

WOODPORT

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Term 2 Week 10

THANK YOU

I would like to congratulate all our students and staff on their fine efforts throughout what has been a very productive term. I have taken great pleasure in reading the students' reports and they can be congratulated for working so hard in achieving learning and personal goals.

Thank you to our staff who have made it possible for our students to participate, not only in quality learning, but in the many extra-curricular activities which have occurred this term. Many may not realise the additional work that our wonderful staff do to provide the varied opportunities for our students to enjoy. It continually amazes me how much our staff are happy to do, in addition to their normal work load, because they know it will be a great opportunity for our students. It makes me very proud to be a part of such a hardworking, dedicated and generous group of professionals.

Finally, thank you to our many volunteer helpers who have supported our students and staff in so many facets of our school. We have people assisting on a daily basis throughout the school in various roles such as running the uniform shop, teaching Ethics classes, helping in the canteen, classrooms and with sporting events and organising fundraising events. These are just a few of the many things our wonderful volunteers help out with. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Courtney Regan (on KS), Jarryd Lamb (1B), Sarah McGowen (2R), Jamie Mulholland Wilson (2D) and Tayla Jackson (6MM) who have been completing their practical teaching experience with us from Newcastle University this term. They have been great additions to the teaching staff and have slotted into the school really well and been fully involved in all school events. We wish them all the best in their future teaching careers.

Next term, we welcome back Mrs Jessica Williams from maternity leave. Mrs Williams will replace Ms Ridland on 2R. Ms Ridland will be off class full-time to drive whole school continuous improvement. Mrs Williams will take on the part-time role of class teacher of 2R for the remainder of the year. Mrs Rabbetts will continue to teach the class Mondays,



Dates to Remember 2022	
Uniform Shop – open Monday & Thursday 8:30am – 9:15am	
TONIGHT!	Raise Some Dough for WPS – Domino's Erina
Thursday 30 June	Industrial action WPS non-operational
Friday 1 July	PBL Rewards Day
Friday 1 July	Last day of term 2
Monday 18 July	School Development Day
Monday 18 July	P&C Meeting 7:00pm in the staffroom
Tuesday 19 July	Students return to school
Monday 25 July	3-6 Athletics Carnival @ Mingara
Thursday 28 July	OC placement test At school
Monday 1 August	Kindy Start begins
Wednesday 3 August	ES1 excursion to the Art House Wyong
Friday 5 August	Robotics Competition K-2

Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Mrs Williams is very excited to be returning to school and becoming the new class teacher of 2R. I hope everyone enjoys their break.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Tomorrow, members of the NSW Teachers Federation will be participating in 24-hour strike action. Teaching staff at Woodport Public School **have unanimously voted to participate in the industrial action.**

As a result of the strike, **our school will be non-operational tomorrow, Thursday 30 June. You will need to make alternative plans for your child on this day as teachers will not be at school.** We understand that this is not ideal and apologise for the inconvenience caused. School will resume as normal on Friday 1 July.

The Department's learning from home resources will be available for on-going curriculum support if required. You can access these resources from the website. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home>.

RETURN TO SCHOOL TERM 3

The first day of next term, Monday 18 July is a School Development Day for staff. School will resume for students on **Tuesday 19 July.**

On the Monday, staff will participate in mandatory training as well as professional learning on developing effective questioning skills. We are focusing on this area because questions serve many purposes. They can help students reflect on information and commit to memory. Questioning develops thinking skills, encourages discussion and stimulates new ideas. Students who learn to ask questions are more motivated to take ownership of their learning and as a result, demonstrate greater comprehension of challenging content. Questions also allow teachers to determine how much a class understands and enables them to deliver lessons at an appropriate level. Staff will also engage in planning for our inaugural robotics/STEM day on Friday 5 August.

NO GLASS PLEASE

It has come to our attention that children are bringing glass products in the form of water bottles, slime in glass containers, etc. Today a glass item smashed in the playground. Please **DO NOT** send any glass items to school with your child. Glass products create a danger for others in the school environment and is difficult to ensure all glass particles have been removed.

FAREWELL MRS DOLAN



This week we farewell a valued, long serving and respected staff member, Mrs Louise Dolan, who has decided to retire after 26 years at Woodport PS. She has provided assistance and care for countless numbers of students who have benefitted from her time, professionalism and understanding.

Louise commenced her association with Woodport as a parent helper in 1996 when her own children attended the school. During this time, she was also a hard-working member of the P&C. Louise went on to become a Teachers' Aide, later completing a TAFE course to take on the position of a School Learning Support Officer. In this role, she has worked under six principals and supported a myriad of staff members, many of whom have become life-long friends.

Louise will be fondly remembered for her passion, enthusiasm and commitment to the students and their families, staff and the wider community. I would sincerely like to thank her for her dedication and

wish her well as she enjoys time with her family and continues her many travels. She will be sorely missed.

WELCOME BABY VINTON

Congratulations to the Vinton family on the arrival of their new addition. Mrs Vinton safely delivered a baby boy, Arthur James last week. Mum and Arthur are doing well, and his big sister and dad are smitten.



ANNUAL REPORT

The 2021 Annual Report has now been finalised and is available to view on the school website. The report acknowledges our achievements in 2021 and our progress towards achieving the three Strategic Directions in the 2021-2024 School Plan (Student Growth and Attainment, Quality Practice and Quality Assessment).

Below is an outline of the school's Strategic Improvement Plan for 2021-2024 which is available on the school's website.

School Vision:

Woodport Public School is committed to nurturing an inclusive, collaborative learning culture, and fostering high expectations for staff and students. We empower students to be responsible, active citizens so they can lead rewarding lives as engaged members of society.

