



Woonona East Public School

Week 10, Term 1, 2019

From The Principal:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Farewell Mrs Causer

Last Monday, Mrs Causer found out that she had been successful in gaining a promotion. She is now the Learning Support Assistant Principal in the Wollongong region and is working with 20 local Wollongong schools. This position has been appointed as hers for the next three year period. Whilst Mrs Causer was very sad to leave Woonona East PS, she certainly is looking forward to all she can achieve in her new role. On behalf of the staff and students at Woonona East PS, I would like to give a very heartfelt thank you to Mrs Causer. She has a wealth of knowledge and expertise and we greatly appreciate her impact on our school. She will be sorely missed. I am pleased to welcome Mrs Edwina Smith to the temporary role of Learning Support Teacher for the remainder of Term 1 and all of Term 2, with a possibility of extension. Mrs Edwina Smith will work alongside Mrs Kristen Lindley in the role of Early Interventionist. She will also be getting into classrooms and working with targeted groups. Welcome to the team, Mrs Smith!

Harmony Day

On Thursday of Week 8, our school celebrated Harmony Day. It was a wonderful day where all classes discussed the importance of celebrating and embracing differences. Our teachers commented on how impressed they were when conducting Harmony Day activities throughout the day as our students demonstrated such high levels of respect and responsibility. With all that was going on in the world at the time, it was a great opportunity for us to remember how important it is to celebrate our uniqueness. At WEPS, we aren't worried about our differences. We enjoy surrounding ourselves with those who are both similar and different and embrace the opportunities to learn from one another.

State Election BBQ

Last Saturday, a very keen group of volunteers assisted in cooking and serving bacon and egg rolls and sausage sandwiches at the state election BBQ. A very big thank you to Roxy, for coordinating this event and not leaving the BBQ all day! Roxy is still finalising costings but when we know how much was raised, we will be sure to post it on our school's Facebook page. Thank you to everyone who came to our school to vote and supported our P&C fundraising by making a purchase. We look forward to letting you know what the proceeds have contributed to.

P&C Easter Raffle

Thank you to all of the families who have already donated some chocolate for our Easter Hat Parade, which will be held at the school next Thursday. It has been very tempting having them all kept in the office but I assure you, we have not succumbed to that temptation and all chocolate is still untouched. If you haven't yet had the chance to make a donation, you still have one week to do so.



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Tell Them From Me - Student Surveys

Last week, all students in Years 4 - 6 received a note regarding the upcoming Tell Them From Me surveys. These surveys greatly assist us as a school to evaluate our ongoing effectiveness and identify areas for whole school improvement. Parents/carers of students in Years 4-6 have until next Monday to request that their child doesn't complete this survey. All students who have not opted out, will complete those surveys in class time later next week. The survey is not long and really is a great way for us to ensure we have the student voice involved in our school evaluative processes.

Big Vegie Crunch Day

This Thursday, after our WEPS Cross Country, our school will be celebrating Big Vegie Crunch Day. Jackie and our canteen committee are coordinating this event. Our students love being healthy; what a great day to celebrate being active, trying your best and making healthy choices. I have a network meeting on Thursday so unfortunately, will miss all of the fun. However, I look forward to hearing all about it when I return on Friday.

Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat Parade is on next Thursday at 11:30am. All parents, carers and friends are warmly welcomed to attend the event. Our P&C Easter Raffle will be drawn at the parade. Following the formalities, we will be having a BBQ lunch, again hosted by our school's P&C (they have been very busy!). Notes went home about that BBQ and how to place an order, last week.

Stewart House Donations

A very big thank you to all of the families who have already brought in clothing and monetary donations for Stewart House. Just a reminder to those who haven't yet, there is still time. Any donation is appreciated, it's an extremely worthy cause.

Finally, I can't believe we are nearly at the end of Term 1! It has been a busy term, jam packed with great experiences for our students. I would like to give a very big thank you to all of the amazing parents, carers and community members who have warmly welcomed me into Woonona East PS. I have had such a brilliant term and have loved getting to know the highly dedicated staff and brilliant students. Woonona East PS really is a magical place and I am honoured to be a part of it. I hope you all have a great holiday break and stay safe. I look forward to all that is to come in Term 2.

