

WOODPORT

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Term 4 Week 8

THANK YOU, THE SMITH FAMILY

This term, our school was extremely fortunate to be invited to participate in the high school transition program, 'Passport to Success', delivered by Deborah Walters, from The Smith Family. This is a new program and we are only one of two schools in the state to have this fabulous opportunity. Throughout the 6-week program children have explored,

- tips on starting high school,
- their feelings,
- what to expect,
- study habits,
- myth busters and
- time management skills.



Students have had the opportunity to develop skills, knowledge and a positive attitude so they are prepared for a successful move from primary to high school. The program was supported yesterday with the Year 7 Orientation Day at Erina High School. A very big thank to Deborah Walters and The Smith Family for their ongoing support of our school community.

CONGRATULATIONS MISS WILLIAMS

Congratulations to Kerianne Williams who last week was offered the position of teacher librarian at Woodport Public School through the merit selection process. Kerianne has been relieving in the position for the past two years. During this time, she has worked alongside colleagues to upskill them in various forms of technology and applied learning strategies and has built a strong rapport with our students. This position will take effect after Kerianne completes the Master of Education Teacher Librarianship.



END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The last day of the school year for students and staff will be Wednesday 16 December. No teaching staff will be at the school on Thursday 17 or Friday 18 December.

Dates to Remember 2020

School banking on Tuesday

Uniform Shop open Monday and Thursday 8:30am-9:30am

Thursday 3 December	Last day of Scripture/Ethics
Thursday 3 December	Year 6 Smith Family Transition
Friday 4 December	Presentation Day
Wednesday 9 December	Raffle tickets to be returned
Wednesday 9 December	WOOSH Year 6 lunch
Thursday 10 December	Year 6 Farewell
Friday 11 December	Christmas Raffle draw
Friday 11 December	Stage 3 Showcase
Friday 11 December	Last day for Christmas Food Drive
Tuesday 15 December	Stage 1 & 2 Fun Day
Tuesday 15 December	Ernie Rewards Day
Wednesday 16 December	Stage 3 Fun Day
Wednesday 16 December	Last day for students
Friday 29 January 2021	Year 1 – Year 6 (2021) Return to school

Administrative staff will be on site on Thursday but not Friday. I will attend school both mornings to ensure no students arrive for school on those days.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

The Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Thursday 10 December. Only the work covered this semester (Terms 3 and 4) will be included in the report.

When reading the reports, it is important to remember that 'Sound' achievement indicates that your child is making sound progress in relation to what he or she was expected to learn over the last semester – your child is on track.

While 'Outstanding' to 'Limited' achievement grades are an important indicator of your child's progress they are only part of the picture. Student reports also include information on your child's level of effort and teacher comments on progress.

Receiving your child's report will provide you with an opportunity to really acknowledge and praise your child for his or her achievement throughout the year and help you discuss with your child (and his or her teacher if needed) how further progress can be achieved. If you wish to discuss your child's progress, issues concerning behaviour, achievement comparisons to his or her peer group or any other issue please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment.

STUDENTS LEAVING

As we are in the process of formulating classes for 2021, **it is very important that if you have a student at Woodport who is NOT in Year 6 and will not be returning to us next year that you let us know.** The number of students at our school affects the planning for classes, teachers, and school programs, so the earlier we have information the better. Please write a note to your child's teacher or phone the office if your child will not be returning to Woodport.

If you are having an extended holiday and your child will return in 2021, but not in the first two weeks of school, we need this information in writing for auditing purposes. This helps the school let the Department know the exact number of students who will be with us in 2021 to ensure we can form the correct number of classes (we can't count students in our numbers who are on holidays without written notice from parents indicating their return). If this applies to you, please send the school an email or note by the last day of term.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

The school is a collection point for the Green Point Community Centre Christmas Hamper Food Drive. Christmas can be a very difficult time for many families so we are asking if you could spare some non-perishable food items so our school can help others in need in our local community. You can leave your generous donations at the front office. Please help those that are less fortunate than us at this special time of the year. Last day to drop food items off is Friday 11 December. For more information, please see the flyer on page 13.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

As you would be aware each term schools have specific days set aside for teachers to attend professional development, with two of these days at the end of the school year. To trade off the remaining day, staff have remained at school until 6:30 pm on the past two Monday evenings and engaged in professional learning on Mathematics, anaphylaxis, CPR and diabetes in preparation for 2021.

