

Wakool Burraboi Public School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 3 2019

Education Week Every Student, Every Voice

Principal's Report

Education Week at Wakool Burraboi Public School has been an exciting week! We have had events almost every day!

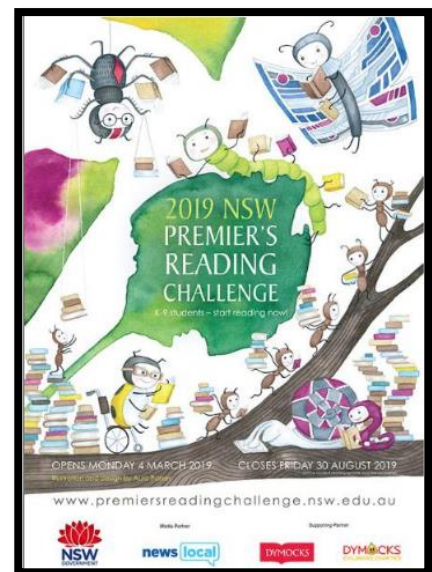
Wakool Burraboi Public School enjoyed the **Athletics Carnival** with a trip to Moulamein Public School. This was great for our school spirit, health, fitness and connection with community! More than running a race was the **RESILIENCE** and **KINDNESS** each student expressed as they cheered on their peers. I am so proud to be part of this amazing school where students are supportive, caring and community minded! Check out our photo gallery! Congratulations to all students who participated in the carnival and especially the following students who showed dedication and drive! Invitations to the District Athletics Carnival TBC:



- **Jye Hamilton** on receiving Age Champion in the recent Athletics Carnival!!!! He received seven **FIRST PLACES!!!**
- **Bailey Pratt-Nener** - Senior High Jump (event completed Wk 2 at school)
- **Mitchell Lowry** - 2nd in Shot Put and 3rd in Discus
- **Taylor Pratt-Nener** - First place in 100m and Discus; 2nd in Long Jump, junior 200m and Shot Put; 3rd in 800m
- **Kayla Trigg** - 2nd in 1500m (WOW! for an 8 year old, this is a huge distance!) and 3rd in 800m
- **Cooper Paul** - 2nd in 100m and 3rd in 1500m (also WOW! for an 8 year old!)

On Monday we contextualised the theme of "Every Student, Every Voice" with speaking and reading activities to promote a love of literature. Students used their authentic and unique voice to record books that resonate with our cultural heritage. Some of these books are also part of our **Premier's Reading Challenge**. These recordings will be made into PowerPoints to showcase to parents and the community during Book Week in Week 5. Remember, you can log in at home and record the books your child has read throughout the challenge.

The website is: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



Your child will use their school login username and password to access the site and record their books. The challenge ends this month so it is a real race to the finish line! Only one student has finished reading 30 books - congratulations to Harry in Year 2!!!! It is hoped that ALL students make it to complete reading 30 books (K-2) or 20 books (3-6). Students in higher grades have less books as their books are usually chapter books or more difficult to read and complete.

On Thursday, we fundraised with "Jeans for Genes Day". Our **MUSIC LESSONS** with Chris Bodey from South West Music are continuing with much fun! A busy week and a celebration of student voice, learning, expression and connection with the community!

Remember - **LIBRARY DAY** is Monday each week. Please send a library bag and return borrowed books so students can borrow more and add to the rich learning of literature. Students can also record books as part of the Premier's Reading Challenge during library sessions! ¹