Have a great school holiday break,

Ms Emily Corcoran.



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What's Coming Up?

<u>Week 10</u>	<u>Week 11</u>	<u>Week 1, Term 2</u>
Mon 1st Apr: Parent teacher interviews begin Wed 3rd Apr: Year 5 NAPLAN practice test Thurs 4th Apr: WEPS Cross Country Big Vegie Crunch Day Fri 5th Apr: Stage 1 'Olden Days' Day Stage 2 Camp Adventure Day	Mon 8th Apr: Year 6 Woonona High School Transition Day Last day for Easter raffle sales and donations Tues 9th Apr: Woonona HS Year 7 2020 CAPA class auditions Wed 10th Apr: Principal's Morning Tea Thurs 11th Apr: Easter Hat Parade Fri 12th Apr: ANZAC Day Service at 10:30am (all welcome)	Tues 30th Apr: Students return Spelling Bee entries and word lists open

Sport News From Mr Cummins:

Congratulations to the following students who have attended District or Zone or Regional trials and have been chosen to represent at the next level:

Football (next trial, Regional, Thursday 4 April, Kanahooka)
 Taj Demito

Rugby League (next trial, Regional, Friday 3 May, Batemans Bay)
 Harry Sargent-Wilson

AFL (next trial, State, Penshurst 21-23 May 2019)
 Brody McPhee (his second Regional selection after Basketball)
 Ben Fletcher

Good luck to Taj Demito and Blair Nestorovic who will be representing Northern Zone PSSA at South Coast football trials this Thursday.

Well done to Lucas Hancox who represented the school at Zone Rugby League trials recently and whose name was left out of the last newsletter.





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P&C NEWS:



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2019 Easter Raffle

Donation Request

This year for the Easter Raffle, we are asking for a donation of Eggs / Chocolate from each family to contribute towards the prizes for the Easter Raffle.

If donations and raffle tickets could please be returned to the office by Monday the 8th April. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade, Thursday 11th April.

There will also be a colouring competition for each Stage. Entries will need to be handed in to the classroom or office also by Tuesday 9th April.

Thank you for your ongoing support, WEPS P&C.





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Canteen News:

Woonona East Primary School Canteen Roster 2019- Term 1

WEEK	DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY (9-2pm)	WEDNESDAY (9-2pm)	THURSDAY (9-2pm)	FRIDAY (1-2pm)
1	28th Jan -1st Feb	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
2	4th Feb- 8th Feb	Closed	Jackie R	Kate R	Corey C	Nicole A
3	11th Feb- 15th Feb	Closed		Jackie R (Sushi Day)	Christie M	Naomi G/Anna S
4	18th Feb-22nd Feb	Closed	Olga H	Carla W/Roxanne M	Amanda D/Nicky Lett	Cassie B/Deana M
5	25th Feb-1st March	Closed	Glynis N/Ashley T	Michelle F& Leasa L	Corey C	Simone B
6	4th March-8th March	Closed	Roxanne M	Kate R	Jackie R & Mei S (Smoothie Day)	Ben L
7	11th March-15th March	Closed	Michelle F & Leasa L	Lisa w	Dayna S/Jackie R	Nicole A
8	18th March-22nd March	Closed	Corey C	Carla W/Jackie R (Burrito Bowl Day)	Glynis N	Naomi G
9	25th March-29th March	Closed	Olga H	Kate R	Lisa W	Simone B
10	1st April-5th April	Closed	Roxanne M/Ashley T	Gayle T/Jackie R (Sushi Day)	Christie M (Cross Country/ Big Veggie Crunch)	Ben L
11	8th April-12th April	Closed	Glynis N	Jen G/ Jackie R Principals MT	Jackie R Easter Hat Parade BBQ Lunch	Cassie/deana M





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Harmony Day at WEPS:





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Week 9 Assembly:

