



**WAUBRA**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Respect: *Be Thoughtful*

Excellence: *Do your very best*

Integrity: *Do the Right Thing*

Responsibility: *Be in charge of  
yourself*

# Newsletter

Term 4 Week 12 20th December 2023

## Important Dates and INFORMATION

### January

29th—Staff Back at School

30th—Student Testing Day

31st—Student Testing Day

### February

1st—All students return

7th—No Foundation Students

14th—No Foundation Students


21st—No Foundation Students

28th—No Foundation Students

### Waubra Primary School's Vision

To develop academically and socially confident students in an engaging learning environment, where they are inspired to reach their full potential.



SUN PROTECTION and the UV INDEX										
Low		Moderate			High		Very High		Extreme	
UV INDEX 1	UV INDEX 2	UV INDEX 3	UV INDEX 4	UV INDEX 5	UV INDEX 6	UV INDEX 7	UV INDEX 8	UV INDEX 9	UV INDEX 10	UV INDEX 11+
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Unless outdoors for extended periods, or near reflective surfaces such as snow or water.		Wear sun-protective clothing, a broad-brimmed hat and sunglasses. Apply SPF30+ sunscreen to any unprotected skin. Seek shade.								
										

## ***Rose Bourke***

*For demonstrating all of our school values by:*

Developing into a resilient young learner. Rose has worked hard throughout the whole year, achieving lots of great things. Most importantly, Rose has grown in confidence and is expressing herself more and more as the year goes on. Well done Rose, on a fantastic year at school!

***Awarded by Mr Barrett***



## ***Hunter White***

*For demonstrating all of our school values by:*

Achieving some awesome results across all learning areas this year. You are a very knowledgeable student Hunter, and you have the potential to do great things with your life. Remember to make good decisions and not let distractions get in the way of your learning! Well done on a great year and good luck in Grade 4!

***Awarded by Tim***



## ***Grade 6 Students***

*For demonstrating all of our school values by:*

Planning, writing, editing and reading their speeches in front of a large audience! The feedback I received about how amazing you guys spoke and the high quality of your writing was astounding! Well done, Grade 6!

***Awarded by Ms Mester***

Respectful Relationships

Award

*Term 4 Week 10 2023*

Congratulations



Jed Townsend

Johnny Davidson & Grade 5 Students

Thank you for helping to promote and  
model respect, positive attitudes and  
behaviours in our school



## ***Jackson Pitkethly***

*For demonstrating all of our school values by:*

Continuing to show great enthusiasm in the classroom, right until the end of term. Jackson has shown that a great attitude goes a long way in term 4. This is even more impressive as we have worked through a 12-week term, and a long year especially for Foundation students. Well done, Jackson! Your positivity is rubbing off on all your classmates and the teachers as well.

***Awarded by Mr Barrett***



## ***William Martin***

*For demonstrating all of our school values by:*

Making some positive steps in your learning over the past year. You have had some great moments throughout 2023 and have shown more maturity in the way that you approach all your learning. Good luck next year in Grade 5, Will!

***Awarded by Tim***



## ***Tori Clark***

*For demonstrating all of our school values by:*

Being thoughtful, inclusive, and curious when asking questions! Tori you have an amazing sense of wonder about everything. Your questions for the CFA showed this curiosity and they benefited everyone who was listening, expanding all our knowledge! You are amazing Tori!

***Awarded Katie Mester***



Respectful Relationships

Award

*Term 4 Week 11 2023*

Congratulations



Jack Soulsby

Rylan Vella & Peggy Davidson

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I write my final newsletter for the year, it is amazing to reflect on how much our students' have achieved with the support and guidance of our wonder Teachers and ES staff. From House Sports, to the Formula 1 learning experience, Kids in Space presentations, Grip Leadership, to School Camp, Extreme Darren's BMX Tricks, Science Day at ACU, Grade 6 Graduation, Celebration Day and finally a visit from Mrs Claus. Our staff really do go above and beyond to ensure every single student gets the opportunity to succeed and exposure to learning experiences vaster than inside the classroom.

On top of all of these educational experiences we successfully completed our school review which was rewarding and a fantastic opportunity to show off all the hard work our school has done to ensure our school is a wonderful place to be. I walked away with an incredible sense of pride for our school community.

Thank you to our exceptional School Captains' Nelly Molloy and Georgie Koros who have set an incredible standard for school leadership.