Strategic Direction 1 – Student Growth and Attainment

In order to maximise student learning outcomes in reading and numeracy and to build strong foundations for academic success, we will further develop and refine data driven teaching practices that are responsive to the learning needs of individual students.

Strategic Direction 2 – Quality Practice

To improve student learning outcomes and teacher capabilities, we will develop processes to ensure that all staff are collaborating effectively to embed evidence based, explicit teaching practice into their pedagogy.

Strategic Direction 3 – Quality Assessment

Consistent school-wide practices for assessment will be used to monitor, plan and report on student learning in literacy and numeracy to analyse student progress and growth over time.

With each of the directions we have a number of targets to reach by the conclusion of the Plan. These targets are a mix of school-based targets and ones given to us by the Department of Education.

STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

If it is absolutely necessary for a student to leave school early, it is a requirement that they be signed out first through the front office. Your child will then come to the office area to meet you. If it is someone other than the child's parent or carer doing the pick-up, they must be an adult who is recorded as being an emergency or family contact. This applies on every day of the school year, including when special events such as carnivals are taking place on the premises. If the event is off site (for example Mingara Athletics track) students must be signed out by the organising teacher at the event and if someone else is taking your child home, a note must be forwarded to the class teacher prior to the day.

P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 18 July at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. This is the evening before students return to school. The new principal of Erina High School, Mr Paul Broadbent will be attending the meeting to share his vision for Erina High School and opportunities will be given to ask any questions. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come along and meet others and learn what is happening in your school. P&C meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. Hope to see you there.

THANK YOU TO THE SMITH FAMILY

Every Tuesday for the past two terms, we have been extremely fortunate to have volunteers from The Smith Family working after school with selected students to help improve their reading skills in our Literacy Club. A big thank you to our wonderful tutors: Kimberly Bates, Sue Overton, Megs Broehl-Foster, Valda Manning, Julie Taylor, Barry Armstrong, Kathy Wyborn, Carla Molloy, TL Cullen, and Michelle Mitchell who commit their time to the students and the program. Also, to Ms Yerbury who organises the activities and assists after school with the program to ensure its success. This year we have been extremely fortunate as the volunteers are keen to continue the program for another term.



everyone's family

This is an invaluable program for our students as it helps to improve their literacy skills, confidence, motivation and self-belief. If you would like your child to participate next term, please contact your child's class teacher or Ms Yerbury. If you would like to become a volunteer for The Smith Family, please contact Deborah Walters on 4332 3503 or deborah.walters@thesmithfamily.com (Programs Coordinator for the Central Coast).

A very big thank to Deborah Walters from the Smith Family for her ongoing support of our school community.

Judy Boland
Principal

Safety and Security during the holidays

During the holidays please report any suspicious behaviour around the school to school security on 1300 880 021.

REPORTING - PARENT SURVEY

As you know, reports went home to parents late last week. Staff spend a great deal of time preparing them and we want to ensure that they are helpful and clear in their message. Feedback is important to make sure that we are providing useful information in regard to your child's schooling. We would like to know what parts of the report you found most useful and if there is anything else we should include that would assist you in supporting your child and his or her education.

We would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to complete this survey - <https://forms.gle/t6trGYwGgKfRWj48>.

Everyone who participates in the survey goes into the draw for a \$50.00 Lowes voucher.

Michelle Ridland
Assistant Principal

MR DAY'S DIARY ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier, and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.



School success starts
with attendance

Arriving at school on time is extremely important as it:

- ensures students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class to give them a sense of belonging
- reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents/carers in the same way as other forms of absence.

Below is a chart that shows the cumulative effect of persistent non-attendance over the period of compulsory schooling from Kindergarten to the end of Year 10.

Partial absence	Total days	Number of terms	Number of years missed
1 hour late per week	75 days	1.5 terms	
½ hour late per day	188 days	3.75 terms	Almost a year
1 hour late per day	376 days	7.5 terms	1 year 3 terms

Days absent	Total days	Number of terms	Number of years missed
1 day per week	451	9	2 years 1 term
2 days per week	676.5	13.5	3 years 2 terms
Average 5 days per term	220	5.5	1 year 1.5 terms
Average 10 days per term	440	8.8	2 years 1 term

SCREEN TIME

Health effects of time online

As a parent, you might ask yourself - how much time online is too much? While there are no standard time limits, there is a fine balance that families can achieve with the right knowledge and conversations. Look out for these common signs of too much screen time:

- headaches, eye strain
- not enough sleep
- obsession with devices and online games
- withdrawal from friends and social groups
- extreme anger and outbursts
- not doing well at school.

Stay engaged and encourage balance

- Keep an eye on the games, apps and devices your child uses. Chat with your child regularly and help them stay aware of how much time they are spending on different online and offline activities.
- Include positive things outside the online world in your conversations, such as what they love in life, careers they are interested in and new hobbies.
- Join in. Play games together as a family or explore some joint online projects. Rather than being just a solitary activity, online time can then become another way of strengthening connections as well as building social skills.
- Where possible, avoid limiting online time as a punishment as this approach may inflate its importance to children.

David Day
Assistant Principal

PARKING AND ROAD USE

It has once again been brought to our attention that the road use and parking habits of a small number of parents and carers could be a danger to other road users. A number of parents have also recently reported being fined by Council Rangers or Police for not complying with parking limits and/or unsafe driving and parking practices.

The following parking restrictions are in place around the school:

- **Double yellow kerb lines** adjacent to Woodport Early Learning Centre (Woodport Close) - means you must not stop here at any time, except in an emergency. The maximum penalty is **\$425.00 and 2 demerit points**.
- **No stopping** signs in Ernest Street – (red and have a white arrow at the bottom showing you where the zone is enforced) - mean you must not stop your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb unless there is a medical or other emergency. The maximum penalty is **\$425.00 and 2 demerit points**.
- **No parking** signs in Ernest Street – (white with P crossed with red diagonal line) - mean that you have no more than two minutes for picking up or dropping off a passenger, and the driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle. The maximum penalty is **\$177.00 and 2 demerit points**.
- **Kiss & Ride** zones operate as no parking zones during nominated times and attract the same penalty.



Traffic congestion occurs when the roundabout towards the top of Ernest Street is blocked.

The rules for the use of roundabouts are:

- You may only enter a roundabout when there is a safe gap in the traffic.
- If there is not a safe gap you must stop before the roundabout give way line.
- You can only enter a roundabout if you can complete your manoeuvre safely – that is being able to enter and exit the roundabout as one operation.
- You cannot stop on a roundabout, blocking traffic entering from another direction.



Not giving way to a vehicle when entering a roundabout attracts a fine of **\$352.00 and 3 demerit points**.

Blocking a roundabout attracts a maximum penalty of **\$196.00 and 2 demerit points**.

Further road and parking restrictions around school zones include not stopping or parking your vehicle:

- alongside another parked vehicle (double park)
- across a driveway
- within an intersection
- on a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing
- on footpaths and nature strips, unless a sign says you can

Please be considerate to all other road users and the local residents. Respecting all of these signs and road rules also helps to keep our students safe when exiting and entering the school grounds.

WOODPORT ROBOTICS COMPETITION



To celebrate Education Week, on Friday August 5, Woodport will be hosting its inaugural robotics competition at Erina High School for students in years 3 - 6. During the morning session, Stage 2 students will apply their problem-solving skills to code a LEGO Spike Prime robot around an obstacle course. From 11:30am Stage 3 students will demonstrate their STEM skills to manoeuvre a Sphero robot around a 2-dimensional shape; this is no easy feat!

Throughout the morning session, K-2 students will participate in two STEM activities led by our STEM liaison officer, Ms Pencheff. These activities will focus on our First Nation's dreaming stories.

Semester 2 will see all students engage in a 1 hour digital technology lesson each week. During these lessons, students will be establishing their groups and learning about core values that are essential for group work such as being able to work collaboratively, cooperatively, treating each other with respect, and learning to win and lose graciously. Our older students will be consolidating their design, coding and debugging skills to maximise their full participation on the day.

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 place winners for each year group. If anyone has a local business who would like to donate some prizes or vouchers for this event, in return for promotion in our newsletter and electronic sign, please contact the school office.

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend their child/ren competition session. Further details will be provided in Week 1 of Term 3. It will be a marvellous day of learning, problem solving and fun!

GREEN TEAM PROTEST

Last Monday, the Green Team stormed the morning assembly to the tune of "We're Not Going to Take It," to protest and raise awareness of the problem of waste. Armed with banners and boundless passion, our Green Team marched for maximum impact and to shock the school community into positive action.

We are incredibly proud of our progressive students who have sacrificed many of their lunch breaks to plan their march and make their banners. They are committed to change; they understand the importance of reducing the impact of waste on the environment and they demonstrate admirable leadership qualities.

What do they want?

- a reduction of school waste
- uneaten food to be taken home
- waste to be placed in the correct bins by students
- litter in the playground to be abolished
- growing awareness of the impact of rubbish on the environment and in particular on marine life

When do they want it? NOW!!!

Will this be the last protest by the flourishing Woodport Green Team?

Only time will tell!





OPPORTUNITY CLASS (OC) 2023

The OC Placement test for students (Year 4 only) who have already applied online will take place on Thursday 28 July at school. Families should have received an email which outlines the latest updates and information on the test.

All students who will be involved in the test need to arrive at school by 8:55am, get their name marked on their roll by their class teacher and then meet Mr Day outside the library.

Each student will need:

- 2 x lead pencils
- an eraser and a sharpener in a clear, snap lock bag for use in working out answers
- **a printed copy of their 'Test authority' letter**

Please note the following links:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2023

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2023. This year's Kindy Start Program will be held on a Monday and will include two sessions 8:30am - 11:00am and a second from 12:00 noon – 2:30pm, commencing on Monday 1 August (third week back of Term 3). The program will be twelve weeks in duration. This highly successful program is designed to support our students who will commence Kindergarten in 2023 with their transition to school. It provides a unique opportunity for our students to become familiar with school, develop confidence and allows them to foster a network of friends to begin their school journey.



If you know of any children who live near you who are starting school next year at Woodport, please encourage them to contact the school for enrolment forms. Emails will be sent home on Friday to families who have already enrolled outlining details of Kindy Start 2022.

SCOPE IT

This is the final week of scope IT lessons and the students have thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills across a range of digital tools.

Students in Year 3 have learned a block-based programming language, which allows learners to develop computational thinking. By dragging and dropping "blocks," the students have been introduced to programming through visual text. Our Year 4 students created web pages about space,

which they will continue to develop in class. Students in Year 5 have programmed Arduino circuit systems to perform various electronic tasks.

Finally, students in Year 6 have applied their spatial skills to design and print various characters and structures using Tinkercad and 3D printers.

It's always a pleasure to have the scope IT instructors visit our school to share their expert skills and knowledge, as well as their state-of-the-art digital tools and dynamic programs.

Mrs Lawson (Co-ordinator)

K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our K-2 Athletics carnival last week was held on a beautiful sunny day and our students looked great in their house colours! A huge thank you to those parents and community members who came along and supported the carnival. All students ran in 2 races – an age race and a cross country race. After all races were complete, students enjoyed lunch on the oval with family and friends before participating in novelty events in the afternoon. What a spectacular day! Photos of the day are available on our website.