2021 SCHOOL SUPPLIES & ONLINE PROGRAMS

This week notes have been sent home detailing school supplies and online programs that each stage will be using for 2021. Payment can be made via the office or online any time (this year or before 19 February next year). Some online programs will be available to access during the holidays for those children that are interested. Please check with your child's class teacher. Both notes can be found on the school's website and app.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Miss Callen on completing two years of extensive training in the Learning, Language & Literacy (L3) program and to Mr Brown, Miss Bush and Mrs Langdon Down for completing the first year. This ongoing professional development has ensured teachers at Woodport are embedding quality teaching into their everyday practice. Learning is differentiated and teachers have the skills to explicitly teach students at their educational point of need in our classes. For staff undertaking this professional learning it has placed an additional load on top of their already busy work schedule. I sincerely thank them for their efforts and their generosity in giving many, many hours of their own time in order to ensure the students at Woodport are receiving top quality teaching.



THANK YOU

We have been fortunate to have four Newcastle University students complete their placement with us over the past four weeks. We thank Belinda Clover (KT), Daniel McFarlene (1S) Sienna McLoughlin (1S) and Hayley Tidyman (1/2R) who have been great additions to the teaching staff, slotting in to the school well and being fully involved in school events. We wish them all the best in their future teaching careers and look forward to employing them as casual teachers.

CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS – NO REFUNDS

If you have placed a lunch order for your child and they happen to be absent or leave school early due to injury or illness it is important that you inform the canteen. Please notify the ladies in the office no later than 12:00pm so the order can be carried over to another day. If you do not notify us, there will be no reimbursement for any hot food or sandwiches that have already been prepared.

Judy Boland
Principal

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Our presentation day will be held on **Friday 4 December**. As stated in the previous newsletter, unfortunately, we are unable to invite family and community members to the event due to Department of Education (DoE) and NSW Department of Health regulations regarding indoor hall size and attendees.

These restrictions mean that we will be holding three separate assemblies with student achievements being acknowledged and celebrated within each stage cohort. All assemblies will be held in our school hall and will be recorded. These recordings will be uploaded on the school website shortly after the conclusion of each assembly, for a period of one week. The outline for presentation day is as follows:

9:15 am – Years 5 & 6

11:45 am – Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2

12:45 pm – Years 3 & 4

At these ceremonies class awards, Effort Brings Success (EBS) plaques and leadership badges will be awarded. Both school bands will be performing at the Year 5 & 6 assembly at 9:15am. Band members please meet Pauline in the hall at 8:30am.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

It is that time again, where we celebrate our Year 6 students moving on to high school. This year the event will be held on **Thursday 10 December** in our school hall. The evening will be divided into three sections so we can have parents attend the presentation of graduation certificates, a slide show, and speeches. Thank you to Mrs Eaton, Mrs Minter and the parent committee of Tanya Spiros, Carla Brown, Jessica Carroll, Trudi Dudman and Hayley Maxwell for their organisation of this event.



Year 6 Farewell Schedule

4:45pm:	All 6B students and 6S students with surnames that begin with A – F, and their parent will arrive. Only ONE parent per child.
4:55pm:	Presentation will begin for 6B students and 6S students (A-F) and their parent.
5:25pm:	Parents of 6B students and 6S students (A-F) will leave the premises. All 6E students and 6S students with surnames that begin with G – Z will be dropped at the Kiss and Drop zone and escorted into school.
5:30 – 7:50pm:	YEAR 6 FAREWELL EVENING BEGINS – PHOTOS, DINNER AND DANCING FOR ALL YEAR 6 – STUDENTS ONLY
7:50pm:	6B and 6S (surnames A – F) will leave and parents will pick up at Kiss n Drop
7:50pm:	Parent of students in 6E and students in 6S with surnames beginning G – Z will arrive. Students from these classes will assemble in the hall
8:00pm:	Presentation begins for 6E and 6S (G – Z) and their parent – one parent per child.
8:30pm:	Presentation and Year 6 Farewell concludes. All students and parents will leave the premises.

