



Newsletter: 6 Thursday 16th May 2024

Vision:

Our school empowers all students to embrace learning, achieve their personal best while developing their emotional, social and physical wellbeing, and through this make positive contributions to the community.

WELSHPOOL AND DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL No:53996

Attitude to School Survey

Students in Grades 4-6 will receive information next week about their participation in the Attitude to School Survey. This is a Department of Education survey administered each year to capture student voice. Areas surveyed range from student engagement, wellbeing, resilience, bullying and life in general. Students will participate in the survey in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

School Hours

We have had a number of incidents of students being dropped off very early in the morning and late to be collected in the afternoon. Please note that the supervised hours of operation are 8:45 through to 3:20.

Staff have commitments in the morning and afternoon which usually involves class and material set up for the day and/or meetings and professional development.

If there are changes to your child's pick up please contact the office prior to 3pm so that we can accommodate these changes.

We are extremely fortunate at WDPS that we have a before and after school service. TheirCare hours of operation are 7-8:45 in the morning and 3:20-6 in the evening. Please engage this service if you require students at school outside the normal operating times. Lucas, our new WDPS Theircare educator is more than happy to assist families setting up bookings.

Illness

We have a number of bugs and illnesses floating around the area and slowly making their way to school. Please ensure any child who is unwell remains home from school. We would appreciate notification if your child has anything that is likely to be passed onto the others. We have staff and students who are immune compromised. Notification for these families ensures their health and safety.

Mitch Tambo and The Voice of Lele

We are very excited to host Mitch Tambo and his wife, Lele, this Friday 17th May. Mitch will provide an interactive First Nations cultural performance followed by a yarnning circle. Lele's performance promotes empathy and cultural awareness.



Dates for the calendar

May

Fri 17th Mitch Tambo and Lele performance
Fri 17th Grade 6 Winter Sports @ Korumburra
Thur 23rd Division Cross Country
Fri 24th Grade 6 Winter Sports @ Foster
Fri 31st District Winter sports play off

June

Fri 7th Curriculum Day Report writing day
no students at school, TheirCare operational
Mon 10th Kings Birthday Public holiday
Tues 11th School Council meeting
Fri 28th End of term 2 2:30pm dismissal

As always, if you require anything please do not hesitate to contact us, either via the office or directly to the classroom teacher.

Gabrielle Boyd Principal
Little School, Big Heart



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Student Awards



Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Awards:

Week 3

P/1— # **Zuri** for making good choices and trying really hard with her learning
2/3 — # **Hoorain** for 100% in all activities
4/5/6—#

Week 4

P/1— # **Resham** for showing the school value of community
2/3 — # **Beau** for good work in writing
4/5/6— # **Dylan** for his productivity in class



Congratulations to all the students who have earned reading awards.



Art



P/1/2/3 and 4/5/6 students have had freeman teaching art since he has been on placement.

During Freeman's art lessons students practiced creating art as a team. One of the activities which was a great hit was drawing on a students back and the other student would need to draw what they felt was being drawn. We had some very accurate pictures then we also had some very crazy pictures which all students enjoyed sharing with each other.

The lions club peace poster competition is coming up in the next coming art lessons.

Mrs Wade



Artist of the Month

Artist of the month has been chosen to celebrate all the lovely work and effort students have put in to create their own artwork.

Artist: Harvey

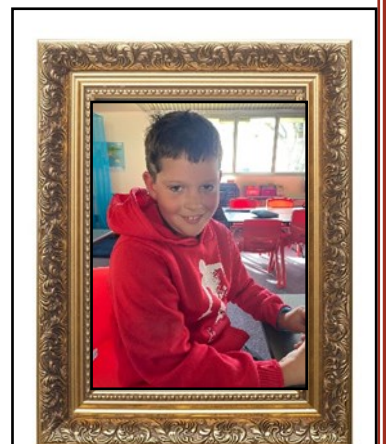
Harvey has been very focused in art this term. He has been listening to the art instructions and trying to get all of his work completed in the set time. Harvey created a great ANZAC day artwork. Harvey also did a great job in art class while Freeman was teaching.