We would like to congratulate the following students on placing in age race heat finals as well as the cross country:

Sprint results

8 year girls	Hazel W	Amani H	Alice L & Indi B
8 year boys	James F	Liam T	Rocco B
7 year girls	Jemima B	Emi M	Evelyn M
7 year boys	Jay N	Cayden L	Olivia A
6 year girls	Kit A	Aurora H	Mila S
6 year boys	Hunter H	Simon C	Jackson T
5 year girls	Eliza A	Scarlett R	Karen V

Cross Country

8 year girls	Hazel W	Niamh V	Olivia S
8 year boys	Liam T	James F	Lenny P
7 year girls	Jemima B	Evelyn M	Georgia W
7 year boys	Jay N	Easton W	Sage B
6 year girls	Kit A	Aurora H	Beatriz T
6 year boys	Hunter H	Beau L	Jackson T
5 year girls	Karen V	Eliza A	Mila D
5 year boys	Flynn T	Ben P	NTP



Congratulations to the winning houses – **Paterson** and **Lawson**. It was so close with **Gilmore** coming second (only 1 point behind the winning houses) and **MacKellar** not too far behind third place.



3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held at the Mingara Athletics Centre on Monday 25 July 2022. Travel will be by bus or parent transportation. Anyone who participates in Little Athletics and would like to be considered for zone discus, please bring in your Little Athletics record card to Mr Mallarky for verification. Any child wishing to participate in the 1500 metre event, will need to be driven by a parent and arrive by 8:45am as this event will commence at 9:00am, prior to the school buses arriving. All permission notes and money should have by now been returned to ensure the allocation of buses and services at the carnival. If you have not yet returned the note, please do so as soon as possible.



2022 PSSA SPORT UPDATE TERM 2

This term we have had many students participate in team sports, trial for Sydney North teams and participate at zone and regional level. Here is a summary of what has been happening in sport throughout Term 2.

Rugby League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school team is soon to play in a round robin carnival for the PSSA Knockout. Both Nate D and Kaleb M trialled for the SCC/BWPSSA Rugby League team. Nate was successful and represented Southern Central Coast at the Sydney North trials on 4 May.
AFL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sophie W competed for the Sydney North PSSA AFL team and went to Coffs Harbour for the regional carnival. Sydney North placed 3rd.
Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both Woodport PS boys' and girls' Basketball teams were undefeated in a Southern Central Coast Basketball Gala Day at Terrigal Breakers Stadium. Both teams have progressed into Round 4 of the PSSA Knockout and will play their next game in Term 3.
Cross Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forty-four children attended the Southern Central Coast Cross Country Carnival at Woy Woy with some pleasing results. Gemma A came 1st, Kylan H came 5th and Chad came 1st in their respective events and represented the Southern Central Coast at the Sydney North Cross Country which was held at Gosford Racecourse. Gemma placed 15th and Kylan 17th. Chad placed 3rd and will be going to the State Cross Country early next term.
Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two rounds of cricket have been completed with a third round game happening in Term 3. Harrison L made the Combined Southern Central Coast/Brisbane Water PSSA cricket team and will go to the Sydney North trials next term.
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The netball team have been undefeated and are now moving into the fourth round. Gemma A, Sophie W and Leilani S trialled and were successful in representing SCC/BW PSSA and were invited to attend the Sydney North selections.
Soccer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our boys' soccer team won its first round game and then were defeated by Umina in the second round. The girls' soccer team has been undefeated so far and now progress into round 3 of the NSWPSA knockout competition. Ben L and George B were chosen to represent WPS at the SCCPSSA soccer trials.

Congratulations to all our wonderful students who have participated in sport this term. I would also like to thank our staff and parents for the continued support and help with coaching and transport to and from these events.

Michelle Maier
PSSA School Sports Coordinator

PSSA NETBALL KNOCKOUT

Last Wednesday our netball team travelled to Adcock Park to play the third game of the PSSA knockout competition against Ettalong PS. Our team (Mackenzie B, Gemma A, Emma H, Hannah H, Tahlia L, Addison S, Leilani S, Olivia P and Sophie W) was successful with a winning score of 32– 17. All the girls demonstrated great co-operation and ability throughout the match. We are looking forward to our next match in the quarter finals in Term 3. A huge thank you to our committed parents who were able to transport players and support the girls once again.

Jessica Carroll
Netball coordinator



PSSA SOCCER

On Wednesday 15 June 2022 the girls' soccer team played their round 2 match of soccer against Umina Public School. It was a hard fought match for the Woodport girls, who led 2-1 in the first half. Lots of great passing and movement in attack helped us create awesome goals. Umina came back into the match, with a late equaliser goal just before halftime to tie the match up at 2-2. The second half was extremely close, but our girls managed to hold strong in defence. Great teamwork and strong work ethic helped them to score 2 more fantastic goals – one by Ella F and the other from Mia M. The final score was 4-2 in favour of Woodport. All the girls gave their absolute best and supported each other throughout the match. It was an amazing effort and a pleasure to coach the girls on the day! They now move into round 3 of the competition. Good luck girls!

Miss Stott



FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM

A reminder that next term, Footsteps Dance Company will be coming in to work with our students. They will be conducting a school concert program which is designed to allow students to explore dance using the fundamental movement skills whilst having fun. We look forward to welcoming Footsteps during term 3. Please ensure that your permission note has been returned and payment made by the end of this term.

MEET OUR HOUSE LEADERS

Our Senior House Leaders for 2023 display the qualities of good leadership, exemplary behaviour and citizenship. They are positive role models who support physical activity at Woodport PS. Some of their many responsibilities include opening the sports shed every recess and lunch so that students can use equipment to play games and keep active and organising, assisting and encouraging their team at the Cross Country, K-2 and 3-6 Athletics Carnivals and the Swimming Carnival. Please meet our [2022 Senior House Leaders](#). We are so proud of them.