ROBOTICS NEWS



Congratulations to the students who were selected for the Woodport Robotics team. The successful nominees include: Lea N (5O), Lazar N (5S), Olivia M (5O), Gemma A (4D), Leilani S (4D), Nate D (4D), Gertie R (5M), Josh S (5O) and Tiana R (5M).

The robotics team will participate in the Lego First League in 2021. This competition fosters essential STEM and future focused skills such as persistence, critical creative thinking, self-directedness, collaboration, and resilience.

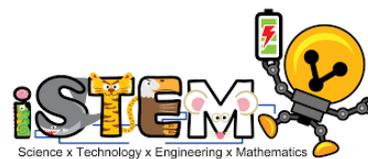
We are very fortunate to have ex-members return to Woodport to mentor our senior team in 2021. Our mentors include Massimo, Bree, Cairn and Liam, as well as coding and engineering expert Leo Carlton from Gosford High. We are proud of the students' achievements and we look forward to mentoring them next year.

We have also created a Lego First development team in 2021. The students will attend our lunchtime training sessions where they will further develop their STEM skills, assist the senior team, and mentor our junior students. The development team includes Larissa B (4K), Tahlia L (4K), Alice H (4K), Eva B (3/4A), Hayden B (3/4A), Lucas H (3/4A), Reuben M (3/4A) and Callum T-R (3/4A).



STAGE 3 SHOWCASE

On **Friday 11 December** Stage 3 students will be showcasing their science integrated work that they have been learning this semester. The students have used the iSTEM design process to research a sustainable urban development and apply this deep understanding to create a prototype that protects a wildlife corridor. Also, on display will be samples of students' work completed in their digital technology lessons.



This showcase will provide our students with the opportunity to communicate and share their knowledge and understanding with parents and carers. We would like to invite parents to our **school hall** to celebrate this amazing work. Please click [here](#) to register your interest in attending

Please check your child's allocated class time below:

Class	Time
6E	9:30-10:00 am
5/6S	10:15-10:45 am
5M	11:35-12:05 pm
5O	12:15-12:45 pm
6B	12:55-1:25 pm

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, one parent/caregiver only can attend his/her child's class allocated timeslot. Parents will need to follow COVID safe regulations which include:

1. Report to the office, sign in and collect a visitor badge.
You will be able to scan the QR code, follow the prompts and click the check in button at the bottom of the screen. Once you have completed that, show a staff member that you have signed in alternatively complete a COVID-19 external visitor form.
2. While on the school site we ask that you remain 1.5 metres from other adults.
3. Please leave promptly at the conclusion of your allocated time slot to avoid congestion and large gatherings.

It is important that parents follow these guidelines and arrive/leave at the correct time. Please complete the online form to register your intention to attend.

Stage 3 Teachers

SNIPPETS FROM THE LIBRARY

Borrowing has now ceased for the school year. Please return all books as soon as possible. Overdue notices will be sent home shortly.

Students from Years 1 - 6 (with a library bag) will be able to borrow from the second week of Term 1 in 2021. A library bag is a great stocking filler and ensures your child will be able to borrow from our well-resourced library. At the moment K-mart have these drawstring bags for \$2.00. They not only protect the library books, they also provide easy transport of pencil cases and student work to and from the classroom when attending library lessons.



Scholastic Book Club #8 was ordered yesterday. This issue offers many great Christmas gift ideas. Thank you for your support over the year, as a percentage of sales comes back to the library.

Library Lessons:

This term has been extremely busy. Below is an outline of what each stage has been learning.

Early Stage 1 - authors, illustrators and story sequencing

Stage 1 - writing about stories read and completing a book review

Stage 2 - researching the impact plastics have on our waterways

Stage 3 - creating their own newspaper, complete with articles, advertisements, crossword puzzles and information about Charles Darwin. We are doing all this on paper without the aid of computers!

