West Wyalong Public School TERM 4 Week 8 NEWSLETTER Monday 22nd November 2021 Monday 22nd November 2021



From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to Week 8. Planning for the rest of the term is underway with some day excursion being finalised as well as Year 6 graduation and the end of year presentation. We all hope that the activities organised over the next 4 weeks go to plan but please understand that there could still be the possibility that there are changes due to COVID-19 safety procedures.

Last week, I had quite a few opportunities to spend time in classrooms and today I heard some very creative stories written by Kindergarten students. I also got to spend some time with the 2022 Kindergarten students at orientation last Friday. They are all very settled and enjoyed seeing the newly hatched chickens that were in the incubator in the Kindergarten room.

Planning for 2022 is underway, with staffing now finalised and the executives meeting over the next few weeks to plan new activities and classroom structures. Next year, there will be a K-6 support classroom that we have called the "Galang" room, which means Belonging in Wiradjuri language. This room will be staffed with a teacher and School Learning Support Officer everyday and provide personalised learning and wellbeing support for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Next year we will have 10 classes with current projected numbers. A Kindergarten class and then three Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 classes. The Covid Intensive Learning program is also continuing next year with similar funding as this year. This will enable us to employ and train, School Learning Support Teachers to provide extra small group tuition with reading and numeracy for each stage group.

Information is going home today about our presentation assembly on Wednesday 8th December. Please read the details carefully. Family members can attend if they are vaccinated and will need to sit together 1.5m away from other family groups. It will be at McAlister Oval, like last year and we will also have a back up date as the weather is very unseasonal at the moment.

I hope that you all have a great week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jenkins



Lochie, Charlee, Elsie and Billy with the chickens

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Dates for the Diary Monday 15th to Friday 26th November – Intensive Swimming Program Wednesday 8th December – Presentation Day Assembly

SCHOOL NEWS

West Wyalong Public School Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Program

	** November 2021 **			
Date	Starting time	Finishing time	Your child needs to bring	
Friday 26th November	9am	3pm	Hat, recess snack, lunch, drink bottle	

Parents are asked to enter the school through Dumaresq Street gate, due to current Covid restrictions, we ask that you leave your child shortly after drop off. Thank you for your assistance.



Yearbook

Orders and payments are now being taken for the 2021 Newsletter. Order forms were sent home last week with the newsletter and can be found on Skoolbag. Orders need to be in by <u>Wednesday 24th</u> <u>November.</u>

***Book Club**

Issue 8 book club catalogues were sent home with students last week. This is the last book club catalogue for 2021. Books make great Christmas presents. Orders can be placed **online using the Scholastic LOOP website** and there is also a **Scholastic Book Club LOOP for Parents app** available. Otherwise **completed paper order forms** with money need to be returned to the front office. If you have any questions about ordering, please contact the front office to leave a message for Mrs Grimshaw.

All orders for Issue 8 brochures are due back no later than 3:15pm Wednesday 1st December (Week 9).

Thank you to everyone who placed a Book Club order this year to support our school. All your orders earnt rewards points, which our school has used to purchase new books and resources throughout the year.

LITTLESCRIBE BOOK ORDERING



Our students have been busy creating their very own book that will be published by the 'Littlescribe' company. Each student will receive a copy of their book for free with their school report and portfolio in Week 11. If you wish to purchase some extra copies of your child/children's book you will need your child's Littlescribe invitation (sent home from school) and set up a parent account. Instructions on how to order books were attached to Week 6's newsletter. DON'T FORGET THAT TO ENSURE YOUR BOOKS ARE PRINTED AND DELIVERED BY CHRISTMAS YOUR BOOK ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5PM NEXT MONDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2021 (WEEK 9). You are still able to order books after this date but they will be delivered next year.



Library

This is the last week for students to borrow library books for this year. All library books will need to be returned by Friday 3rd December (Week 9).

Just a reminder that the Bland Shire Library is having a launch party and registration day <u>this</u> Wednesday 24th November 3:30-4:30pm for their Summer Reading Club 40 Day Challenge. This is a free event that encourages students aged 5-16 years to read for 40 days from the 1st December 2021 and throughout the upcoming school holidays until 31st January 2022. They offer get prizes along the way to keep you motivated to read.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sports Photos – Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Advanced Life Photography will be here on Wednesday, December 1 to take our House Captain and sporting team photos. Your child has represented our school in at least one of the following PSSA School Teams:

Rugby League, Boys Basketball, AFL, Tennis, Touch Football, Netball or Girls Basketball.

Western Representatives (those who played in a Western Team) will also have their photo taken on the day.

On this day, can your child please bring to school their Western sports uniform/s, football boots and basketball shoes (if applicable). All sports uniforms will be at the school. Headgear and mouthguards are not necessary.

Once the photos have been taken, Advanced Life will send us a link and a code to order them online. This will be put in the newsletter and sent home on a note with your child. They will send them directly to you as the expected date will be 3 weeks after they have been taken, which will be once school has finished for the year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at school. Regards, Sherie Brown Sports Coordinator



Presentation Day 2021

Presentation Day will be held at McAlister Oval on Wednesday 8th December 2021 commencing at 9:30am.

All attendees are required to be free of any flu-like symptoms and must not have been directed to self-isolate by NSW Health. You will need to enter McAlister Oval via Creswell Street and follow COVID sign in procedures on entry. All adults must show evidence of full vaccination.

<u>PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS</u> and set up in family groups behind the cones/markers. Please follow social distancing requirement and sit at least 1.5 meters apart.



We look forward to seeing you at out Presentation Day.

COMMUNITY NEWS





LEARN, EXPLORE & GROW

Introducing participants to a range of life skills such as; First Aid, CPR & Lifesaving skills & techniques. This program incorporates strength and endurance fitnessbased activities in a fun and nurturing environment.

> WHEN: Saturday 27th November WHERE: Holland Park Pool AGE: 8-14 years (must be able to swim 25m confidently)

To enroll your child into this program, follow the link https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/hollandparkpool



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

We are now calling for expressions of interest from people to join our Local Health Advisorv Committees (LHAC) across our region.

LHAC members are volunteers who advocate on behalf of the community. They get involved in discussion around what's important for local people and their health, and provide feedback to the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network around what matters most

Be a voice for health in your community...

- Take a seat at the discussion table
- Provide your feedback and ideas
 Be part of the planning and decision making
 Make a difference

To find out more visit www.mihd.health.nsw.gov.au/getinvolved

or call 0477 359 764 for more information.



Health Murrumbidgee Local Health District

https://www.facebook.com/WestWyalongPS



Cody M, Quade, Josh and Matt







Ava, April, Hazel and Isabella





3-4 Blue Budding Artists.





















Kindergarten Orientation

Day 3



Another fun filled day at 'big school'! This week we had a garden theme...



















Intensive Swimming

Australians love spending time by the water during our hot Summers. Whether it be by the pool, beach, river, lake or the dam at the farm. Swimming is a vital skill for our children to learn. It may save their lives or the life of someone else in the future. During Weeks 7 and 8 Miss Hicks and I accompanied our enthusiastic Year 2 children and some Year 3 children to the pool to participate in our annual intensive swimming program. This year our program was fully funded by the NSW Public School Swimming Scheme and Sporting Schools Australia. The funding enabled us to provide 3 Austswim trained instructors to teach our children to swim. Our students were split into three different groups Starfish, Dolphins and Marlins. The **Starfish** swimmers were still gaining confidence in the water. They played lots of fun games like what's the time Mr Wolf and ring o ring a rosie to help build their confidence in the water. The Dolphins were confident in the water but needed to develop the freestyle technique. They participated in lots of drills to perfect the 123 breath technique of freestyle. The amazing Marlins were confident swimmers who worked with Eric from Holland Park Pool to extend the distance they could swim and learn some valuable life-saving skills.

Our students are to be commended on their behaviour at Holland Park Pool and the effort they put into improving their swimming. I highly recommend that you take advantage of all this enthusiasm and continue working on your child's swimming over the vacation period. Holland Park Pool run three day intensive programs over the Summer that are an excellent building block to your child becoming a confident swimmer. It is also important to take your child to a pool to just PLAY! Water play helps build confidence and provide hours of enjoyment. Mrs Fealy













Intensive Swimming

























