

Wakool Burraboi Public School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 3 2020

Principal's Report

This week we celebrate Education Week with the theme 'Learning Together'. Unfortunately we are unable to invite parents and visitors into the school for Education Week activities due to the current restrictions. However, we plan to provide photos in our newsletter and on the See Saw App for parents to look at. Please see further details in this newsletter of planned Education Week activities.

Students are engaging in planned physical activity each day at school. This is taking place as part of our PE and sports program. This term students are skipping as part of PE sessions. Students are working at improving and further developing their skipping skills as part of these sessions. On Friday's students have been focusing their learning on ball skills, including throwing, catching and playing team sports with a ball. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear for PE and sport sessions.

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. If you would like more information about school attendance please contact the school. We currently have a large number of students with low attendance rates. This also includes if your child is late arriving to school.

Please make sure your child brings a drink bottle filled with water to school each day. We are encouraging students to bring their drink bottles into the classroom.

At school we have hand sanitizer in each learning space for student and staff use. Students are regularly reminded to wash their hands with soap and use hand sanitizer as necessary. We appreciate the ongoing compliance with this amongst all students.

Today we welcome the Elphick Family to the school. Amelia will be joining students in Kindergarten. We welcome you Amelia and your family to our school community.

This week I am including an increased number of photos due to parents being unable to come into the school to celebrate student learning and see student work on display.

Have a great week
Lisa Chambers
Principal

Upcoming Events

This week: Education Week

Monday 3rd

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Tuesday 4th

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Wednesday 5th

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Thursday 6th

> *Music lessons 11:30-1:30*

> *Library*

Friday 7th

> *Education Week afternoon*

Next Term:

Monday 10th

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Tuesday 11th

> *School Counsellor – Michell White*

Wednesday 12th

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Thursday 13th

> *Music lessons 11:30-1:30*

> *Library*

Friday 14th

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P&C
Thermo-Mix
Raffle will be
drawn this Friday
7th August at
school.

*If you haven't purchased a
ticket yet and would like
to please contact the
school before Friday.*

School Pick Up

At school we have two lines at the end of the day; one for bus travelers and one for non-bus travelers. To continue to ensure all students are safe we will be altering the way students leave the school grounds at the end of the day.

The bus traveler line will leave the school grounds first and walk straight on the bus. Students will be seated on the bus. The bus will leave the bus zone.

Meanwhile, the non-bus travelers will remain lined up at the school gates inside the school grounds until the school bus has left. The teacher will then instruct the non-bus travelers to leave the school grounds to either go to their parents/carers vehicle, parents/carers that may be waiting at school gate and if needed safely cross students across the road.

It is anticipated that this alteration to school pick ups will continue to ensure all students are safe.



School Books

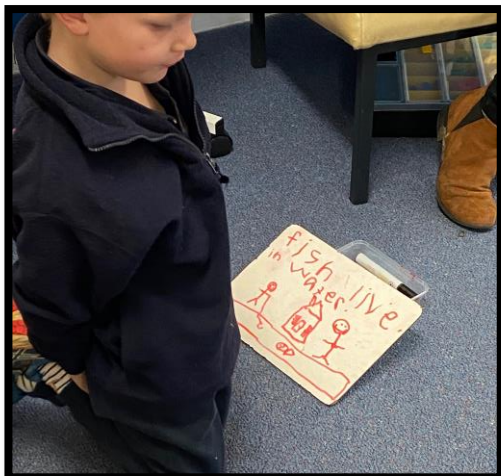
All students have school home readers to take home each day to read at home. Some students also choose to borrow school library books to take home to enjoy. Over the past few weeks we have noticed that some of these books are not being appropriately cared for, with books being returned damaged and dirty. Parents/carers are asked to remind their children about taking care of these books. We want to make sure that students continue to enjoy books at home.

