

WASSUP WOONONA

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Year 6 Fun Day Thank you!



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



TIM FISHER

Principal

CHECK IN ASSESSMENT

All Woonona Public School students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have participated in the Check-in Assessment during Week 6 and 7. Each student completed two online assessments, reading and numeracy. The assessment will provide valuable data to identify how students perform in literacy and numeracy and help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. The insights gained from the results are essential because our teachers will be better able to support our students with the learning challenges faced during the learning from home period. A big thank you to Mrs Brown for her relentless work to enable our Year 3-6 students to complete the assessments.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

Friday of Week 6 saw an exciting fundraiser led by our Year 6 students and teachers. What a fun and enjoyable day was had by all students K-6, as they engaged with lots of different activities. The highlight of the day was without a doubt the art challenge, that saw the whole school recreate some amazing art pieces. Congratulations Year 6 and teachers on a highly successful day.

YEAR 6 TO HIGH SCHOOL

Today was a little quieter at school, with students in Year 6, who are attending a public high school in 2022, visiting (where possible) their new school for an orientation day. It was great that this day could go ahead and that students had an opportunity to learn and interact in their new setting. We hope those students who attended, enjoyed what is always a highly anticipated and exciting day.

PRESENTATION DAY MODIFIED

On Monday 13 December, we will be holding a modified version of our annual Presentation Day assembly where we recognise the 2021 successes of Woonona Public School with our school community. Presentation Day usually consists of one assembly, however this year it will be split into two separate events – Year 6 Graduation Assembly and K-6 Class Recognition Awards.

Year 6 awards and graduation certificates will be presented at a special Year 6 Graduation Assembly on the morning of Monday 13 December. Year 6 parents (maximum of two per student), who are double vaccinated, will be permitted to attend this assembly, due to guidelines set by the NSW Department of Education. More information will be provided to Year 6 parents, closer to the date.

The K-6 Class Recognition Awards will be presented in the middle session on Monday 13 December. Unfortunately, due to NSW Department of Education guidelines, no parents or special guests will be permitted on site for this event. Those parents who have children receiving awards will receive letters shortly and will be invited to a live-stream that will also be watched by all students and staff across the school. The 2022 School Captains and Prefects will be announced at our K-6 Class Recognition Awards.

2022 SCHOOL LEADER SPEECHES

Congratulations to Madiba, Tamsyn, Charli, Grace, Scarlett, Madeleine, Ashton, Alexander C, Kai, Xavier, Alex HB and Will for presenting such quality speeches in their pursuit of a school leader position for 2022. It was fantastic to listen to the students reflect on their positive experiences at Woonona Public School and the qualities and values they have learnt. The high standard of presentations certainly made the selection process very difficult. All 12 candidates would make outstanding school leaders and I wish them all the best.

I would also like to congratulate the other students who applied for school leadership positions but were unsuccessful at getting through to presenting their speech to the whole school. In total we had an additional 15 students run for these positions, which is a wonderful reflection on these students and their aspirations for leadership.

LIBRARY FINISHES THIS WEEK

Library lessons conclude this week, with the Library then closing for the final three weeks for stocktake. Despite the year, it has been another successful year of Library and I would like to thank Mrs Carroll for her dedication to making the Library an exciting place of learning and enjoyment. Please see a note from Mrs Carroll later in this newsletter, with important reminders on returning books.

SCHOOL BANKING FINISHES PERMANENTLY

As mentioned in the Week 6 newsletter, the school banking program will no longer be available to students and families. This is not a school decision, but rather the decision of the NSW Department of Education who has decided that school banking, in its current form, does not meet the needs of students and their families.

BOOK FAIR

In Week 6 and Week 7, Mrs Carroll hosted our annual Book Fair. What a hive of activity and excitement the library was, as students first explored what was available, and then made purchases. Over \$14000 in sales were made in three days – a huge effort from Mrs Carroll and Ms Hodson! In addition, we thank our community for getting behind our students and school with such fantastic support. We will now receive over \$4000 to put into book purchases for our own Library, which is great news for our students who will have lots of new books to enjoy in 2022.

ACADEMICALLY GIFTED CLASS

On Wednesday of Week 5, a celebration Zoom took place for the four students who were part of the Wollongong North Year 5 Academically Gifted Class for 2021. While their program was modified due to the impact of COVID, we are very proud of Charlie, Ryan, Sam and Levi for their involvement and I know they all found the class challenging, engaging and enjoyable. I'm sure they are looking forward to taking some of the skills and experiences they have had this year and using those as they grow and develop throughout their learning journey.

