuesday, this will enable the classroom to be used again later in the week.

Attendance and absences

Information from the NSW Department of Education

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 5: Tips for Parents



Going to school is important. It makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

- Keep your child home only when they are sick.
- Advise the school of any absence.
- See doctors and dentists after school times.

Friends are important.

- Show an interest in your child's friends
- Invite friends to come and play
- Encourage your child to play with other children.

Helping your child have a happy day at school is important for you and your child.

If you are having difficulties in getting your child to school you should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the problem and ask for help.

The principal may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you for further assistance and advice.

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Hints and Tips No. 6: School Community



Everyone in the school community has a role to play in helping with school attendance.

Having students attend school is extremely beneficial to the future of local communities. However, many students do not attend school regularly or fail to attend at all.

Schools, parents and caregivers, local community members and businesses are all an essential part of providing and supporting education in our schools.

The NSW Department of Education and Training employs Home School Liaison Officers across the state. These officers are teachers who support schools and the school community to ensure that all students attend school regularly.

Parents having difficulty getting their child to school should not hesitate to contact either the school principal or the Home School Liaison Officer at your nearest Department of Education and Training office.

Call toll free 131 536 for your nearest regional office.