What do you love about art? I love drawing and its really cool and I love making things. I just enjoy it.

What has been your favourite art activity? Colouring is my favourite.

What is your favourite material to use in art? (e.g. paint) I like to use everything to make art.

Mrs Wade





Mother's Day afternoon tea

Last Friday afternoon, the 10th of May we had our Mother's Day afternoon tea. Students invited mothers, grand mothers and special people to celebrate Mother's Day. It was wonderful to see so many come to our afternoon tea. Students spoil their loved ones with gifts purchased from the Welshpool op-shop as well as hand made cards and a key chain. Students waited on their guests ensuring they had food and a drink. It was a great afternoon, enjoyed by all.

Thank you all who attended and made the event so lovely.

Mrs Wade



Physical Education



In PE lessons the grades Prep-3 students have been introduced to a variety of different cooperative games. The students have worked on following rules and developing strategies for games.

Lessons have included games and activities that allow the students to develop accuracy with throwing, catching and kicking.

The grades 4,5,6 students are currently exploring the skills around soccer, and have been participating in activities and games where they can apply passing, shooting and dribbling skills.

Mr Moore

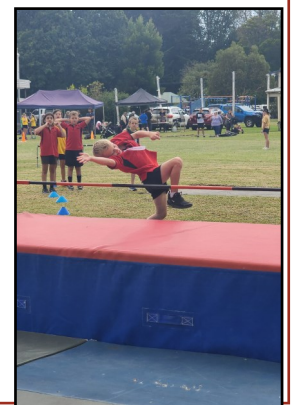


Athlete of the Month

Bray Anedda is this months Athlete of the month.

Bray is a passionate participant in PE lessons. He shows excellent sportsmanship and is encouraging and supportive of his peers. Bray participated strongly at the Prom Coast Athletics and competed in the 800m at the District Athletics. Bray has also qualified for the division cross-country which will be held next Thursday at the Stony Creek Racecourse.

Mr Moore





Musician of the Month

The Music Award for April goes to a Grade 6 student.

He always makes an excellent contribution to music class, he is developing some good music skills, he's helpful and he sets a good example to others.

The music award will be presented at assembly.

Mrs Dower



MARC Preview of Learning – Term 2 2024

MARC Library teaching sessions support the love of literature, knowledge and understanding of how books 'work' and the features of picture fiction, fiction and non-fiction books.

In our teaching sessions we choose books according to themes, ideas, units of learning, problem solving and enjoyment.

Of course, one of the highlights of a MARC session is going into the van to choose a book. What will I find? What will I read? Students love to browse and discuss their choice with other students. They question as to whether a particular book is available and also enlighten us to the fact that a certain book has been published and maybe we should purchase it.

Students can borrow a book for two weeks and then return and borrow another two. We have a number of books overdue at this point in time. If your child has an overdue book could you please help your child/children to locate and return books. They are labelled and have a distinctive green dot on the spine. Thank you.

The following is an outline of our timetable in Term 2.

Week	Junior	Middle	Senior
1	New Literature Night Watch by Jodi Toering Tannya Harricks This beautiful book gave students the opportunity to learn about a unique native bird.	New Literature Steve Irwin - Little People, Big Dreams series by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vergara. This book explored the dreams and achievements of the Australian 'Steve Irwin'.	New Literature Name That Thing by Dr Gareth Moore Students avidly shared this book working out what a thing was according to given clues.
2	ANZAC The Hidden Hat by Phil Cumming Sharing a Grandpa's war memories.	ANZAC Wear a Purple Poppy by Fiona White A 'look' at some of the working animals taken to assist during war time.	ANZAC ANZAC Animals by Maria Gill Learning about service animals and the role of mascots during war time.
Weeks 3-5	Topic studies - Boats Books which explore the definition of a boat, their uses, how they move and where they are used.	Topic studies – Inventions. Books which provoke students to question the skills and qualities needed to invent something new.	Topic study-collage Learning about collage and the different techniques which can be used by artists to illustrate picture books.
Weeks 6 – 8	First Nations All students will share stories by author Gregg Dreise	First Nations All students will share stories by author Gregg Dreise	First Nations Students will share stories by various First Nations authors.
Week 9-10	Library Skills – Parts of a book	Library Skills – Genre, book features.	Library Skills – Dewey System of cataloguing books
11 –	Beautiful New Literature	Beautiful New Literature	Beautiful New Literature

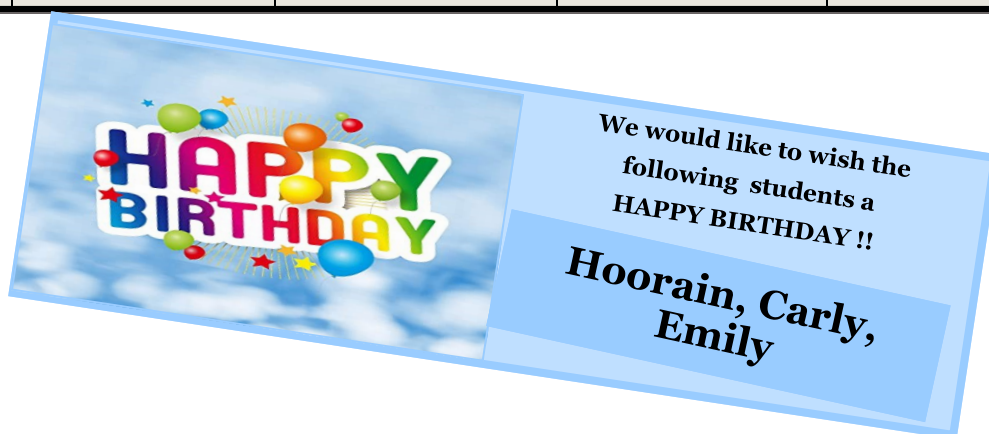
Yours in reading and learning.

Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott

WDPS Looking ahead 2024



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T2 WEEK 5	<u>May 13</u>	14 School Council	15	16 Newsletter	17 Mitch Tambo & Lele Performance Grade 6 winter sports @ Korumburra
T2 WEEK 6	20	21	22	23 Division Cross County	24 Grade 6 winter sports @ Foster
T2 WEEK 7	27	28	29	30 Newsletter	31 District Winter Sports play off
T2 WEEK 8	<u>June 3</u>	4	5	6	7 REPORT WRITING CURRICULUM DAY
T2 WEEK 9	10 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	11 School Council	12	13 Newsletter	14
T2 WEEK 10	17	18	19	20	21
T2 WEEK 11	24	25	26	27 Newsletter	28 End of Term 2 2.30 dismissal
T3 WEEK 1	<u>July 15</u> Start Term 3	16	17	18	19
T3 WEEK 2	22	23	24	25 Newsletter	26





Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

Congratulations to Wade Bland/Sinead Hilder for their winning bid on our auction for the signed Geelong Football Guernsey. The money raised will once again go to our redevelopment of our basketball court.

Please keep an eye out in the coming weeks when we start our major fundraiser for Term 2. We will be selling 'funky socks' from Jolly Soles. Let's all add a little colour to our feet.

Lisa Van Kuyk



**BBQ
WEDNESDAY
ORDERS IN BY
WEDNESDAY**



URGENT
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
In order to continue our BBQ Wednesdays we are desperately needing more volunteers. If you can assist us with any of the dates for the upcoming term please make contact with Lisa Van Kuyk or the school office.

SCHOOL BBQ ROSTER Term 2

May

Wed 22nd—Jenelou
Wed 29th—Sandra

June

Wed 5th—Kerri
Wed 12th - Sandra
Wed 19th - Lisa V
Wed 26th - Kerri

HELPERS NEEDED FOR TERM 3

****Helpers needed****

Please contact Lisa Van Kuyk if you are able to help.



WDPS HOTDOG ORDER FORM



NAME: _____

	Description	\$	QTY	Total \$
Hotdog		\$2.00 ea		
Drink	Choc/Straw/Plain Milk	\$1.50 ea		
	Juice Box	\$1.50 ea		
Icy Poles	Various Flavours	\$0.50 ea		
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*Community
Information & Events*