With the end of the year comes the time to say goodbye to some staff. Goodbye to Sensei who has taken on a teaching role in far North NSW. Thank you for your last 2 years and re-engaging our students with Japanese. We also say farewell to Mr Williams who will begin a fulltime classroom teaching role at Newlyn PS for 2024. Mr Lauchlan Williams will finish up as our STEM Teacher and Marc Van Teacher. Thank you Mr Williams for the past 3 year's and the multiple roles you have taken on for our school community. Newlyn have picked up a gem and are very lucky to have you.

And finally we say goodbye to our one and only Mr B. Mr Barrett has made an incredible impact with his knowledge and expertise in the classroom. On top of that, Mr B has made incredible relationships and has really shown what a fantastic, caring person he is. From social outings, to helping carry little one's to the car, or just spending time with parents and talking about their child, Mr B has been an absolute star and we will all miss him. (Mr B doesn't want to leave us). Good luck for next year Steve and please know you are very much part of our Waubra family. And yes, Mr B very much looks like Chris Lilley (Photo: Mr G and Mr B)



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## **NEW STAFF 2024**

Next year we welcome Emily Lindsey who will take on the role of Japanese Teacher. We also welcome Ingrid diBree who will be our ART Teacher for 2024. Both Emily and Ingrid are excited to start at Waubra PS. We can't wait to welcome them into our school community.

## **CELEBRATION OF LEARNING EXHIBITION**

Well done to all students who worked hard in preparing their high quality work that was on display at last week's Celebration of Learning. It was a wonderful turn out. A massive thank you to Ms Hurse for her inspiration and hard work behind the scenes making it happen.



## **GRADE 6 GRADUATION**

Last Thursday we had the pleasure of celebrating our graduating Grade 6 students'. The graduates enjoyed a nice meal at The Springs Hotel followed by our Graduation Ceremony at the school. It was a wonderful night, with students showing courage and composure performing their speech's in front of a large crowd. Congratulations to our award winners' Olivia Martin (Martha Haylett Courage Award), Amelia Duff (Pyrenees Pen), Maggie Bourke (JSC Award) and Phoenix Caspersz (Lions Club).





# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## 2024 LEADERS

Congratulations to our 2024 student leadership team. Our School Captains' for 2024 will be Marlie Briody and Hope Herbertson. Our House Captains' will be Evelyn Caspersz (Bolton), Khloe Fettes (Springs) and Keong Mac (Mullawallah). At our first assembly in 2024 on Monday 5th February, our leaders will be presented with their badges. Family and friends are invited to attend.



## 2024—RETURN DATES

The school will open on **Monday 29th January** for staff. On this day, staff will be completing their First Aid training and preparing for the term.

**Tuesday 30th January and Wednesday 31st January** will be assessment days which will be booked via COMPASS. These assessment days are incredibly important for your child and their classroom teacher in order to begin the year teaching to your child's point of need. Please make an extra effort to book these in and attend.

The first day of school for students will be **Thursday 1st February**.

*Finally, I hope all of our students and their families have a wonderful and safe break. I look forward to catching up in the new year and can not wait to welcome our new Foundation students into our school.*

**Kane Tolliday—Principal**

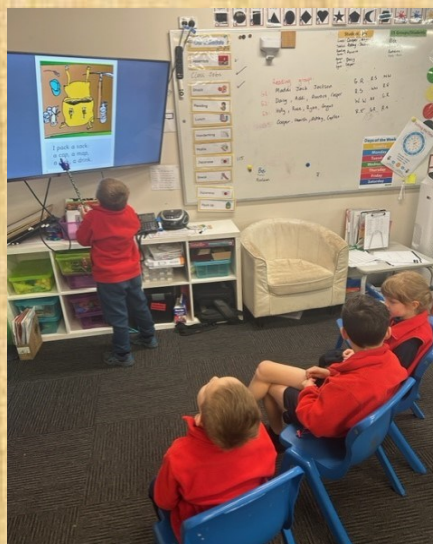
## F/1 classroom

Literacy: Students across the F/1 cohort have been doing an amazing job focusing on their handwriting skills. We have been practicing letter formation as well focusing on what good sentences look like when creating texts.

## Maths:

Our focus in maths has shifted from money and financial maths to subtraction. Students have revisited what they have learnt about addition and been exposed to using some of their skills to count back and take away to solve subtraction problems.