In the classroom...Writing

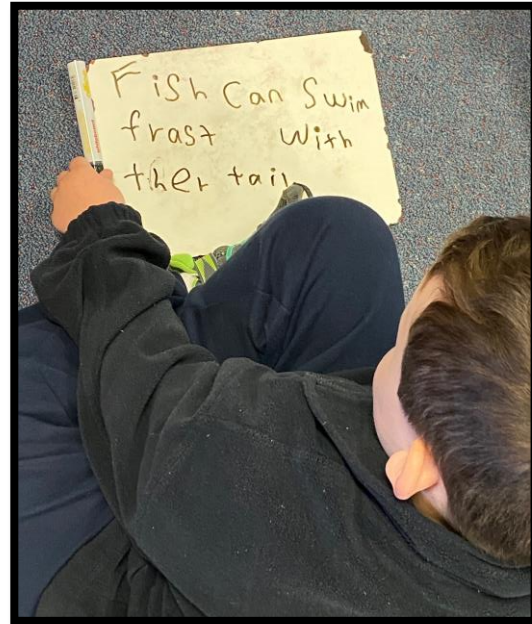
In writing students have been focusing on having a plausible attempt. This means, having a good go, using and applying what knowledge they already have and breaking the word into beginning, middle and end sounds. Students have been further developing their ability to do this through explicit phonics sessions at the beginning of literacy groups, and through targeted one on one guided reading sessions everyday during literacy groups. Challenge your child to have a go at writing at home, applying sounds and sight words they already know, and listening for beginning, middle and ending sounds.



This term we are also focusing on handwriting during our writing sessions. Correct letter formation is explicitly modelled during phonics lessons. Students are reminded at the beginning of writing lessons of tall, small and long letters. Correctly forming letters ensures that writing can be read aloud by both the students and the teacher.



In the classroom we have a Learning Wall to display a work sample of writing for each child each week. During the middle session on Thursdays (alternating with Music lessons) students complete the writing sample as part of a Writers Workshop. We look forward to continuing to develop each child's writing skills throughout the term.



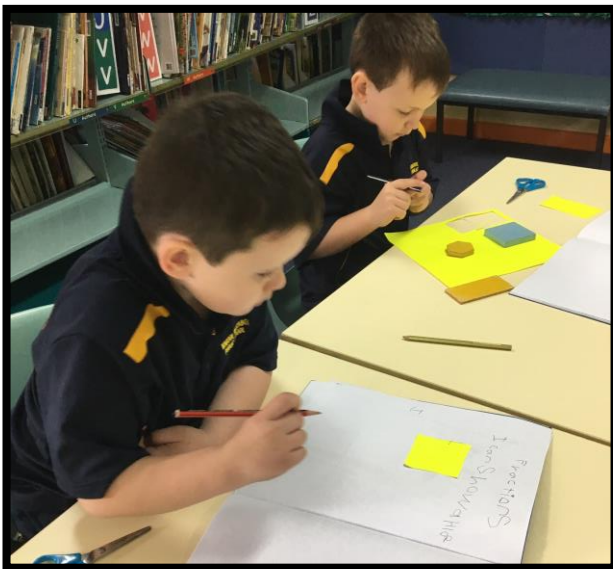
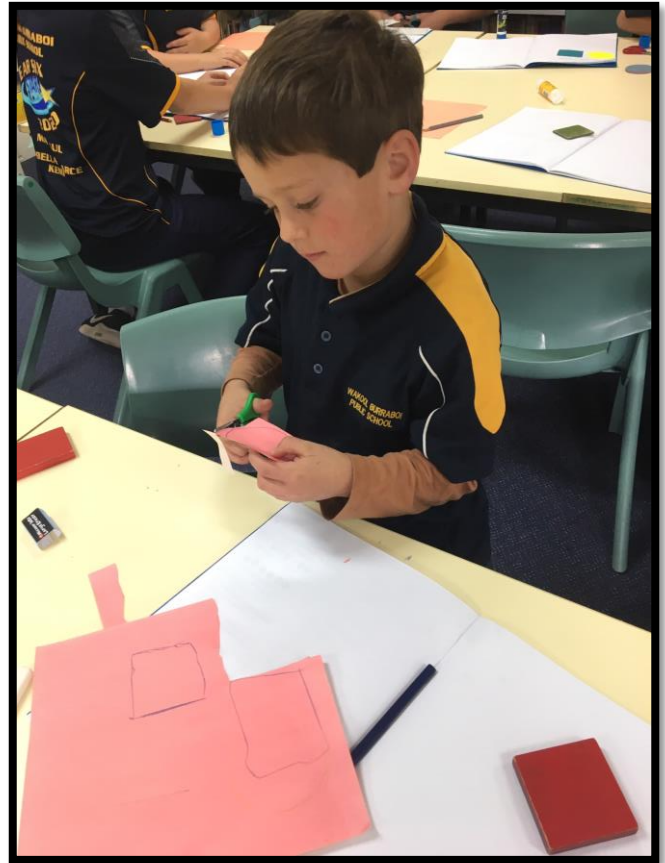
In the classroom...Maths

In Maths we have been focusing our learning on Number and developing a strong sense of place value. Students have enjoyed hands on learning activities which have allowed quality discussions and prompted students to work mathematically with detailed reasoning for their findings. Students are encouraged to apply known skills and understanding to new learning.





