



Woonona East Public School

Week 1, Term 2, 2019

From The Principal:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mrs Bartlett's Retirement

In very sad news (for us at least), Mrs Bartlett will be retiring at the end of Term 2. Mrs Bartlett has chosen to retire so she can enjoy regular trips and getaways with her husband after working for 23 years. It goes without saying that this will leave a very big hole in our WEPS community. Mrs Bartlett has been at WEPS for 13 years. She has so greatly contributed to the success of our school and continues to have such an amazing impact on our students. Her passion for high quality teaching and learning is still extremely evident and I know all students will be very sad to see her go. Our staff certainly will notice a very big difference without Mrs Bartlett's energy. The teacher replacing Mrs Bartlett will be communicated as soon as that Expression of Interest process is completed.

Welcome Back Mrs Causer

At the end of last term, we farewelled Mrs Causer as she became the Learning Support Teacher Assistant Principal. Due to changes in the circumstances of the person who is substantive in that position, Mrs Causer will be returning to WEPS in Week 3. We are extremely excited to welcome Mrs Causer back. Mrs Smith will continue to work in the role of early interventionist one day per week. Her commitment and dedication to this role has been greatly appreciated and we just couldn't let her go!

Schools Are Busy (and Innovative) Places

Term 1 was such a busy and productive term. We purchased a large amount of new literacy resources, such as high quality texts and K-2 readers. We also completed a whole school technology audit and purchased three new interactive panels that will be going into 5/6B, 3/4C and KB. Our English leadership team were involved in high quality, ongoing mentoring and professional learning with Literacy Leader and Guru, Jann Farmer-Hailey. We are looking into new furniture for our library and investing in a bank of student laptops to support our Bring Your Own Device system that currently exists in Stage 3. Getting air conditioning in all classrooms is well underway, with electrical testing being completed and now awaiting funding from assets. Our electrical school sign and new bell system is also in motion.

Thank You P&C!

Last term, we had a large number of events run by our P&C. On the last Thursday of term, we had our Easter Hat Parade, which was followed by a BBQ. There were a large amount of parents involved in making this day the success it was and we want to say a very big thank you for your time. A particular mention must go to Roxy, Jackie and Amanda as they put in an extreme amount of effort both wrapping all of the Easter raffle prizes and having the BBQ set up. Feeding over 150 people at once certainly isn't an easy task. We made \$481 at the Easter Hat BBQ. Thanks to Monique, Carla and Glynis for making some lovely slices, cakes and Easter treats. Thank you also to Peter and Steve for cooking the BBQ, they did an amazing job! Lastly, thank you to our amazing crew of volunteers, who always put their hand up to help out. We are very lucky to have such a great parent community.



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ANZAC Day Service

On the last day of Term 1, we had a very respectful and moving ANZAC Day Ceremony, which was coordinated by Mrs Bell, Mrs Carter and our student leadership team. Our Stage 2 students did a very heartfelt choir performance and it really was highly impressive to see the level of respect all of our students displayed throughout the service. Our special guests commented on this during our morning tea. I would like to thank Mrs Bell, Mrs Carter and the student leaders for their outstanding coordination of this ceremony.

Kinder 2020 Information Night

With 2019 well and truly in full swing, we are getting many enquiries about Kindergarten 2020. For this reason, we are holding a Kindergarten Info Session on Wednesday 15th May at 5:00pm in the Kindergarten classrooms. This event is for parents/carers; future students will attend the orientation sessions later in the year. We ask that all parents/carers who are interested in their child attending our beautiful school attend so they can hear from both the Kindergarten teachers and myself about Woonona East Public School and the journey to a wonderful start to Kindergarten.

Railway Pde Mural Project

As you would remember from our Week 4, Term 1 newsletter, we have been working on school improvements on the Railway Pde side of our school. Our mural project has recently sparked interest in some of our parent community, which is fantastic. A very big thank you to Mignon for her countless hours of assistance with this project. Due to an increased interest in the murals, we have slowed down the process and are getting all members of the school community to vote on their preference for the mural designs. We have also changed the mural locations to the back of the Northern brick building and the 5/6 demountable. If you would like to give your feedback on the designs and you haven't already emailed our school, please do so to be added to the distribution list. Our school's email address is: woononaest-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

New Vegie Garden

After the P&C have secured a grant for a new vegie garden last year, we are now about to see it come to fruition. Our new vegie garden is going in near our school hall, which is very exciting as it will be in bounds and accessible for all students. Our stage groups are going to have a garden bed each and will have their own systems for caring for their plants. We would like to thank the P&C for their commitment to this project within our school and Popes Produce for bringing this all to life. We hope to have the vegie gardens in by Week 4 of this term.