Mackellar:

Captains: Max M and Sophie W
Vice-Captains: Alice H and Kaleb M

Lawson:

Captains: Jai S and Harlow S
Vice-Captains: Addison S and Neridah M

Paterson:

Captains: Jacob P and Addison E
Vice-Captains: Ella F and Liam K

Gilmore:

Captains: Ryan O and Jessica H
Vice-Captain: Summer P and Victoria L



Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as [K-2 House Captains for 2022](#).

Mackellar:

Captains: Cliff R and Ella J
Vice-Captains: Trinity L and Logan F

Lawson:

Captains: Alice L and Ethan H
Vice-Captains: Rocco B and Amani H

Paterson:

Captains: Huxley J and Niamh V
Vice-Captains: Sierra F and Isaac D

Gilmore:

Captains: Lennox P and Millie A
Vice-Captain: Brigitte W and Khye J

The role of the K-2 House captains and vice captains provides opportunities for our Year 2 students to commit to regular and incidental leadership roles in the school. As well as presenting themselves as role models to the Kindergarten and Year 1 students, the captains lead the K-2 fortnightly assembly which provides public speaking opportunities and develops organisational skills. During sports carnivals the leaders create an enthusiastic atmosphere with war cries and ensuring their team members participate in their events. They relish this role and wear their badges with pride.

TERM 2 PBL REWARDS DAY



We are looking forward to the NAIDOC inspired PBL Rewards Day on Friday. All students received a note on Monday highlighting their chosen activity and whether they are required to bring anything special. The rewards day will take place between 11:35pm – 1:25pm. Students are encouraged to wear red, yellow, black or orange coloured clothes, their school hat and closed in shoes such as joggers. No gold coin donation necessary. We look forward to a wonderful day.

The Life of a Fox

Once upon a time there was a family of foxes, but their life was not good. They had lots of predators that tried to eat them. There were raging bushfires that tried to kill them too! The foxes were hiding in a cave. Oh so cosy and snug. One thing they did not know was coming their way. Not too fast, not too slow... "AIIIIffff, AIIIIffff, aoooooooh". They heard footsteps, they heard sniffing, they heard everything. It was there. The wolf, the wolf was there! They scattered and they ran. They had to run past the big tree, they had to run down the hill. Oh no! One of the foxes fell and the wolf took it! The foxes slipped down the hill into a truck. They were panting and in shock. The foxes made a plan. Then they realised where the truck was driving somewhere. Oh no, they could smell something awful. They were heading to the dump! All of a sudden, they fell into the stinky disgusting dump. It smelt so bad that the pups couldn't breath; They were feeling sad until they looked up and they could see a vent. This was their way out. They had to climb over the rubbish to get to the vent. The vent twisted and turned. Will we ever get out? The mum fox thought to herself. Finally, they got out. Once they got out, they were still confused. "It was left, it was left," said one of the foxes.

Wait, foxes can't talk... Magically, the foxes started to talk and they didn't know why. Luckily, they did because a magic spirit appeared and showed them the way out of the dark. And soon their family would be back together.



James H – 2R

Thank you for reading my story

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.

Meeki W 5M	Ellie S – KB	Emily H – 4K	Mia W – 4K	Lacey A – 4K
Leah C – 4K	Tom L – 4K	Hayden D – 4K	Khang W – 4K	Steven L – 4K
Olivia H – K/1E	Beau L – K/1E	Taj M – K/1E	Beau M – K/1E	Taite M x 2 – 2B
Melody L – 1B	Kaylee V – 1B	Arthur D – 1B	Emilie L – 1B	Mason G – 1B
Josh M – 1B	Nicola F – 6M	Harlow S – 6MM	Addison E – 6E	Summer P – 6E
Jai S – 6M	Kaleb Mc – 6MM	Max Mc – 6MM	Jess H – 6E	Ella F – 6M
Alice H – 6M	Victoria L – 6M	Neridah M – 6E	Brent D – 6E x 2	Gemma A – 6E
Hayden B – 6E	Mackenzie B – 6E	Ava B – 6E	Ai Ling D – 6E	Addison E – 6E
Anthony G – 6E	Leilani G – 6E	Hannah H – 6E	Leila H – 6E	Jessica H – 6E
Elena I – 6E	Ben L – 6E	Mia M – 6E	Neridah M – 6E	Summer P- 6E
Jacob P – 6E	Bailey S – 6E	Callum T-R – 6E	Cooper Y – 6E	

EBS AWARDS

To receive an Effort Brings Success (EBS) certificate, students need to return three merit certificates. Four (EBS) certificates are required to earn a plaque. This fortnight the following students have received an EBS certificate: Henry W – 2D; April C – 2B; Leah C – 4K; Emma J – 2B; Cooper Y x 2 – 2E; Freya S – 3/4T; Hunter C-L – 4C; Matilda P – 4C; Alexander W – 4C; Nicola F – 6M; Jackson B – 1C; Lincoln C – 5B; James H – 2R, Charlotte M – 5O, Alice G – 2D; Victoria L – 6M

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KB	Blake M	Sami H	3M	William M	Symon A
KC	Evie C	Sophie H	3/4T	Kaydenn F	Caylee S
KS	Valerie N	Bea T	4C	Noah M	Alexander W
K/1E	Anna R	Jackson T	4K	Sophie A	Ella G-V
1B	Melody L	Marcelle S	5B	Isla B	Aarush B
1C	Charli H	Alba H	5O	Wolfe O	Annalena T
2B	Abigail T	Taite M	6E	Callum T-R	Mia M
2D	Iris D-B	Ella J	6M	Cooper M	Cleo H
2R	Lenny P	Khye J	6MM	Harper S	Leilani S

Meet the Musician

Name: Aoife – 50

What instrument do you play? Flute

Why did you choose this instrument? It makes beautiful sounds.

How long have you been playing an instrument for? 2 years

How often do you practice? Twice a week

What do you like about being in the school band? I like to play and represent my school.

What music do you listen to at home? I like to listen to Adele and any music on the radio.

Who is your favourite musician and why? Adele because she has an amazing voice and she create calm music.

Can you give some advice for anyone wanting to join the school band? It is fun and you can create music when you understand music.





Lismore Public School Certificate of Appreciation

Thank-you

Woodport Public School

for your thoughts and generous support towards our school
after the 2022 Floods



Principal: Jackie Nilon

May 2022

SCHOOL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT



Gibberagong Environmental Centre (EEC) is a Department of Education school that provides learning experiences for school

students in Muogamarra Nature Reserve and other local bushland areas. To celebrate our 50th Birthday, we have established a community Facebook Page “*Memories of Gibberagong EEC from 1971-2022*”

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3068558703356134> .



If you have fond memories of attending either Muogamarra any other excursion sites as a student or teacher with Gibberagong EEC we would love to hear about your experience. Alternatively, you can email us on gibberagong-e.school@det.nsw.edu . We look forward to hearing from our local community.

STUDENT INSURANCE POLICY

Did you know?

Woodport P&C along with Woodport Public School have taken out and paid for a Student Injury Insurance Policy for all students enrolled at our school. This policy provides cover for:

- broken bones and ambulance trips
- dental

- non-Medicare medical expenses
- cover for out of school sports and activities, home or family events
- 24 hour/7 days a week cover

If you have any queries on the Student Injury Policy or the process of making a claim under the policy, please contact woodport-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au who will provide you with the required claim form which can be forwarded directly to the insurer.

NAIDOC WEEK COMPETITION

The Parliament of NSW is once again calling on all budding young artists and story tellers to enter our [NAIDOC Week School Holidays Competition!](#)

To celebrate this year's NAIDOC Week theme, *Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!* we are inviting Kindergarten to Year 6 students to design their own message stick and write a message to the Parliament of NSW.

Four (4) lucky winners will each receive a Parliament of NSW gift pack.



The Parliament of New South Wales School Holidays Competition

A **message stick** is a form of communication between Aboriginal nations, clans and language groups. Message sticks were used to pass on or share a message from one community to another.



**GET UP!
STAND UP!
SHOW UP!**
3-10 JULY 2022

Entries close Friday 22 July
Four lucky winners will each receive a Parliament of NSW gift pack!



Design your own message stick.
What would you like to tell the Parliament?

SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

- Take a photo or scan your completed work and email it to education.competitions@parliament.nsw.gov.au include
① Child's Name, ② Year/Grade Level, ③ Parent/Guardian Name & contact details. ④ NSW State Electorate.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Parliament of NSW is calling on all budding young artists and story tellers, from Kindergarten to Year 6, to enter the Parliament of NSW NAIDOC Week School Holidays Competition!

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For those in younger years, you may like to ask an adult or older sibling to help you write your message.

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COMPETITION CATEGORIES

JUNIOR (Kindergarten – Year 2): 1 x metro winner and 1 x regional winner

SENIOR (Year 3 – Year 6): 1 x metro winner and 1 x regional winner

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The competition is open to NSW primary school students, including NSW home-school students – ONE entry per student.
- A parent/guardian's name, phone number and email must also be provided as consent for competition entry.
- Winners will be decided by a panel of judges. The panel's decision is final.
- Immediate family members of NSW Parliament employees, or the immediate family of Members of the NSW Parliament are not eligible to enter.
- The winners' entries will be shared with their Member of Parliament – you can find your NSW State Electorate at www.elections.nsw.gov.au/Elections/Find-my-electorate

By submitting your work, you give permission for the Parliament of NSW to showcase your artwork along with your FIRST name, YEAR/GRADE LEVEL and your ELECTORATE on the Parliament's social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram), and other internal newsletter publications.

SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

- Take a photo or scan your completed work and email it to: education.competitions@parliament.nsw.gov.au
- Include the following details:
① Child's Name, ② Year/Grade Level,
③ Parent/Guardian Name & contact details, ④ NSW State Electorate
- Name your file using the convention:
NSW Parliament NAIDOC Week Competition_ Full Name_Year Level_Electorate

CLOSING DATE

Entries close midnight Friday 22 July.
Winners will be notified by Friday 12 August 2022.

Have fun and GOOD LUCK 😊

**PASSIONATE ABOUT
PHOTOGRAPHY? VIDEOGRAPHY? PODCASTING?
BUT ONLY HAVE A PHONE....
WANT TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE THIS INTO A
BUSINESS OR CAREER?**



Want to learn more about editing and postproduction of images and films?

These school holidays the Y4Y Action Team are running their very own youth for youth project that aims to upskill young people in areas they find interesting and are passionate about.

This one-day workshop will introduce you to an industry specialist who will help guide and mentor you in how to turn your passion of photography and/or videography into a budding business or career along with the skills you need to make this happen.

