



Wakool Burraboi Public School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 5 2019

Principal's Report

Congratulations to Taylah Pratt-Nener, Jye Hamilton and Mitchell Lowry who competed at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival which was held in Swan Hill last Monday 18th February. Miss Monk was very pleased to see students having a go and encouraging each other. A big thank you to the Moulamein PS staff for organising the carnival. Thank you parents for transporting children. The Moulamein PSSA District Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday 1st March in Swan Hill. Qualifying students have been notified. Miss Monk will be the teacher attending from Wakool Burraboi Public School.

Students have settled into literacy and numeracy groups over the past two weeks. The K/1/2 students have been learning about sea creatures with Miss Green. We have also been developing our mathematical language and reasoning with Number Talks. Miss Monk has been working with the Year 4/5/6 with time tables being a focus. All students have begun creating some artworks to enter into the upcoming Wakool Show during art sessions.

Over the past few weeks students have been reminded about our school values and expectations. Teachers would like to remind all parents that all students, K-6 are expected to be reading their home reader each night, having the record book initialed by a parent, sibling or themselves and bringing the reader back to school each day. This is an important focus for the school, with the importance of home reading being made known to all students. Some students also have sight words to be practicing each night as well. Miss Monk has assigned spelling words for homework for all students. These are based on sight words for some students and on our phonics focus for some students. Homework is given out on a Monday and needs to be returned to school on Fridays.

Over the past two weeks we have had a number of technicians working at the school to upgrade the schools technology access, including WIFI internet access in outdoor areas, server and wiring. This upgrade was part of the Connecting Country Schools Program.

This Tuesday Miss Monk will be attending an Austswim Training Session in Albury. Mrs Mandy McConnell will be working with myself to ensure normal literacy and numeracy groups take place.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at school to discuss.

Have a great week!

Lisa Chambers

Principal

Upcoming Events

This week:

Monday 25th

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Tuesday 26th

> *Miss Monk Austswim Albury*

Wednesday 27th

> *Mobile Library*

Thursday 28th

> *Mrs Chambers Leave*

Friday 1st

> *District Swimming Carnival Swan Hill*

> *Homework Due*

Next Week:

Monday 4th

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Tuesday 5th

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Wednesday 6th

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Thursday 7th

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Friday 8th

> *Homework Due*

Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Spellodrome

All students have been given login details for interactive learning programs:

- > Mathletics
- > Reading eggs / Math Seeds
- > Spellodrome

Students have been given the login details on a laminated card for use at home if students choose to or have access to. This is not a compulsory at home expectation for students, rather an option for students that may enjoy interactive learning and have access to either a computer or ipad at home.

These learning programs will be used throughout the year at school to reinforce concepts learnt during class as well as to further develop student confidence with content and with the use of technology.

School Library

Students will have library sessions in the school library each Thursday afternoon this term. It is important that students develop responsibility for borrowing and returning school library books. Part of this responsibility involves looking after the book by using a library bag or alternatively their school home reader bag to ensure the book is not damaged coming to or from school. Students also will need to remember to return library books before borrowing another book.

Miss Monk is trialing having the library open to students if they choose to use it during lunch times on a Thursday each week. During this time students may browse through the books, participate in quiet activities or board games. So far Miss Monk has had several students make the most of this opportunity.

School Veggie Garden

Students have been busy this term getting our veggie garden in tidy following the summer holidays. It has been pleasing to see most students being keen to get involved with this aspect of the school.

We currently have pumpkins growing, along with cucumber, beans and strawberries.

Swimming Carnival



Cricket Clinic

All students have been involved in a cricket clinic on Friday afternoons as part of Sport. This program is part of the Sporting Schools Grant.



Emergency Contact Details

If your contact details or listed emergency contact details for your child have changed please make sure that you notify the school to have these updated as soon as possible.

Clean Up Australia Day

Students will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day on this Wednesday 27th February. Clean Up Australia Day is an opportunity for students to consider the impact rubbish has on the environment and to teach about the important of looking after the environment by keeping our community clean and recycling. This year students will focus cleaning up within the school grounds and immediate surrounds, such as the nature strip of the school. Students will not require a signed permission note, as this is covered under the "local excursions" note signed at the beginning of the year. Please contact the school if you do not wish for your child to collect potential rubbish from the school nature strip as part of this initiative. All students will be provided with a pair of gloves to wear. Following rubbish collection, students will be involved in sorting rubbish into waste and recycling.



Pancake Tuesday

Next Tuesday 5th March students will be making Pancakes during the maths session and will be able to eat pancakes during lunch time. This will be part of measurement, cooking and reading a recipe. Students will be able to select from a range of pancake toppings. Please contact the school if you do not wish your child to eat the pancakes or if they have any allergies.