CENTRAL COAST BASKETBALL CHALLENGE - STAGE 2

Last Thursday 19 November, 16 Stage 2 students participated in the Central Coast Basketball Challenge at Terrigal Basketball Stadium. Both teams played four games on the day and all students displayed great sportsmanship, representing our school with pride. Thank you to the parents that helped with the score bench.

I was extremely proud of our Stage 2 teams and congratulate them on an excellent day.



Layla F, Olivia P, Ava S-B, Emma H, Makayla G, Zali H, Ella-Rose M, Ali V, Max M, Cooper M, Zeke S, Hayden B, George B, Lucas H, Ralph B and Harrison P. Elizabeth Amos - Teacher

STAGE 3 – BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the twenty-four Stage 3 students who represented our school last Friday at the Terrigal Basketball Stadium. Each of our teams played three games of basketball against private, independent and public schools from across the Central Coast. The competition was tough, and our teams played very well. All team members showed great sportsmanship and were a credit to our school. I was very proud of them all. Thank you to the parents who helped with doing bench and subbing players on the day. We could not have done it without you.

Congratulations to Ryan S, Diesel O, Owen N, Kingston H-D, Zac P, Matthew F, Josh H, Jonas P, Harrison B, Brayden A, Cy H, Zane D, Kobi G, Sammy W, Lincoln S, Morgan C, Griffin W, Mia F, Leilani M, Bella R, Issy B, Darcy M, Hazelle B, Ciarn S and Charlotte P

Well done everyone! It was a great day.

Melissa Goodman



DRIP ART WITH 5/6S

As part of our Modern Art appreciation lessons, students in 5/6S created some Jackson Pollock drip art! Messy, crazy, and FUN!



ERINA HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY

Yesterday the Year 6 students had an amazing day at Erina High School participating in the orientation day with other schools in the Erina Learning Community.

They participated in a range of taster lessons such as music, woodwork, drama and art. Our students also enjoyed meeting their Year 7 Advisors, teachers and touring the school.

This experience has settled a lot of nerves and students feel confident and excited about their transition to Year 7 in 2021.



Join the Band!

Is your child interested in joining the school band? The school band is now taking enrolments for 2021 and is open to all students currently in Years 2-5. No prior experience is required. Next week, students will see a demonstration concert that highlights the different instruments available for tuition. They will receive a green School Band Program note providing introductory information.

What do you need to do? Return the expression of interest from the bottom of the green note to try a variety of instruments with trained music tutors, to help your child find the instrument to which they are best suited. The results of this instrument trial will be sent home with comprehensive enrolment information.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a quality instrumental program, with full ensemble rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire. For more information on your school instrumental program, please contact TSA below.

Email: info@teachingservices.com.au

Phone: 9651 7333

www.teachingservices.com.au

WELL DONE AUBREY G – 1S

Recently, Aubrey's aunty, was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Aubrey is extremely fond of her aunty and her 2-year-old twin girls. When she discovered that people were donating money to support her, Aubrey decided she too wanted to contribute. Aubrey came up with the idea to make Christmas cards and sell them to family and friends. Aubrey raised a total of \$1400.00 selling her cards. What an incredible achievement. Well done Aubrey!



P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – RETURN TICKETS BY WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

The P&C are running their annual Christmas raffle and tickets have been sent home with every child.



Prizes are vouchers from Casey's Toys, Erina Fair and New Heights Café. As we didn't raise as much as we expected on the Casey's Christmas night, we have decided to make second prize a \$100.00 Erina Fair voucher. Every child who sells a book of tickets will be eligible to enter the prize sellers draw to win an Eckersley's Art pack. **Please make sure all tickets, sold or unsold are returned to school by Wednesday 9 December 2020.** The raffle will be drawn at our morning assembly on Friday 11 December. Thank you to the Awad family for donating the café voucher, please show your support to this Woodport family business.

CASEY'S EST. 1974 TOYS

1st prize - \$200.00 Casey's Toy voucher

2nd prize - \$100.00 Erina Fair voucher

3rd prize - \$50.00 New Heights Café voucher
5/372 The Entrance Rd, Erina
PLUS PlayStation voucher

SELLERS ONLY PRIZE

Make sure your name is on the front of the raffle ticket book so you will be in the draw for an Eckersley's Art Pack.



HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME – How You Can Help

Holiday Learning - How You Can Help

When the school term finishes, children often find themselves at a loss for what to do. They can easily over-indulge in a bored and listless state of days going to bed late at night, sleeping in and spending hours in their pjs on the lounge forgetting everything they have learnt over the past term. There is, however, a better scenario. Many of these options are low cost and even better, off-screen.

- **Quiz type games** like Trivial Pursuit and National Geographic Kids promote general knowledge or the children can help you make your own quiz to share with others.



- **Measurement activities** promote skills such as using the correct units for the measurement being used, e.g. centimetres, metres and kilometres for length and distance or millilitres, litres and megalitres for capacity. Knowing how big or little each of these units of measure is comes only from the experience of seeing and using them. Converting between larger and smaller measurements is an essential life skill, one that needs a lot of practice. Activities like making playdough, involving your child in cooking for the family, sewing and constructing things will give your child real-life experiences of these concepts.

- **Number activities** can help with the simpler things, e.g. instant recognition of dot patterns and moving the correct number of squares on a game board, up to complex calculations e.g. playing Yahtzee and Cribbage. Dice and card games are popular along with Sudoku, dominoes and velcro darts. They also teach about chance and probability. Play shops using toy money.

- **Games of strategy** improve teamwork, requiring players to make decisions and help them to think ahead. Playing these games can improve these skills in real life. Monopoly involves many skills such as handling money, making decisions about buying and selling and negotiating with other players. There are simpler strategy games such as Tic Tac Toe, Mastermind, Connect4 and Rummikub. Holidays are a good time to teach your child chess or draughts. Make your own Mancala game, collecting interesting stones or buttons.



- **Science activities** are always exciting. Consult the internet or a science experiment book. The benefits of learning scientific principles first hand is enormous. It develops a child's resourcefulness and problem-solving ability. It nurtures curiosity and will help your child acquire new ways of asking questions and understanding the world. Using STEM activities to challenge your child enhances critical thinking skills.

- **Activities to stimulate an appreciation of the environment** could be exploring the rock platform followed by a sand castle building challenge, a walk through a National Park, bug catching, making a bird feeder or a terrarium, planting flowers or creating a vegetable garden to tend. An Australian native beehive or a worm farm might be a worthwhile addition to the household along with research on recycling, reusing, and repurposing. Watching tadpoles turn into frogs or watching sea monkeys grow will keep children fascinated.

- **Craft activities** stimulate creativity, require imagination, planning and problem-solving, not to mention the other important skills of hand strength and finger dexterity. Using materials from nature or recycled scraps to create objects e.g. a necklace, a small shelter or sculpture, artworks such as a paper bark design, creating natural paints and dyes or making mud bricks will keep them amused and busy.



- **A visit to the library** will promote reading. Find biographies or autobiographies of favourite or well-known people, find craft and science ideas, learn basic phrases in another language, look up flags or interesting historical events. Read classic stories together and then watch the movie discussing how closely it followed the book. Read some classic Australian stories or poetry e.g. The Man from Snowy River, or Blinky Bill.



When school returns your child will be primed and ready to go. What better start could your child have?

STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KB	James C	James F
KM	Bentley F	James H
KT	Mila T	Lenny P
1B	Kaydenn F	Tabitha R
1S	Aiden W	Jayden M
1/2R	Mason S	Brody M
2C	Alex K	Harper M
2E	Sophie A	Rebecca T-M
2/3J	Isabelle G	Lachlan W
3P	Lockie T	Floyd P-J
3/4A	Henry M	Indhie B
4D	Miliyah N	Luka M
4K	Tahlia L	Maddison H
5M	Mischa H	Nate L
5O	Julian H-R	Joshua S
5/6S	Abel A	Zachary S
6B	Charlie G	Cy H
6E	Kingston H-D	Darcy M

YOU CAN DO IT

KB	April C	Nola P
KM	Patrick P	Fraser L
KT	Cliff R	Khye J
1B	Koda H	Marcus
1S	Kylan H	Amity R
1/2R	Amelia G	Summer N
2C	Sam K	
2E	Alicia G	Jesse S
2/3J	Jack D	Alaela O
3P	Kiara P	Dakotah M
3/4A	Charlee C	Makayla G
4D	Harry L	Tristyn W
4K	Larissa B	Elena I
5M	Gertie R	Joshua S
5O	Dylan K	Kristine B
5/6S	Mia T	Matthew F
6B	Emily G	Zoe W
6E	Corey T	Bailey W

GOLD BOOK – CONGRATULATIONS!

At Woodport PS the Principal, Mrs Boland has a very special book, called 'The Gold Book'. Students are given the opportunity to share their work with her. Mrs Boland is always so very proud of their efforts and she thoroughly enjoys this special time with them. Listed below are the students who were sent to Gold Book over the last two weeks.

Blade B – KM	Stefan M – KM	Henry W – KM	Mila T – KM	Eddie S – KM
Bayley L – 2/3J	Annalena T – 2/3J	Ethan Z – 2/3J	James H – KM	Ruby R – KM
Patrick P – Km	Bentley F – KM	Josh M – 4K	Cleo H – 4K	Elena I – 4K
Liam K – 4K	Bailey S – 4K	Sophie J – 2E	Isla B – 2/3J	Amy S – KB
Skyla C – KB	Cleo H – 4K	Alice H – 4K	Sarah A – 4K	Oliver K – 5O
Ashton S – 5O	Cruz S – 5O	Ben T – 5O		

WHAT IS POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)?



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) provides the framework for a whole school evidence-based approach to behaviour support. Woodport PS takes an instructional approach to behaviour, recognising that we need to teach the behaviours needed for success at school and beyond.

At Woodport PS, we believe a positive school environment, where all students are included and feel safe and supported improves student learning outcomes. Signage is displayed around the school to remind students of the positive behaviour expectations that will help to make all students feel safe, included and happy at school.

For the next two weeks all students will engage in lessons on exiting the school and using the sports shed.

EXITING THE SCHOOL

ERNIE SAYS ...		
As Safe, Respectful Learners, students should always follow the school wide expectations when exiting the school		
SAFE	walk quietly to exit point leave school grounds when the bell goes bag on back, phones, toys, and food in bag	
RESPECTFUL	polite talk watch out for others	
LEARNER	follow teacher instructions look, listen, and take care be on time	

SPORTS SHED

ERNIE SAYS		
As safe, respectful learners' students should always follow the school wide expectations during when using the Sports Shed.		
SAFE	stand in line hands and feet to self hold onto equipment whilst in line	
RESPECTFUL	wait your turn use manners take care	
LEARNER	know what you want move quickly to return equipment on time listen to teacher and house monitor instructions	

ERNIE REWARDS DAY

This term our Ernie Rewards Day will be an Inflatable Obstacle Course for all students on Tuesday 15 December. Staff are very proud of our students as they have all worked hard this year, demonstrating that they are Safe, Respectful Learners. This will be an enjoyable way to finish the school year.

T H I S

SUMMER



Inflatable Obstacle Fitness Programs

CHALLENGE2BFIT

Fitness with inflatables

Inflatable Obstacle Rewards Days

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

CLASSES ALTERNATE BETWEEN FITNESS EXERCISES/ACTIVITIES GUIDED BY OUR INSTRUCTOR AND RUNNING THROUGH OUR INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE.

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**ERNIE REWARDS DAY
TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER
80 ERNIES NEEDED**

EBS AWARDS

To receive an Effort Brings Success (EBS) certificate, students need to return three merit certificates. Four "Effort Brings Success" (EBS) certificates are required to earn a plaque.

This fortnight the following students have received an EBS certificate:

Kayleigh F – 1S

Ava D – 2E

Khye J – KT

Millie A – KT

Aoife D – 3P

Charlotte S – 2E

Kaylee W – 1B

Olivia P – 3/4A

Sophie W – 5/6S

Jayden S-H – 5/6S

Riley D – 5O

Mackenzie B – 4K

Azylah D – 1/2R

Leah C – 2C



FOOD DRIVE

Woodport Public School is proud to be a collection point for the Green Point Community Centre Christmas Hamper Food Drive.

Christmas can be a very difficult time for many families. If you can spare some non-perishable food items, please donate them to the Food Drive to help others in our local community.

Donations can be left at the school office up until Friday 11 December.

Please help those in our community that are less fortunate at this special time of the year.





Green Point Community Centre Inc

96 Koolang Road, Green Point NSW 2251

Ph: (02) 4367 7591 Fax: (02) 4367 7659

Email: info@greenpointcommunitycentre.com.au

Web: www.greenpointcommunitycentre.com.au

ABN: 60 367 436 550

Christmas Hamper Donations Wanted

We need your help!

Green Point Community Centre is aiming to provide 150 families with a food hamper packed with pantry goodies to help those struggling financially.

Can you help with long life items, such as the following, to make Christmas day fun for a local family:

- Cans of creamed rice, tuna, asparagus, beetroot, Christmas pudding
- Serviettes
- Custards
- Toiletries – toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soaps
- Pasta or rice
- Biscuits, crackers, chips etc

You can leave items at the school or drop them off to Green Point Community Centre, 196 Koolang Rd, Green Point between 9am and 2pm Monday to Friday. Donations needed by Friday 11 December.

Green Point Community Centre

96 Koolang Rd.,
Green Point. NSW 2251

PH: 43677591/0401831455

Email: info@greenpointcommunitycentre.com.au

Web: www.greenpointcommunitycentre.com.au

ETHICS TEACHERS

At Woodport we are pleased to be able to provide lessons in Ethics for children from Kindergarten to Year 6, however the demand for these classes far exceeds the number of volunteers we have.

Ethics classes are taught by volunteer ethics teachers. If you would like your child to learn these valuable lifelong skills, then consider volunteering so that we can offer the program to students in all grades.

The classes are every Thursday. Lesson plans are provided by Primary Ethics, so you don't need to create your own. Each week the children discuss a topic from the approved Primary Ethics curriculum. Volunteers can attend training locally or in Newcastle or Sydney.

If you have been considering teaching Ethics or you know of a friend or family member who might be interested in volunteering, please visit the Primary Ethics website at <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/> or contact the Volunteering Manager, Fiona Branscombe at fiona.branscombe@primaryethics.com.au or 0438 134 124

STEPS TO BECOMING AN ETHICS TEACHER

1. [Submit an online application](#)
2. Successfully complete the interview and approval process
3. Obtain the required Primary Ethics criminal history check and a Working with Children Check
4. Complete online training
5. Successfully complete a two-day ethics teacher training workshop
6. Review our [Guidelines for Volunteers](#) and sign our engagement form
7. Participate in Continuing Professional Development as required

TOPICS COVERED IN ETHICS TEACHER TRAINING INCLUDE

- Facilitation skills, e.g. procedural questioning, neutral responses, non-verbal communication, small groups and activities
- Child protection awareness
- Behaviour management strategies
- Philosophical framework overview
- Community of inquiry approach to learning

Holiday chess comp 6 to 17 years

Minimum ability: Know how to move the pieces and complete games largely unassisted

Tuesday 12 January

Enter by Sunday 10 January

Where: Mingara Recreation Club
Mingara Dve, Tumbi Umbi

When: Tues 12 January, 9.30am-4pm

Trophies: 1st, 2nd, 3rd plus age medals

Entry: Enter by 10 January,
Entry fee \$10, cash on the day

Contact: Gary Losh 0432 453 726 or
glosh6090@gmail.com

Lunch: Mingara Rec Club a "no outside food" policy.
Players may bring water and snacks, eg fresh fruit.



Must pre-enter

Enter by Sunday 10 January

Rated by JCL

New players to competition will earn a NSW Junior Chess League rating

Limit 50 players

Please book early

Non-profit event

Run by volunteers and with the generosity of Mingara Recreation Club. All entry fees less minimal expenses will be returned as prizes.

Puzzle competition

Find the best moves and win prizes. Easier puzzles for U10.

Practice puzzles will be emailed to you on entry.

The virus

Covid rules at the time will be enthusiastically observed.