COST: FREE!
WHEN: JULY 14TH
TIME: 11 AM - 5PM
WHERE: THE HUB YOUTH ENTERTAINMENT VENUE



WOODPORT P.S.
EFFORT BRINGS SUCCESS

RAISE SOME Dough

for
Woodport Public School

Domino's Erina will be donating \$1 from every Pizza sold on Wednesday 29th June between 4-9 to support Woodport Public School

What: \$1 from every large & XL Pizza sold
Where: Domino's Erina
When: WEDNESDAY 29th June
4pm-9pm

DOWNLOAD
THE DOMINO'S ORDERING APP
131 888 dominos.com.au

LOCALLY OWNED
CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY



HUNTER REGION BOTANIC
GARDENS

Children's Discovery Day 2022

Tuesday, 5 July
10:00am – 2:00pm

- * Live Music
- * Hunter Heroes
- * Let's Love Water Show
- * Raffle
- * Educational Stalls
- * Educational Children's Activities
- * Lawn Games
- * Kookaburra Café
- * Plant Stall
- * Guided Tours

Tickets are \$5 per person.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/353392144417>

Phone: 49871655 | Email: events@huntergardens.org.au

Hunter Region Botanic Gardens

2100 Pacific Highway, Heatherbrae, NSW 2324


Newcastle Coal
INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP

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Infrastructure Group

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT HUNTER REGION BOTANIC GARDENS

Children's Discovery Day
10am-2pm Tuesday July 5
\$5 per person

Native Bee Talk
10am-11:30 Tuesday July 12
\$20 per person (includes morning tea)

Nature is Fun
10am-12pm Wednesday July 13
\$5 per person

Lego Display
All Day Thursday July 14
& All Day Friday July 15
\$5 per person



HUNTER REGION BOTANIC
GARDENS

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Ph: 49871655 | Email: events@huntergardens.org.au
Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
2100 Pacific Highway, Heatherbrae, NSW 2324

Woodport Public School Menu

Term 2 2022
Check the noticeboard & Facebook for specials & meal deals



Fresh Fruit & Veg Snacks

Available every day

Cucumber Sticks	\$1.50
Carrot or Celery Sticks	\$1.50
Veg Combination Pack	\$1.50
Vege Sticks with Dip	\$2.50
Orange (cut if required)	\$1.50
Apple	\$1.50
Watermelon	\$1.50
Small Fruit Salad	\$3.00
Medium Fruit Salad	\$4.00
Medium Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	\$4.50
Medium Fruit Salad & Custard	\$4.50
Large Fruit Salad	\$5.00
Large Fruit Salad & Custard	\$5.50
Large Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	\$5.50

Frozen Snacks

Available every day

Quelch Stick	\$0.50
Frozen Juice Cup	\$1.00
Ice Mony Choc Lemon	\$1.00
Juicies	\$1.50
Low Fat Icecream Cup	\$1.50
Paddle Pop	\$2.00
Frozen Fruit Yoghurt	\$2.50
Frozen Yoghurt with Fruit Pieces	\$2.50



New items will be advertised on the Canteen Facebook Page

Drinks

Available every day

300ml Spring Water	\$1.00
600ml Spring Water	\$2.00
1.5 Litre Spring Water	\$3.00
Light Sparkling Water	\$3.00
Juice Cup x 3 Flavours	\$1.00
Juice Bomb Sparkling Juice	\$3.00
Fruit Juice 250 ml	\$2.50
Milk (Plain) 300ml	\$2.00
Plain Milk with Siparh Straw	\$2.50
Milk (Flavoured) 300ml	\$2.70
Soy Milk	\$2.50
Up & Go	\$2.50
Hot Chocolate	Small \$2.00
Hot Chocolate	Large \$3.00
Aloe Drinks 250 ml	\$3.50
Milo Milk	Small \$2.00
Milo Milk	Large \$3.00

Cold Snacks

Available every day

Jelly	\$1.00
Plain Custard	\$1.00
Jelly & Custard	\$1.00
Jelly & Yoghurt	\$1.00
Jelly with Fresh Fruit	\$2.00
Jelly with Fresh Fruit & Custard	\$2.50
Chocolate Mousse	\$2.00
Low Fat Yoghurt	\$2.50
Yoghurt with Fruit Pieces	\$3.00

Snack Foods

Available every day

Cruskits (4) or Rice Cakes GF (4)	\$2.00
With Vegemite	\$2.50
With Cheese	\$3.00
With Avocado	\$1.00
Fruity Bites	\$2.00
Garlic Bread	\$0.50
Bread Sticks	\$1.00
Milo Wholegrain Cereal	\$1.00
Coco Bombs Cereal GF	\$1.60
Homemade ANZAC Cookies	\$1.60
Popcorn	\$1.60
Red Rock Deli Chips GF	\$2.00
Low Fat Muffins	\$2.00
Low Fat Slices	\$2.50
Banana Bread	\$2.50

Ordering information

Orders are preferred online at Flexischools.com.au by 9.00am. When ordering online, items must be selected for the break for which they are required. Orders are also accepted over the counter and can be collected from the side window.

All possible care is taken when preparing Gluten Free Foods

Woodport Public School Menu

Term 2 2022



Sandwiches, Rolls & Wraps

Prepared fresh in the Canteen. Available every day to order.

Ham or Chicken & Salad	\$5.00
Salad with Cheese	\$4.50
Salmon	\$4.00
Tuna	\$4.00
Chicken	\$4.00
Ham	\$4.00
Salad	\$4.00
Egg	\$4.00
Cheese	\$3.00
Vegemite	\$2.00
Buttered sandwich	\$1.50
Buttered roll	\$1.50

Sandwich Extras

Also available to add as extras to burgers and focaccas

Gluten Free Bread	\$1.00
Toasted	\$0.50
Avocado	\$1.00
Beetroot	\$0.50
Carrot	\$0.50
Cheese	\$0.50
Cucumber	\$0.50
Egg	\$1.00
Lettuce	\$0.50
Pineapple	\$0.50
Salad (Carrot, Tomato, Lettuce, Cucumber)	\$1.50
Tomato	\$0.50
BBQ, Mayo, Tomato or Sweet Chilli Sauce available	

Fresh Salads

Available every day to order. Select from Set Salads or create your own

Caesar Salad	\$5.00
Lettuce, Egg, Croutons, Bacon, Parmesan & Dressing	
Greek Salad	\$5.00
Lettuce, Capsicum, Tomato, Feta, Onion, Cucumber, Olives & Dressing	
Garden Salad	\$5.00
Lettuce, Egg, Carrot, Celery, Capsicum, Cucumber & Dressing	
Pasta Salad	\$5.00
Pasta, corn, carrot, capsicum, cherry tomatoes & dressing	

Create Your Own Salad

Avocado	\$1.00
Bacon pieces	\$1.00
Beetroot	\$0.50
Capsicum	\$0.50
Carrot	\$0.50
Celery	\$0.50
Cheese - Tasty	\$1.00
Cheese - Parmesan	\$1.00
Cheese - Feta	\$1.00
Croutons	\$0.50
Cucumber	\$0.50
Egg	\$1.00
Lettuce	\$0.50
Olives	\$0.50
Onion	\$0.50
Pineapple	\$0.50
Tomato	\$0.50
Ham	\$1.20
Fresh Chicken	\$1.20
Salmon	\$1.20
Tuna	\$1.20
Sauce/Dressing Sachet	\$0.30



Toasted Turkish Bread

Add to from Sandwich Extras List

Cheese	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Ham & Tomato	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
Ham Cheese & Pineapple	\$5.00

Burgers

Available every day to order. Plain or with sauce. Add to from Sandwich Extras

Beef	\$5.00
Fish	\$5.00
Chicken	\$5.00
Veggie Burger	\$5.00
Any With Salad	\$6.50

Pizza

Available every day to order

Ham & Pineapple	\$4.00
Ham	\$4.00
Vegetarian	\$4.00
Cheese	\$4.00
BBQ Chicken	\$4.00
GF Base	Extra \$1.00

GF - Gluten Free



Hot Foods

Available every day to order

Yummy Drummies	\$1.00
Chicken Noodle Soup	\$2.00
Junior Beef Pie (Low Fat)	\$2.00
Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Boiled Rice GF	\$2.00
Cheese Pocket	\$2.00
Ham & Cheese Pocket	\$3.00
Chicken & Cheese Pocket	\$3.00
2 Minute Noodles	\$3.00
2 Minute Noodles GF	\$3.50
Toasties	From \$3.00
Hot Dog	\$3.00
Hot Dog with Cheese	\$4.00
Beef Pie (Low Fat)	\$4.00
Beef Pie GF	\$5.00
Sausage Roll (Low Fat) From	\$3.50
Sauce Sachets	\$0.30

Homemade Meals

Available every day to order

Honey Soy Chicken & Rice GF	\$5.50
Beef Nachos	\$5.50
Butter Chicken with Rice GF	\$5.50
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$5.50
Chicken Caesar Toasted Wrap	\$5.50
Chicken Fried Rice GF	\$5.50
Vegetarian Pasta GF	\$5.50
Vegetarian Fried Rice GF	\$4.50
Vegetarian Nachos	\$4.00

A selection of additional fresh homemade meals will be made as Specials and advertised on the Canteen Noticeboard and Facebook.





Expression of Interest
Participation Request in the Y4Y Voices of the Rainbow Project

Hello

My name is Zara Matthews and I am a member of the Central Coast Council's Y4Y (Youth for Youth) Action Team 2022.

This year Y4Y are putting together a podcast and short video series that aims to inform Central Coast residents about our diverse LGBTQ+ community.

The project is made up of five episodes, each being released on a key date that celebrates the LGBTQ+ community throughout June 2022 to March 2023.

I am writing to you as a member of this community to ask if you would be interested in participating in this project. Your participation will include asking you questions and discussing your experiences, including any support networks you used and tips on finding out who you are.

We will be recording your voice and image for the video and podcast series and this will occur in a location that is mutually convenient. A list of questions/topics will be supplied to you prior to the recording and filming of the episode, and the edited recordings will be available for you to review prior to being released to the public.

Below is a schedule of the episode list for you to consider which part of the project you may be interested in participating in:

Episode 3	This will be the second interview. It will focus on the process and experiences of coming out. This episode will be released on 11 October for National Coming Out Day.	Recording date/s 3 August or 26 August
Episode 4	This will be the third interview. This interview will focus on transgender people and their experiences on the Central Coast. This episode will be released on 11 November for Transgender Awareness Week.	Recording date/s 3 August or 26 August
Episode 5	This is the last interview. This episode will interview parents of queer youth and interview everyday LGBTQ+ young people about how their family supported them, how they figured out who they	Recording date/s 3



	are, and celebrate young people from the LGBTQ+ community across the Central Coast. This episode will be released in March/April 2023 during Youth Week.	August or 26 August
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Each finalised podcast is expected to run for approximately 20 minutes and each finalised video is expected to run for approximately 2 – 5 minutes.

If you are interested in helping Y4Y with our Voices of the Rainbow video and podcast series, or have any questions, please complete the attached Expression of Interest Form.

Expression of Interest Form:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/210222684ce74343b9e142d679253d82>

All applicants will be considered, and we will do our best to invite everyone who applies though this may not be possible.

For further information please contact Haley Vallone, Youth Development Officer, Central Coast Council at Haley.Vallone@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Yours Sincerely

Zara Matthews
Y4Y Action Team 2022

**Central Coast
Winter Chess
Tournament
for ages 6 to 17**



**Rated by NSW
Junior Chess
League**

Entry fee \$20

includes lunch-pack

Payment details and food
options on contact with...

Gary Losh

glosh6090@gmail.com

0432 453 726

Monday 11 July

Must pre-enter by Thursday 7 July

Coast Community Church, Adelaide St, Tumbi Umbi
9.30am – 4.00pm

With an educational chess puzzle competition
and lots of prizes. Practice puzzles provided on entry.

**Minimum ability: Must know how to move the
pieces and complete games largely unassisted.**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