Rebecca Foster

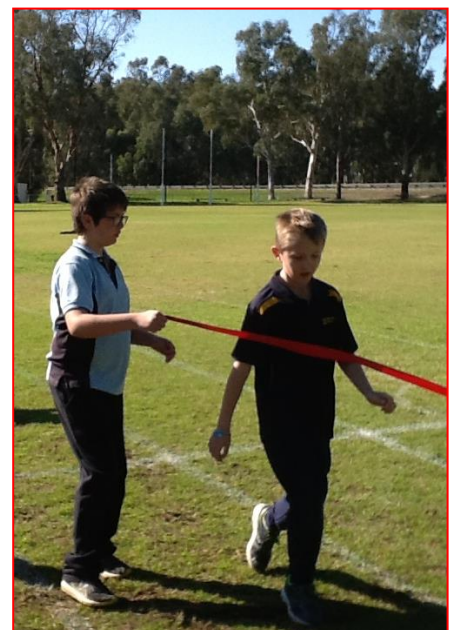
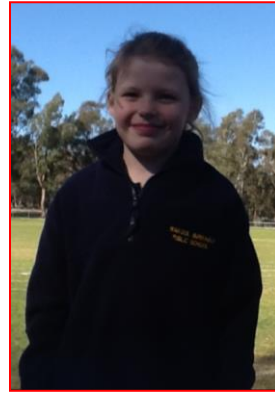
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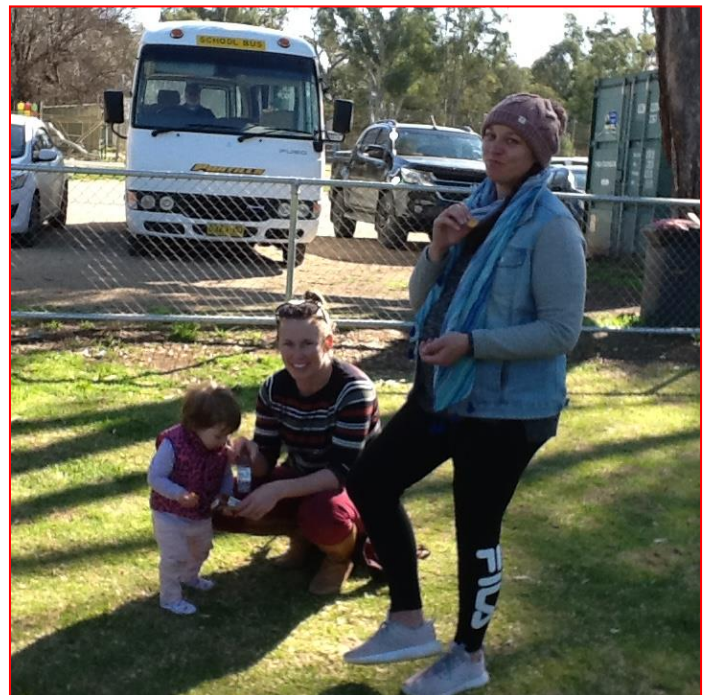
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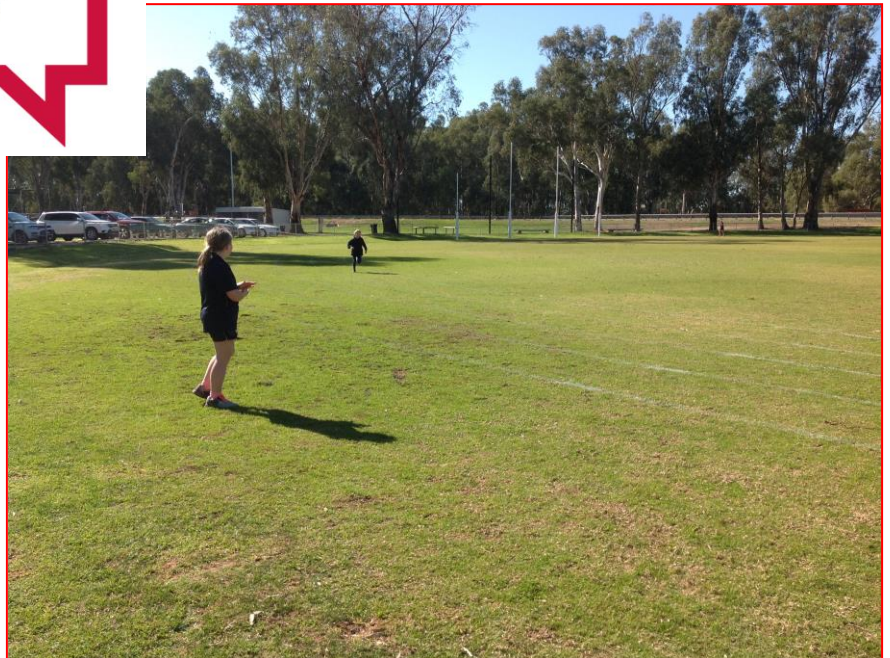
¹ Picture sourced from - <https://indigenousliteracyfoundation.myshopify.com/products/ilf-tote-bag>

Athletics Carnival Photo Gallery





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Aug 5th - 9th
2019







Dates for your Diary

Friday 16 August - District Athletics (only a few students to attend)
in Toolebuc

Wednesday 14 August - Cultural Day - connections with NAIDOC week as celebrated on the previous school holidays

Monday 19 August - Science Day in Barham Public School, leaving school at 11am to return at 3pm

Wednesday 21 August - Book Fair Day -

Reading is our Superpower!!!! ²



All parents and community invited (please dress up as a character from a book) from 9.15am Itinerary as follows:

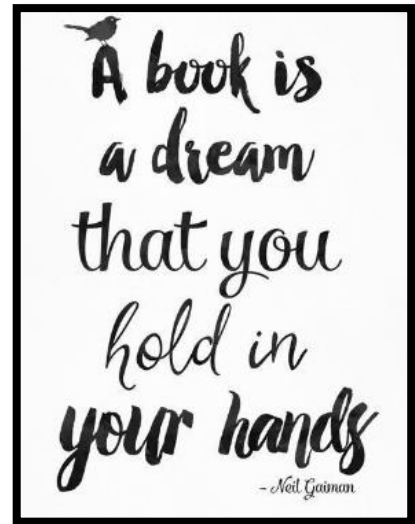
9.15-10am - Assembly and Book Fair - Students to showcase their character. PRIZES for various categories:

- Best book reading PowerPoint
- Best Book Review
- Best dress up
- Best home-made costume
- Best Parent and Community Costume

² Image sourced from: <https://kms.kcsd.org/news/2018/11/07/accelerated-reader-at-kms-reading-is-our-super-power/>

These are just some of the categories - be there to express your superpowers of reading and being part of creating exciting characters!!!!

There is also a **BOOKSHOP ON SITE** - parents and students will have an opportunity to purchase books from our book stall, supported by Scholastic Publishers.



10-10.30am two groups - craft - making book marks and visiting the mobile library / enjoying reading. Opportunity to buy books from book stall.
10.30am-11am - BBQ and end of community event.

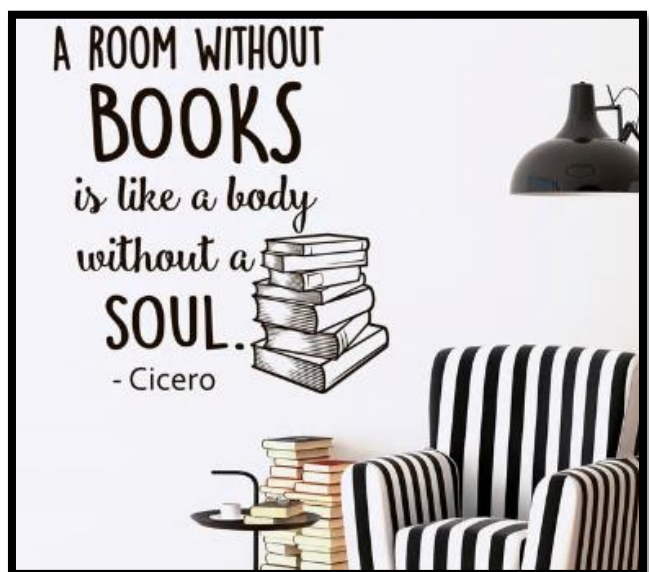
Students continue with the Book Week Celebrations!

1.30-1pm - Relax and Read Sessions - race to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge. This is one of the last chances for students to read the required texts to receive a certificate from the premier. This session will be like the old 'MS Readathons' where we attempt to sign off ALL students, completing the challenge hopefully on this day!
BYO Bean bag or sleeping bag to chill and read!

1-1.45pm - Lunch / play as usual

1.45pm - Book reading by teachers

2pm - Incursion with Sydney Opera House via Virtual Conference
"Creating Exciting Characters"

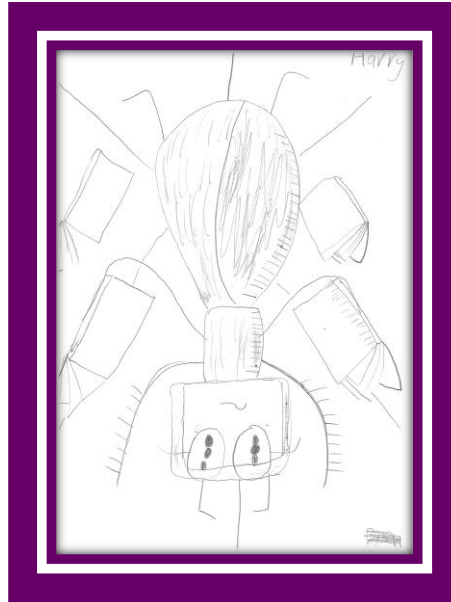


LEARNING AT WAKOOL BURRABOI PUBLIC SCHOOL

English: We have been learning a range of skills. In writing, we have focused on the skills of writing dialogue (Week 2) and writing descriptions of place (Week 3) using adjectives and descriptive language. Each week we focus on a new aspect of creative writing and each Friday we publish our extracts of stories. Students read every day, either to the teacher, in small groups or silently. Reading and literacy skills are a huge focus this term. Before becoming a Teaching Principal, I have spent many years teaching English in High Schools and before retraining to be a primary School Teacher and Principal.

Creative Arts: All students are making a picture book in Visual Arts. They are exploring colour, painting and drawing techniques used by contemporary illustrators. This exploration of telling a story through art connects with the notion that "a picture paints a thousand words". Students are learning a range of skills and knowledge through this unit including: primary and secondary colours; complementary colours; shading; collage. Students will also spend some time learning the basics of body percussion, music (ukulele) and dance this term. Students recently experienced a guided drawing session from a renowned illustrator who led students through drawing a spider from the Premier's Reading Challenge Poster... Here are some of our drawings:





Mathematics: We have been focused on fractions! Ways to identify and use these skills at home would be much appreciated such as cutting up sandwiches into halves or quarters; cutting up a quiche into eighths. We will also explore weight and mass - kilograms and grams. Any cooking as a family will enhance these skills. Money skills have also been practiced in recent weeks. All students have been revising times tables. The K-2 students focus on 2s, 5s and 10s while older students focus on all other times tables, beginning with the 3 times tables.

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Geography / History focus: The Goldrush

Science Focus: The Solar System and later this term we will explore
States of Matter

PDHPE Sport: Athletics, Basketball and Fundamental Movement Skills

PDHPE Health: Personal Relationships - Self and Others. Some inspiring information was included in our last newsletter about positive relationships with self and others - check out www.biglifejournal.com for inspiring resources for young people - resources about resilience and making goals! **HEALTHY eating** is also a focus at WBPS this term, expressed more at recess and lunch - we have a 'healthy eating' tally chart AND a 'least packaging' tally chart which is about being healthy to the environment!

Healthy Food Tally

All students who bring healthy food will receive a tally and reward / Dojo points. A weekly award will be given to **the healthiest student**. These sorts of tallies will be done for the students who have the **least amount of packaging** per week. Please help your child make healthy lunches with the least amount of plastic packaging – healthy bodies and healthy planet!

| Students | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Tally Total |
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Staff are considering a YOGA ARVO from 5-6pm on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons, with the opportunity to bring your child (they will be welcome to study / use computers in a 'homework' type scenario while parents and staff are engaged in YOGA). If interested, please call the school and inform us which day works best!

CLASS DOJO - We have introduced Class Dojo which is a positive way to track on task learning. A parent code will be sent home so students can attach their learning via photos in class or electronic learning so you can access this from home.

Positive feedback %

This week:

92%

50%

Last week



Links with learning ONLINE

We have subscribed to a number of online learning tools - usually students access these at the following times: first thing in the morning; reward time in the afternoons; rainy day lunches; Friday mornings during technology time; and early finishers. Online educational sites are as follows: www.studyladder.com.au; Typing Tournament; Reading Eggs; Maths Seeds; Mathletics and iMaths. Students have unique logins for most sites but a generic year level login for iMaths. The following codes are available: <https://www.fireflyeducation.com.au/imaths>

Year 1 - torn073

Year 2 - today892

Year 3 - grass073

Year 4 - last858

Year 5 - girl136

Year 6 - best218