

Wakool Burraboi Public School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 3 2018

Principal's Report

It was great to see parents in attendance at last Tuesday evenings P&C Meeting. Your enthusiasm and support is very much appreciated. At this meeting the implementation of the Healthy Canteen Strategy was discussed. This is currently in the process of being embedded across the running of our canteen. As part of this strategy we will be beginning a 'Fresh Food' recess on Mondays. This will involve fresh fruit being on offer for students to enjoy. Please see the attached survey for your input and thoughts. If surveys could be returned by Thursday this week that would be great.

Last week concerns have been raised over the quality of food students are bringing each day as part of Pie Warmer. Pie warmer is a special part of our school, that allows students the option of enjoying a warm lunch during the winter terms. As has been mentioned previously, in order for this to continue healthy options must be included as part of a healthy balanced diet. Staff will be monitoring this over the week to ensure the Pie Warmer can continue to be on offer.

The District Athletics Carnival will be held in Tooleybuc on Friday 17th August. Students who have qualified for this carnival have been issued a permission note. Please note that travel to this carnival is by private car. Permission notes are now due back. If you haven't returned your note, please do so by Wednesday this week. Miss O'Meara will be the Wakool Burraboi Public School teacher attending.

Last Monday evening Taylah Pratt-Nener and Ethan Bennett represented the school at the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition in Barham. Well done Taylah and Ethan and thank you to the Pratt-Nener and Bennett families for transporting children to the event.

Last Monday we welcomed Ms Sarah Lahy to the school. Ms Lahy will be working with us over the coming weeks 4 days per week to complete her university practicum. Ms Lahy has made a wonderful start, getting to know students and is quickly becoming familiar with our school routines. We look forward to having Ms Lahy work with us.

A reminder to families with students attending the overnight excursions, that payment may be made in installments. Year 3/4 students will be attending their excursion from Wednesday 19th September to Friday 21st September (Week 9 Term 3). Full payment for this excursion is due by Friday 14th September. If there are any problems with this, please contact me as soon as possible.

Have a great week!
Lisa Chambers
Principal

Upcoming Events

This week: EDUCATION WEEK

Monday 6th

- > Fresh Food Recess
- > Canteen
- > Science Open Afternoon 1:30 – 3:00

Tuesday 7th

- > External Validation Mrs Chambers 10 - 4
- > School Library

Wednesday 8th

- > Mobile Library
- > Mr Hanns

Thursday 9th

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Friday 10th

- > Homework due – K-3

Next Week:

Monday 13th

- > Canteen

Tuesday 14th

- > School Library

Wednesday 15th

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Thursday 16th

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Friday 17th

- > Homework due – K-3
- > District Athletics Carnival Tooleybuc – Miss O'Meara

Canteen

A reminder that no pie warmer is offered on canteen days. Canteen operates each Monday for lunch. Students not ordering lunch from the canteen are required to bring a packed lunch from home that does not need heating.

Athletics Training

Some students have requested they take a shot put or discus home to train for the upcoming District Athletics Carnival. Students choosing to take this equipment home have been informed of some safety precautions. It is vital that parents / carers assist with enforcing these.

- > Only to be used under complete parent supervision
- > No one must be standing in front of the thrower
- > Equipment must be stored away from younger siblings when not in use
- > Equipment must be returned to school each day so that other students have the option to take home the following day

Writing Focus

This term writing is a focus for all students. Students are working on Information Reports, factual texts and procedures. Last week students were introduced to the term “plausible attempt” during writing sessions last week. A Plausible Attempt refers to having a good go, using known knowledge to have a go and separating the beginning, middle and end sounds of a word.

Writing confidence is also targeted through Quick Writing sessions, which all students will take part in on Thursday mornings. This is also building students self-editing skills and the ability to re-read their writing to peers. This is being developed through class sharing at the end of our Quick Write sessions.

This week students will be introduced to “feedback” as part of writing. We will develop a feedback wall in the classroom, with constructive feedback being given to the class. This feedback will then be used in the following lesson as a learning goal.

This Friday I will have an Adobe Connect session with our EAFS Instructional Leader to review

Thank you

Thank you to Mick &

Tony Shannon for

placing wood chips

around front garden

beds for us.

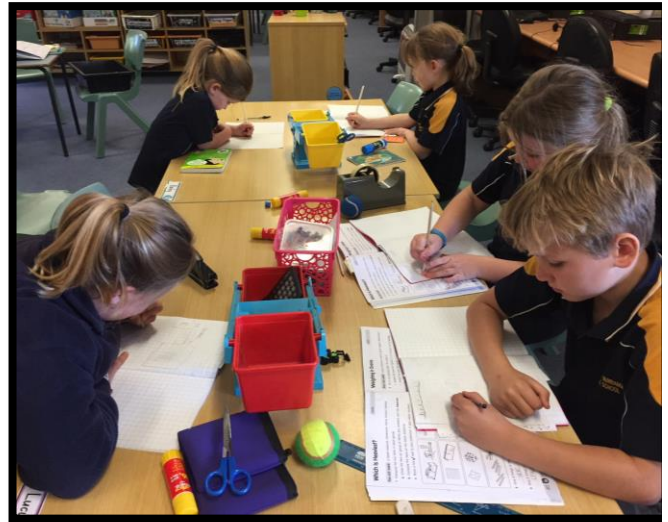
student progress and analysed initiatives introduced into writing sessions.

What can you be doing to assist your child's writing progress at home:

- > Provide your child with writing materials; pencils, paper etc
- > Ask your child to assist with writing the shopping list
- > Encourage your child to write family members' names, your address etc
- > Re-read your child's writing with them
- > Encourage discussion at home about writing at school
- > Engage in homework tasks with your child
- > Come into your child's classroom and have a look at some writing they have been working on

Ms Lahy

Ms Lahy has spent her first week working with us across all key learning areas. Over the coming weeks Ms Lahy will continue becoming familiar with our school routines and begin teaching lessons.



Education Week

This week we will be celebrating Education Week. This afternoon our classroom will be open for parents, family members, friends and community members to come and have a go at some hands-on science activities. If you are unable to attend the afternoon, but would like to come and have a look in the classroom please contact the school to arrange a suitable time. Students would like to share their learning with you.



Parent Survey

Following last Tuesday evenings P&C Meeting, committee members are seeking input, thoughts and opinions on some areas of our school. P&C members work hard throughout the year to assist all students that attend the school. In 2018 the P&C subsidises all student excursions by paying 50% of the total cost for each child, the P&C will also be funding music lessons during term 4 of this year for all students, offer canteen each Monday for lunch and have provided a free BBQ lunch on Athletics Carnival day. We are very appreciative of the support the P&C provides to the school and each student.

All parents are asked to fill in the survey below to ensure all parents have an opportunity to share their thoughts and contribute to the P&C, which in turn supports your child.

1. I would be happy to be rostered on to provide fresh fruit for Monday recess for all students to share free of charge. This would be part of the Healthy Canteen Strategy and school leaders would prepare the fruit at school. Eg a bag of apples, oranges, carrots, celery, watermelon

- YES
 NO

2. Please tick which applies to you:

- I am on the canteen roster and happy to continue doing canteen
 I am able to do canteen but my name is not on the roster
 I am unable to do canteen and unable to assist the P&C
 I am unable to do canteen, however would like to assist the P&C by: please detail below
- Coordinating a fundraiser

 - Donating fresh fruit on Mondays
 - I have another idea

Additional comments, ideas, feedback:

It would assist with creating a Fresh Fruit roster in family names were provided. However this is optional. Family name: _____ PLEASE RETURN BY THURSDAY