



Wongarbone Public School Newsletter

18 May 2018 ~ Term 2 Week 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well done to students in Years 3 and 5 who participated in the NAPLAN assessments this week. All students gave their best and didn't appear to be too bothered with the assessments, which is great. Results will be available and sent home to parents in August.

Years 3 to 6 also enjoyed the Robotics workshops earlier this week. I saw some great coding and problem solving occurring over the two days. My class has continued this with some additional research into coding and beginning to unravel some other Scratch projects. They are really sinking their teeth into this!

Yesterday afternoon I attended another Year 6 to Year 7 transition meeting for the Dubbo College. These meetings occur regularly to ensure the transition to high school can be as smooth as possible. Year 6 students who have applied to be a member of the Academic Extension Class for 2019 will be undertaking the entry test this coming **Wednesday, 23 May**. You are asked to be at **Dubbo College, Senior Campus Hall** by **8:45am**. The test will commence at 9am and conclude at **12:30pm**. Parents are required to take their children to Senior Campus in the morning and collect them at the

Thought for the week:

"You haven't failed, until you stop trying." Unknown

conclusion to bring them back to school. I'm sure those students will do wonderfully and I am looking forward to hearing their thoughts on the test.

Staff commenced annual child protection lessons this week. This is a mandatory component of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus. These lessons continue next week with workshops led by facilitators to deliver additional content. Again, as this is a mandatory component of your child's education, there is no cost to parents for these workshops – the school will fully cover the cost.

Mrs Rogers and I will be attending an Instructional Leaders Network Meeting on Thursday where we will hear from Literacy and Numeracy specialists from State Office. On Friday morning, I am meeting with Marg Carey, Principal - School Leadership, at our school to discuss the next steps for our 2018-2020 Management Plan. Another busy but rewarding week for all at Wongarbone PS!

Have a great week,

Regards,

Paul
Principal (rlg)

'Try Always'

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Can be paid at the school office or online at <http://www.wongarbone-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

CALENDAR TERM 2

Wednesday..... May 23
P&C meeting 7pm

Friday May 25
Year 3/4 assembly

Thursday..... May 31
Dubbo Eisteddfod

Friday June 1
K/1 assembly

Wednesday..... June 6
Dubbo District Cross Country

Monday..... June 11
Queen's Birthday holiday

Tuesday June 12
School Council meeting 7pm

NOTES DUE

Eisteddfod – Choir
PD Health – Year 6

SCHOOL TERMS 2018

Term 2..... Apr 30 - Jul 6

Term 3..... Jul 23- Sept 28

Term 4..... Oct 15 - Dec 19

Term 1 2019..... Jan 29 - Apr 12



KINDERGARTEN 2019

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2019.

If you have a child or know of a child wanting to commence Kindergarten at Wongarbone Public School in 2019, please contact the School Office on 6887 8242 via email: Wongarbone.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to enrol your child.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Please note on your calendars that our School Photo Day will take place on Tuesday, 14 August.

HEAD'S UP! ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Dubbo Wellington Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 6 July at Barden Park in Dubbo.

All students will need to make their own transport arrangements to and from the venue.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the families who have paid their school contributions. Let's aim for a high return in 2018 as this money will subsidize many student activities.



YEAR 6 PD HEALTH

Nikki Giddings, the Women's Health Nurse from Wellington Community Health will be presenting a personal development program on topics including puberty and body parts for our Year 6 students on Wednesday, 30 May from 9.00am – 12:30pm at Wongarbone Public School.

Nikki will be running a combined session for both boys and girls. The girls and boys will then have an additional separate presentation following the combined session.

This presentation is part of our school's PDHPE program which aims to help our students develop and lead healthy, active and fulfilling lives.

Please complete the attached permission note and return to the school office before Friday, 25 May 2018.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Term 2 Week 2

Class Award

Year 5/6	Mia, Rikki Ann, Logan
Year 3/4	Panayiota, John, Lyla
K/1/2	Lachlan, Ruby, Blake

Performance Award

Year 5/6	Mitchell, Benji, Courtney
Year 3/4	William L, Darnell, Kiara
K/1/2	Ayla, Elil L, Antonios

Book Award

Year 5/6	Year 3/4	K/1/2
Tyler	Lilly	Ben

Principals Award

Jayden

Library Awards

Amos, William J, Mitchell, Kiah, Lilly, Adelaide, Ella, Mia, Jessica, Rikki Ann, John, Hamish

SRC FUNDRAISER NEXT WEEK FOR STEWART HOUSE



Our very own industrious SRC representatives will be fundraising for Stewart House next week - Monday, 21 May through to Friday, 25 May by selling Stewart House high bounce hand balls for \$3 to the students in the playground before school.

Stewart House is located at South Curl Curl and provides respite care to children who are in need of a break from their everyday life. Each year 1, 800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthy lifestyle.

The SRC thanks you for your anticipated support of this worthy cause.

UQ ROBOTICS



ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

On the fourteenth of May we had Anna, Holly and Laura come out to our school and they taught us how to do programming.

First we had a play around with OzoBots and we had to sign up on an Ipad or laptop to get to the page. Then we had to refresh them by putting them onto something white, such as paper, and it had to load. It took me three turns to get it to work it was annoying, and then we had a little play around with them.

After we had lunch we came back in side and we had a turn of the BlueBots. They are like OzoBots but bigger and they connect to the Bluetooth that's why they are called BlueBots. So after we connected them we had to pick up a card and where ever the

card said to go you had to put your BlueBots onto the starting point and on the Ipad you had to put the arrows places to get to your destination. It was fun.

Then we had a turn of Scratch Jr. So we had to get a background and we had to pick our characters. I had a beach background with a surfboard standing up and I had a dog running away from the four owners which were mum, dad, teen and child. The dad was walking to the surfboard and the mum was chasing the dog while the teen was laughing and the child was swimming.

It was really fun! I recommend robotics for everyone - you really learn heaps and you have a good experience at learning programming.

Rikki-Ann





ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

On the 14th of May, we got to improve the robotics skills we gained last year, although this time we used Ipads, Ozobots, Blue Bots and a website called Scratch. First we opened a website called Ozoblockly, where we created a program by putting blocks together on the screen. We then put our Ozobots on a white spot on the screen to reboot them and load the programs onto them. When I put mine on the table it spun around and flashed lights of all different colours. It was having a little dance party all by itself!

After our lunch break, we split into two groups. One group got to work with the Ipad and the others got to program the Blue Bots. I got to work with the Blue Bots. They're bigger, bug inspired bots that one would program by connecting it to the Ipad via Bluetooth, putting in commands on the Ipad and pressing go to make them act out the commands. We had the bots on a small piece of paper with a map on it, and our objective was to get them from one square of the map to the other. I got to do so with Skye and Rikki-Ann. We messed up a few times, but we're only human. Humans make mistakes!

When we swapped over, I created my first ever animation on a website called Scratch.

It was very strange.

Two characters stood on either side of the screen. The background was a lake with a dark blue and purple colour palette. They walked forward to the middle of the screen, spun around in a full circle and paused for a moment.

"Heck," the one on the right said.

"Indeed," the other one replied.

I believe a round of applause is in order!

When we had to pack up, the lady who seemed to be in charge said that she would be publishing our animation for all Scratch users to see.

Heck.....

By Elliot