Term Invoicing

We are moving to a term invoicing system from this term. What this means is that all payments for Term 2 will be in your Term 2 invoice, that will go home by Friday of Week 3. The only payments not included in the term invoice will be those that don't apply to all students in a class/grade group, such as the cost of a district sports carnival. We hope that this will make it far more straight forward to budget for the term as well as assisting you to make one online payment, rather than needing to find money numerous times throughout the term; we certainly are becoming a cashless society. Online payments also significantly decrease the time our office staff need to spend on banking and administration.

Have a wonderful fortnight,

Ms Emily Corcoran.



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What's Coming Up?

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
<u>Thursday 2nd May:</u> District Cross Country	<u>Thursday 9th May:</u> Mothers' Day Stall	<u>Tuesday 14th May:</u> NAPLAN Begins NIAECG Meeting - all welcome to attend P&C Meeting at 7:00pm in staff room <u>Wednesday 15th May:</u> Whole School Assembly at 2:15pm in hall Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Night <u>Friday 17th May:</u> National Walk Safely to School Day Aboriginal Language, Art and Dance Program begins

Sport News From Mr Cummins:

Congratulations to Taj Demito who was chosen to represent South Coast at the NSW PSSA Boys Football State Championships to be held in Bathurst 28-30 May 2019.

All the best to the students representing Woonona East at the North Wollongong District Cross Country this Thursday at Bulli Park. As well, good luck to our boys and girls football teams and our cricket team who will be facing Woonona School in the State Knockout Football (Wednesday) and Cricket (Friday). A very busy week for some students.

For the first time in many years we have State Knockout Boys Basketball team and they will compete on Thursday 9 May in a round robin tournament against Austinmer, Woonona and Keiraville schools.

Thank you to Steve Delaney, Cooper and Jazmyn's dad, who took the boys through training sessions last term. Steve is the South Coast Combined High Schools Boys Coach and his knowledge is very much appreciated.

And a very big start to the term to Brody McPhee who will be representing South Coast in the NSW PSSA Boys Basketball Championships from Tuesday 7 May to Wednesday 9 May at Maitland, as well as representing South Coast in the NSW PSSA Australian Football Championships from Tuesday 21 May to Thursday 23 May at Penshurst, along with Ben Fletcher it's a great achievement to make two South Coast teams and we wish him great success. Good luck to Harry Sargent-Wilson who will be at the Regional Rugby League Trials on Friday!





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Canteen News:

Woonona East Primary School Canteen Roster 2019- Term 2

WEEK	DATE	MONDAY	TUESDAY (9-2pm)	WEDNESDAY (9-2pm)	THURSDAY (9-2pm)	FRIDAY (12-2pm)
1	29th April-3rd May	Closed	Jackie R	Kate R	Roxanne M	Nicole A
2	6th May-10th May	Closed	Olga H	Carla W (Sushi Day)	Amanda D	Simone B
3	13th May-17th May	Closed	Michelle F/Leasa L	Jackie R	Naomi L/Serene C/Mei/Jackie (SOUP/DAY)	Naomi G
4	20th May-24th May	Closed	Lisa W	Roxanne M		Cassie/Dee 12-2
5	27th May-31st May	Closed	Roxanne/Ashley M	Kate R	Nicole A	Ben L
6	3rd June-7th June	Closed	Sarah/Margy/Jackie R	Roxanne M	Lisa W	Simone B
7	10th June-14th June	Closed	Michelle F/Leasa L	Carla W/Jackie R (Greek Day)	Dayna F/?	Naomi G
8	17th June-21st June	Closed	Jenny G	Lisa W		Cassie/Dee 12-2
9	24th June-28th June	Closed	Roxanne/Ashley M	Kate R (Sushi Day)	Lisa W	Nicole A
10	1st July-5th July	Closed		Roxanne M		Simone B





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P&C Fundraising News:

This term we have a few fundraising events coming up.

Woolworths Earn and Learn 1st May to 25th June

Please collect your stickers and hand into the school.

Mothers Day Stall – Thursday 9th May – 9am to 11.30

There are gifts available from \$2 to \$6

We need approx 5 volunteers to help at the stall

Federal Election – Saturday 18th May – 8am to 2pm

Help is needed 8am - 2pm with 3 – 4 people each shift.

Shifts are roughly:

8am to 10am

10am to 12pm

12pm to 2pm

Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 8th June – 8am to 4pm

WEPS will be running the BBQ at the Bunnings Bellambi on the 8th June.

Help is needed 8am - 4pm with 3 – 4 people each shift.

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Otherwise donations would be greatly appreciated by Thursday 16th May of the following;

- * Foil Trays
- * Spray oil
- * Paper Towel
- * Napkins
- * Cans of Coke, Coke Zero, and Fanta.

These can be left at the Front Office.

Please see Roxy if you can help,
call or message me 0417 491155

Crazy Colour Walk – Friday 5th June

More information to come.

We Need Your Help





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Easter Hat Parade:





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ANZAC Day Ceremony:

