



Principal's Message

Book Week visiting readers

Sharing a love of books!

Last week during Book Week, Year 7 students from Holsworthy HS joined our kindergarten students for an afternoon of shared reading. Our students enjoyed having quality literature read to them and it was great to see so many of our ex-students return to their very own kindergarten classrooms.

“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go.”
-Dr. Seuss



WGPS Calendar

Week 8

Monday 10 September	State Dance – Rule your Destiny
Tuesday 11 Sept	K-2 Sport in Schools Programme Super Kid M/Tea
Wednesday 12 Sept	P & C meeting 7pm
Thursday 13 Sept	State Dance – To the Rescue
Friday 14 Sept	PSSA Sport Finals State Dance – Rule your Destiny

Week 9

Tuesday 18 Sept	K-2 Athletics Carnival
Thursday 20 Sept	Year 6 Footy Fun Day



NAPLAN Online testing

NAPLAN moves online.

Last week our Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in a trial run of the online NAPLAN assessment in preparation for 2019. Mrs Brunner, Mrs Dodd and Miss Taylor attended training and efficiently organised our students for the two days.

Feedback from the teachers and students was very positive and the running of the assessment was very smooth.

NSW Department of Education reports; *'the online testing is more engaging for students and gives them a greater opportunity to demonstrate what they know'*.



Preparing your Child for Starting School Workshop

It's that time of year again when we start to welcome our 2019 Kindergarten families to 'Big School' life.

Last Tuesday we welcomed the parents and carers to an information session on preparing your child for school. Miss Premier and the Kindergarten team are to be congratulated on preparing a very informative night and allowing a number of external specialists to share their knowledge and expertise with our families.

Thank you to all that were able to attend.

Cantabile Choir

Congratulations to our students who sang beautifully at the Opera House as part of the Cantabile Choir. A big thank you to Mr Blanch for his co-ordination and preparation for the event. Thank you also to Mrs Richter for her support with supervising on the day.

This was a wonderful experience for the students and one they greatly appreciated.



Invictus Games Athlete Visit

On Monday we had former Sergeant Garry Robinson DSM, Invictus Games 2018 athlete visit our school and talk to our 3-6 students about his journey as an athlete and what he has had to overcome during his rehabilitation process. Our students were very impressed with Garry's positive attitude and willingness to succeed. 60 of our Stage 3 students will be attending the Invictus Games next term to cheer Garry on as he competes in swimming, archery and cycling events.



SRF Farmer Fun Day

Farmer Fun Day was a huge success! Thank you to all of our families for supporting this very worthy cause. It was great to raise the awareness of our students and help them understand the impact drought has had on our farmers. Your generous donations totalling \$1419 will go to the 'Buy a Bale' Foundation.

Holsworthy Cup Challenge

Our Stage 3 team brought home the trophy last week from the Holsworthy Cup Challenge. Congratulations to Gabriella, Jack, Luke and Leilani who competed in the PDHPE challenge that involved a range of problem solving activities. Your teamwork was amazing!



State Dance Festival

I'd like to wish Miss Cascio, Mrs Farah, our Years 1-3 jazz and Years 4-6 Contemporary dance groups all the best for their performances at next week's State Dance Festival at the Seymour Centre.

Second P&C Meeting for Term 3

Our next P&C meeting is Wednesday 12 September @ 7pm in the Admin building. We would love to see you there.

White Balloon Day

Child Protection Week is the 2nd-8th September and we will be participating in White Balloon Day this year. According to the BRAVEHEARTS Foundation participating in White Balloon Day is the "single most significant step every school can take towards protecting their students from harm." White Balloon Day is on Friday 7th September and is about educating our children to find their voice and empowering them to know they have a right to feel safe.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all our competitors at last week's zone athletics championships. The following students will be competing at the regional championships on the 19th September. A special congratulations to Mikaylah who was named girls 11yrs age champion!

Adelaide – 100m; Leilani – shot put, discus;
Mikaylah – high jump, long jump, 200m;
Antonio – 200m, 800m; Lachlan – 100m; Ousman – 100m;
Gabriella, Nai, Abbie, Esme, Makenzie – relay
Good luck at Region!



Enrolments 2019

It is that time of year again where the school has to start planning for next year. It is extremely important we have accurate information about enrolment numbers for 2019, as these impact on staffing levels, the number of classrooms we require, the number of spaces we may have for out of area enrolment applications and the general organisation of the classes we will have. ***To this end I ask that anyone who knows that their children won't be at Wattle Grove next year or families, who have a child to start kindergarten in 2019, please contact the school office with your details.*** If new people move into your street please encourage them to contact us here at school if they have primary school aged children.

Thought for the fortnight

Always end the day with a positive thought, no matter how hard things were. Tomorrow's a fresh opportunity to make it better (*Unknown*).

Sam Wilson
Relieving Principal

Kylie Foreshew
Relieving Deputy Principal

Student Achievement

Principal's Awards

10 awards	Audrey 1 Aqua, Jonathan 1 Aqua, Aria 1 Aqua, Sereen 1 Navy, Emma 1/2 Turquoise, Oliver 1 Navy, Kaitlyn 1 Sky, Ryder 1 Navy, Ayman 1 Sapphire, Livia 1 Aqua, Makenzie 3 Mustard
15 awards	Jade 2 Teal, Eli 2 Jade, Zoe 2 Kiwi, Poppy 2 Jade, Dylan 2 Jade, Jett 1/2 Turquoise
20 awards	Yasmine 3 Daffodil, Lily 3 Canary, Stevie 4 Scarlet, Sienna 3 Canary, Alana 3 Daffodil
25 awards	Jake 4 Crimson, Jack 3/4 Coral, Will 3/4 Coral
30 awards	Holly 3/4 Coral, Charlie 5 Amethyst
35 awards	Tyler 5 Amethyst
40 awards	Erin 5 Royal, Ashlee 6 Pink

5 Royal	Lily, Jarryd, Daniella
5/6 Tuscany	Kayla, Sullivan, Irene
6 Fuchsia	Tara, Edan, Ava
6 Pink	Carlo, Mia, Saanvi

Students of the month for August

Henry K Blue
Makenzie 3 Mustard

Office News

Notes sent home

Date	Year/Class	Details	Returned By
23/8/2018	State Dancers	Deed of Consent	asap
23/8/2018	Spec Dancers	Costume Measurements	asap
23/8/2018	Yrs 3&5	Naplan	N/A
27/8/2018	Yr 6	Footy Fun Day Volunteers	asap
29/8/2018	Yrs 1-6	Spelling Bee Regional Final	asap

SUPERKIDS

K Blue	Taliah, Henry, Kaiden
K Green	Alexander, Josh, Mikayla
K Purple	Isla, Addison, Zack
K Yellow	Macey, Yanoula, Max
K Red	Kai, Elyse, Ivy
1 Aqua	Hunter, Elijah, Jackson
1 Sky	Serena, Katherine, Zahraa
1 Sapphire	Gelsie, Mason, Andy
1 Navy	Mason, Clara, Rachel
1/2 Turquoise	Madden, Christopher, Ethan
2 Emerald	Luke, Will, Xander
2 Kiwi	Lily, Malachi, Zoe
2 Teal	Ruby-May, James, Charlotte
2 Jade	Ava, Austin, Joah
3 Canary	Jacob, Elana, Ailen
3 Daffodil	Sebastianne, Naman, Hannah
3 Mustard	Lana, Ethan, Makenzie
3/4 Coral	Christine, Will, Violet
4 Crimson	Rachel, Owen, Max
4 Scarlet	Holly, Thomas M, Layla
5 Amethyst	Amelia, Kodie, Jessie

Merit Awards

K Blue	Eden, Hannah, Xander, Henry, Thomas
K Green	Mikayla, Kaelan, Henry, Sela
K Purple	Daniella, Jonah, Zack
K Yellow	Semira, Chanel, Luke, Jeffrey
K Red	Tahlia, Mason, David, Brayden
1 Sapphire	Tayla, Addison, Holly, Liam, Caleb, Ryder
1 Navy	Oaani, Oliver, Layla, Rachel, Sereen
1/2 Turquoise	Nella, Madiu, Georgie, Ahmad, Jett, Madden
2 Emerald	Zane, Connor, Lisa, Archer, Elise
2 Kiwi	Jackson, Zoe, Santiago, Malachi, Jack F, Charli
2 Teal	Jessica, Ruby-May, Chloe, Joseph, Charlotte, Zac
5 Amethyst	Xander, Leilani, Aya, Amity, Mia, Kayla
5 Royal	Aliyah, Daniella, Caitlyn, Zachary, Ryan, Zac
5/6 Tuscany	Vivek, Josh S, Kayla, Ryan, Isaac, Josh B

6 Fuchsia	Ashlee, Mia, Brayden, Sakinah, Logan, Caroline
6 Pink	Alyssa, Carlo, Felicia, Aidan, Anshul, Eryn

Stage 3 Maths Groups Awards

Miss Taylor – Jack A 5/6 Tuscany
Mrs Cook/Mrs Atkins – Noah 5 Amethyst
Mrs Robinson – Sienna 5 Amethyst
Mrs Phillips – Ananta 5/6 Tuscany
Mrs Fuller – Aryan 6 Pink

Education Assistance Scheme

DCO provides a range of services and resources for Defence children, to assist with the transition between schools and education systems when a member is posted within Australia, and to provide support for the unique needs of Defence students.

Defence may reimburse fees for educational services external to the school. Students may be entitled to up to 14 weeks of tutoring in any subject that has been recommended by the school principal or the child's teacher. This applies to primary and secondary students, within the first 18 months of commencing at the new school.