We have been also developing a strong understanding of Fractions during our Math's sessions. Students have looked at what a fraction is and made fractions by paper folding. We have spent time further developing our Mathematical vocabulary looking at the term's numerator and denominator along with other key terms. Students have enjoyed a hands-on approach to these lessons as well.



Sport and PE

Each day students are engaging in planned Physical Activity. On Monday-Thursday students are doing skipping activities as part of PE sessions. Students are encouraged to practice using both individual small ropes skipping forwards and backwards as well as skipping using the big rope. We plan to having a skipping demonstration day later in the term providing students with the opportunity to showcase their skipping skills and talents.



On Fridays for sport students have been developing their ball skills. Students have enjoyed learning basketball skills focusing on catching and throwing as well as football skills looking at handballing and kicking. Students have enjoyed utilizing the vast array of sporting balls we have at school along with some recently purchased balls.



School Vegetable Garden

Over the past week students have been busy in the school vegetable garden. The garden has been weeded, new bean, carrot and pea seeds have been planted. Garden beds have had a top up of soil and the paths around the garden have been weeded and sand has been spread around them.



The broccoli and cauliflower plants are looking very healthy. Lettuce is growing nicely. The strawberry plants have some large strawberries on them that are not ready yet. Some carrots grew but are not big enough yet to pick. The mint and parsley is looking very healthy.



Each day students will be closely monitoring the garden to make sure it is watered if needed. Students will also be checking to see if anything is ready to be harvested or if the garden needs weeding. Following crunch and sip each day fruit and vegetable scraps are collected and placed into the compost bin. When the compost is ready, this is used on our vegie garden as well.





In the classroom...Performing Arts

Chris from South West Music in Deniliquin is visiting the school this term every Thursday. At 11:30 until 12:30 students in K/1/2/3 are learning how to play the ukulele. Students have each been provided with a ukulele and a display folder to keep all music sheet handouts Chris has provided.



**PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD
TO BRING THEIR
INSTRUMENT BACK TO
SCHOOL EVERY THURSDAY**



At 12:30 until 1:30 students in Yr 5/6 are learning how to play the guitar. Students have been provided with a guitar and a display folder to keep any music hand outs Chris provides them with.



In the classroom...Visual Arts

This term we have continued to utilise our art room for visual arts lessons. Students have created a Koi Fish Swimming scene following directed drawing instructions and a crayon resist painting technique. These were then painted using a paint wash.



Students are all well aware of our learning expectations whilst working in the art room.

- > Wear a smock
- > Wash up your brush and paint pot
- > Place finished work carefully on the drying rack
- > Clean up your area
- > Wipe down your desk

When we all follow these expectations the art room is a nice place to be.



Completed artworks are displayed in the classroom for all students to enjoy and have pride in their work.



Education Week

3-7 August 2020 with the theme, 'Learning together'

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents/carers into the school for Education Week. This week students will embrace the virtual learning experiences the NSW DOE is providing as part of Education Week. Below is an overview of planned activities.

Monday – lunch time – activities out at lunch time for students to enjoy

Tuesday – 10-11am attend Livestream Starting with an overview of Aboriginal languages and protocols, the focus will be on animals as the NSW AECG Aboriginal Language Educators use a variety of presentation styles – including puppetry, song, and even a trip to the Dubbo zoo – to teach us some original names for our unique Australian creatures.

Wednesday – 12pm attend Livestream of the best of 'Film by ...' films in a virtual student film festival

Thursday – lunch time – school library open for students to play board games together

Friday – 10am Cooking session with students making chocolate and lemon balls, and freshly squeezed orange juice. Students will enjoy eating this as part of a special afternoon for students at 2:30pm

(An ingredient list will be sent home this week. Please contact the school if your child is not permitted to cook/eat on Friday and an alternate activity will be arranged)