FINAL P&C FOR 2021

On Wednesday 8 December, is our final P&C Meeting of the year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our P&C, in what has been a very challenging year. There is no "meeting"

as such, but rather an end of year dinner at Woonona Bulli RSL, beginning at 7:00pm. If you would like to join the end of year dinner, please email enquiries@wppc.com.au.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTING

Due to the disruption caused by COVID, adjustments to curriculum have been made throughout Terms 3 and 4. As a result of this extended period of learning from home, student reporting in Semester 2, 2021 will be modified. This is in line with guidelines set by the NSW Department of Education.

In Semester 2, 2021 the formal written report for each student will:

- identify student progress and achievement on the learning covered during the reporting period, including the learning from home period
- provide teacher comments to describe student learning and identify the next steps in learning
- not contain A-E grades
- provide information about attendance and commitment to learning.

Reports will be sent home with students on Monday 13 December, 2021.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our third Kindergarten Session occurred last Thursday, with 45 of our 2022 cohort turning out to learn more about their new school. Mr Loosemore, Miss Sibley and Mrs Stewart led the students through a fun and engaging session, which finished with a lovely story. It was delightful to see the warmth and enthusiasm from our students and families as they continue the transition to school journey.

As previously mentioned, we have good news to share with parents and students that Kindergarten Orientation can go ahead in a face-to-face way, on Thursday 2 December 2021. Information has been shared with our new students and their families and we can't wait to see them, in real life, on what will certainly be a very exciting day for students, their families, and staff.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2022

In order to have accurate numbers for next year, it is important to notify the school office if you know your child will not be returning to Woonona Public School next year (other than Year 6). This information helps us to plan for 2022.

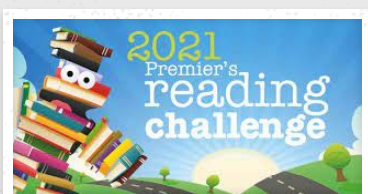
Alternatively, if you know of friends or family members who intend to enrol their children in Woonona Public School in 2022, please ask them to contact the school office to fill in the necessary documentation.

Mr Tim Fisher
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

What a busy year we have had in the Library. Students will have their final Library lesson for the year this week and the Library will be closed for the rest of the term for stock-take. I have loved having the opportunity to share my love of reading with students this year and it has been very satisfying to see an increase in students visiting the Library, borrowing and engaging with reading.

What an exciting two weeks we had for our Scholastic Book Fair. Last week we sold an amazing \$14,153.00 worth of books which is a record for our school and region. I would like to thank everyone for supporting this event. The school will receive \$4246 in commission to buy books for our school. Most children received their book orders last week. However, there are a few books still on back order and these will hopefully arrive this week. I will sort and deliver orders to students as soon as they arrive.



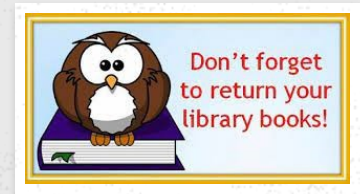
Premier's Reading Challenge:

This year we had almost 600 students complete the Premier's Reading Challenge which is an amazing result for the school and a record number. I am very proud of all the students for working hard to stay on track to complete this challenge during

such a difficult year. Premier's Reading Challenge awards and certificates will be handed out to students in Week 10.

Library Loans

The Library will be closed for the rest of the term for stock-take. Overdue notices were sent out in Week 7 and an additional reminder will be sent out this week. Please take the time to help your child locate and return their books this week.



If you received an overdue loan notice and the book is lost please let us know so it can be wiped from our system. Notices will also list the book price which parents can pay to the office for purchase of a replacement copy. If you receive an overdue notice and the book has already been paid for previously or has already been returned please send the slip back in with this noted down. Our Library computer system will automatically create notices for any overdue books from this year. Thank you to those students who have already returned books or notified me about lost books.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Mrs Carroll
Librarian

CANTEEN AND UNIFORM SHOP

Fresh Start Canteens is now open Monday thru to Friday.

However, we do have the following rules:

- Online ordering through QuickCliq is encouraged where possible and is an excellent way to order your children's lunch and snacks.
- There will be NO breakfast, lunch or recess counter service until further notice.
- Your children's lunch will be delivered to their classrooms.
- With the warmer weather coming on, we are more than happy to take online orders for ice blocks, drinks and snacks.
- If you prefer to order over the counter, please place the correct money and order in a sealed envelope / snap lock bag / lunch bag and drop off at the school office.

Please support the canteen that supports your school!

Fresh Start Canteens is operating with a COVID safe plan and will be strictly adhering to the rules set out by the Health Unit and the Department of Education.

Thank you and see you all soon.

Fresh Start Canteens

Onsite uniform shop closed until further notice.

Online orders can be placed on the [QuickCliq website](#)



SCHOOL CANTEN

[View Fresh Starts Canteen Menu](#)



UNIFORM SHOP

- Download the [uniform price list and order form \(PDF 204.7KB\)](#).
- Online orders can be placed on the [QuickClick website](#)

SCHOOL ENEWS

Woonona Public School uses School eNews to keep parents, carers, students and the school community updated on the latest events, activities and programs.

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



Schools Pedestrian Information Sheet (1).pdf

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100.1 KB

CO-OPERATION - RESPECT - EFFORT - RESPONSIBILITY



Please be aware that there are students in our school with allergies to nuts. We ask that you give consideration to voluntarily agreeing not to send nut products, in particular peanuts and peanut butter to school.

MAKE A PAYMENT

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION FORM

This form can be used to notify the school of any absence days your child has from school and replaces the need to phone or provide a paper note. The form can be used to notify future and past absences.

COMMUNITY NEWS



PRESS RELEASE

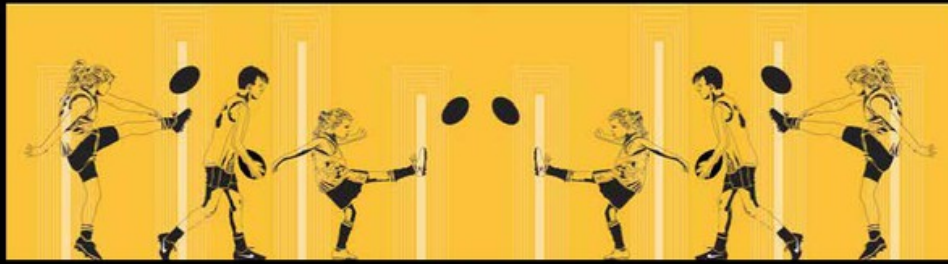
The Lord Mayor's **Picnic in the Park**

In the interest of ensuring the safety of our community, we have made the very difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Lord Mayor's Picnic in the Park.

We will be back stronger than ever in 2022 and can't wait to celebrate with you all.

For more information on starting school, please contact the Illawarra Transition to School Program on 0437 060 135 or at transitiontoschool@bigfatmile.com.au





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TIGERS 14 FEB 22
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4 WEEK FREE AFL TRAINING PROGRAM
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The Northern Districts Junior Tigers AFC is hosting a Tigers Academy for 4 weeks in Term 1 2022. The Academy will run on Mon and Wed from 14 Feb 22 to 09 Mar 22 from 4.45pm to 5.45pm at Hollymount Park Woonona. The Tigers Academy is open to males and females, ages 5 to 17 years old and skill level beginners to experienced. The program is run with accredited junior coaches. All players to wear sports gear and runners (no boots) and bring your own water bottle. Cost - FREE.

The Tigers Academy aims to provide an opportunity for new players to come and try AFL and for existing players to refresh and develop skills preseason which will lead into club training and the winter competition.

RECRUITING CALL. THE JUNIOR TIGERS WILL HAVE 10 TEAMS COMPETING IN 2022 FROM AUSKICK, U9, U11, U11 GIRLS, U13, U13 GIRLS, U15, U15 GIRLS, U17 AND U17 GIRLS. FOR REGISTRATION SEE CONTACTS BELOW.

To register for the Academy email northerndistrictjunortigers@gmail.com with full name, date of birth, email and mobile. Point of contact Elizabeth Phillips Registrar 0410471629.



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PLAY AFL



NORTHERN DISTRICTS TIGERS AFL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN ONLINE FOR 2022


The Tigers offer 10 junior AFL age divisions for males and females from age 5 to 17 years including: AUSKICK, U9, U11, U11G, U12, U13, U13G, U15, U15G, U17, U17G. Games are played on Sundays across the Illawarra. Home ground at Hollymount Park WOONONA. Training starts Feb/Mar 22 with competition from late Mar 22 to mid Sep 22 including rounds 1-16 plus finals for competition teams. Registration cost \$145. New players receive free shorts and socks. All players will be loaned a club playing jersey. All Auskickers receive a merchandise pack direct from AFL NSW/ACT. Active kids vouchers / credit cards / bank transfer accepted.

To register for AUSKICK (players turning 5 to 7 years in 2022) go to www.playhq.com, enter / select **Northern Districts Auskick Centre**

To register for JUNIORS U9 to U17 (players turning 8 to 17 in 2022) go to www.playhq.com, enter / select **Northern Districts Junior Tigers**

For registration inquiries please contact our Registrar
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