Term three certainly hasn't been dull with plenty of special days and the last two weeks has been no different with our footy colours day. A big thanks again to our parents and families for supporting our kids to dress up and enjoy our school's special occasions!





# Grade 2/3/4 news

Term 4: Week 9 & 10

## Science Day at ACU in Ballarat!



## What's Happening?

Last Thursday we visited ACU in Ballarat for a special Science Day organized by Jayne Briody! The students were in their house groups and participated in 3 rotations which were Science, Nursing and Paramedics. The students also got to spend time in the Anatomy Lab and Physio Room. We would like to thank Jayne and the other staff at ACU for having us and putting on such a fun and informative day! As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for such a great year! I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

### Term 1 Key Dates

- Swimming - Tuesdays (Finishing Week 10)
- MARC Van - Mondays (even weeks)
- Japanese - Mondays (odd weeks)
- Grade Up Day - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December
- Reports Go Home - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Last Day of Term 1 - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December



# Grade 5&6 News!



Grade 5 & 6 have had an fantastic year! We have all grown a little older and a lot wiser. Have a Happy Holidays, stay safe and make sure you keep reading!!



# Art News

10 THE PYRENEES ADVOCATE Friday, December 15, 2023

## Impressive art in Waubra

WAUBRA Primary School held their biennial Art and Learning Exhibition on Monday 11th December. Showcasing their semester of learning in Art, Writing, Maths, Japanese and Respectful Relationships. The school and wider community were invited to attend the exhibition.

The Art program was welcomed wholeheartedly by the students after a brief hiatus.

One exhibit displayed the entries into the National Water Week Poster Competition, of which two creative Waubra students gained a prize.

Ivy Boef won first prize in the Grade 2 section, while Marlie Briody was awarded runner-up in the Grade 5 section.

Also on show were ceramics painted with acrylic paint pens, clay animal creations, Christmas Gongs (the Nordic version of Santa Claus), 3-dimensional art, and student reflections, just to name a few.

Sensei assisted the students to display their learning, which included number and colour board games, name writing in Japanese, and 3-Dimensional models of significant Japanese buildings.

Many thanks go to the community for attending our Art and Learning Exhibition which was deemed a marvellous success!



This group of proud students described their black and white pieces as being "impressive, effective and structurally creative". Marlie Briody, Peggy Davidson, Nelly Molloy, Alice Mac, Victoria Clark and Keong Mac.

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Year 1 student, Cullen Martin was eager to show his younger brother, Eli the 'cool and scary monsters' part of an impressive display of clay models.



Olivia and Will Martin were keen to share the Harmony Day artwork and message which the students created. "We may all be different fish, but in this school we swim together".



One of Waubra Primary School's captains, Nelly Molloy explained that these collages were constructed with no topic in particular, and students were free to create using any print material.



Nelly Molloy shared a display of student work with Cheryl and Rob Hopcroft from Lexton. The students completed fictional writing on an historical event... such topics as 'Going to the Moon', 'The Great Depression', 'My Experience with 911', 'Titanic', 'The Gardens of Babylon' and 'Stalingrad...the Bloodiest Battle' were presented with students recounting their emotions and what they imagined they would have experienced.



Evelyn Caspersz with the hanging mobiles which made for a colourful display.



A statement from the graduate Grade 6 Student, Phoenix Caspersz and the younger Foundation student, Maddison Jeffrey- "This display shows a splash of colour with images popping out."



# WPS BEANIES



Warm up for Winter

Get your WPS Beanie!

They are available to purchase from the office for \$15.00. Or alternatively send money in an envelope marked "Beanie" and your child's name.

**JSC FUNDRAISER**

# Sports Tops



*Sports Tops are*

*Available from the Office*

**\$30.00**



**SLOP!**

on some  
sunscreen

**SLIP!**

on a  
shirt

**SLAP!**

on a  
hat

**SEEK!**

shade

**SLIDE!**

on some  
sunglasses

Waubra Primary School Staff wish all  
families a Merry Christmas and a safe  
and Happy New Year.  
See you all in 2024



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO OR  
WHERE YOU END UP, WE WISH  
YOU A JOYOUS FESTIVE SEASON  
AND A SAFE AND  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY, STAY SAFE OVER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK AND REMEMBER, DOUBLE DEMERIT POINTS.