Deployments and Absence

Please make sure you let your child/ren's classroom teacher or I know if a member of your family is away for an extended period of time. Having this knowledge will go towards supporting the student/s at school throughout the absence period.

Kim Lazarevic

Defence School Transition Aide

Defence News

Invictus Games

What a pleasure it was to have an inspirational Invictus Games athlete visit our school on Monday. We wish you all the best for the upcoming games in October Garry and thank you for your service.



Legacy Week

Thank you to the wonderful students that have participated in the Legacy Week annual fundraising event. Tomorrow is the final day to purchase Legacy merchandise. Thank you to our very generous community for supporting this worthy fundraising event.

Postings

As you know it is posting time again. Many of you would already know if you will be moving at the end of the year. Please make sure you contact the office/classroom teacher and DSTA to inform of students last day of school and where you will be moving to. This information is very much appreciated by the school for further planning.

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INVICTUS GAMES

SYDNEY 2018

FOR OUR WOUNDED WARRIORS





TIP SHEET

Teaching kids about personal safety



To download your FREE copy of the full Bravehearts' Personal Safety Parents' Guide please visit: bravehearts.org.au/personalsafety

Bravehearts
Education Ministry of Victoria
 2014-2018

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN EARLY: THE 5 BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PERSONAL SAFETY

1. To trust their feelings and to distinguish between 'yes' and 'no' feelings.
2. To say 'NO' if they feel unsafe and unsure.
3. That they own their own bodies.
4. That nothing is so yucky that they can't tell someone about it.
5. That if they feel unsafe or unsure to run and tell someone they trust.

As taught in
 Bravehearts' personal
 safety school program
**Ditto's Keep Safe
 Adventure Show**

TALK TO YOUR KIDS

Encourage children to feel comfortable telling you anything (especially if it involves another adult) and to identify other trusted adults they can talk to. If a child does confide problems, remain calm, non-critical, and non-judgmental. Listen compassionately to their concerns and work with them to get the help they need to resolve problems.

BE AWARE

Learn about the people your child spends time with both in person and online. Take notice if someone shows your child a great deal of attention or gives them gifts. Ask them how they know the person and why the person is acting in this way.

EMPOWER YOUR KIDS WITH PERSONAL SAFETY SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Teach children about their bodies and the correct language to use when describing private parts. Emphasise that those parts are private and belong to them.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Observe how the adults interact with your children and if you have any worries, speak with the organisation (such as a sporting body etc). Do not keep concerns to yourself.

TEACH CHILDREN THEIR PERSONAL RIGHTS

They have the right to say NO to any unwelcome, uncomfortable, or confusing actions or attention. Teach them to tell you immediately if this happens because it's okay to tell you anything and they are not in trouble.

NOTICE CHANGES IN BEHAVIOUR

Be sensitive to any changes in behaviour or attitude. Children aren't always comfortable disclosing scary or confusing events or feelings - look and listen for small indications that something may be troubling them.

PRACTICE SAFETY SKILLS

Practice basic safety skills with children. Use an outing to a mall or a park a 'learning' experience for children to practice checking in with you, using pay phones or mobiles, going to restrooms with a friend, and locating safe adults to help if they need assistance.

CYBER-SAFETY IS IMPORTANT

Teach children to never send or share photos of themselves online or via text. Teach them NEVER to give out their last name, address, phone number, school or meet internet friends in person without a parent's supervision and consent. Teach them to never accept friend requests from, or talk online with, anyone whom they do not know in real life. ALWAYS keep computers in a communal area - NEVER in a child's bedroom.

For more resources and tip sheets, please visit bravehearts.org.au
Bravehearts' Information and Support Line FREECALL 1800 272 831 (8:30am - 4:30pm AEST)
 ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE ABN: 41 496 913 890 ACHN: 607 315 917



Light the Night for Blake

Light the Night for Blake – Saturday October 20th

6.00pm



On Saturday, 20th October, 2018 Wattle Grove Public School together with the Leukaemia Foundation is hosting a "Light the Night" fundraiser to raise money for the foundation.

The evening will start with food and entertainment about 6.00 and then as night falls, a short walk around the oval with lanterns will commence.

Special lanterns can be purchased when you register and a small number will be available on the night. You can also email Kim Roberts to reserve your lanterns on kimbo3402@gmail.com and payment can be made on the night.

Lanterns are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children (under the age of 18). The lanterns are in three different colours; gold to remember a loved one, blue to support others and white for your own blood cancer journey.

Register at:

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=110607>

If you can't make the evening but would like to contribute you can make donations at the above website.

This is a very special event close to our hearts here at Wattle Grove with many of our school community directly affected by Leukaemia and it is a privilege to be hosting such a special event. Please join Kim and her family and friends for this wonderful event.

Thank you

Ann Cabrera

(On behalf of the Light the Night committee)