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NEWSLETTER

Woodanilling
PRIMARY

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From the Principal

WELCOME

It has been rewarding to see familiar faces, and a couple of new faces in our class. The Kindy children have settled in very well and I am impressed by the kindness of our older students in helping them adjust and managing challenges such as lunch box catches.

Mrs Jagers is settling in well, and the classroom is reflecting the children's early-term creativity. Miss Fidler continues in her capacity as our ECE Assistant and the capable Ms Hannan as Class Assistant.

The children went on a historical walk around the community with me as part of our History unit which we are starting. I have also sent some investigation notes home, thank you for cooperating and sending the information back. It makes a difference when history is personal.

MASKS

Masks are worn by staff except when they are teaching. We are mindful of the level of anxiety in the community and are under clear directions from Department of Education. Parents are no longer able to enter the classroom. It is designed to minimise the number of people in the school. Thank you for your co-operation, we love having you in school.

Signing in and out of school is now done using an iPad Visitor Management system, the Passtab App at the office desk. All visitors must be masked when indoors.

SCHOOL HOURS

Classroom doors are open from 8:30am, for an 8:55am start. This allows students time to settle and be ready to learn.

School finishes at **2:35pm** on Monday and **3:15pm** all other days. It has been lovely seeing parents for collection on an afternoon.

If you need to pick up your child earlier, please contact the office on 9823 2600 to make arrangements.

2022 SCHOOL STAFF

Administration
Fiona Farren – Principal
Kara Flugge - Manager Corporate Services
Teachers
Beth Jagers
Natalia Velasquez – LOTE (Italian)
Education Assistants
Sonja Hannan
Keisha Fidler
Gardener
Kaye Hancock
Cleaner
Maureen Steere
Kim Boyd
School Chaplain
Julie-Ann Evans

Important Dates

School Development Day
4th March

Labour Day Public Holiday
7th March

Clean Up Australia Day
11th March

School Holidays
9th April – 25th April

KATANNING ORAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Sam has been in and done the early assessment of our ECE children, she will contact us and the parents with her findings and our regular KOLP program will commence. I am so impressed with what they have achieved here with the important early years students. We are fortunate to have their expertise available to us.

DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS

School car parks can be very busy in the mornings and afternoons. Staff come and go at different times, bus pick-ups/drop-offs and many parents having younger children with them mean we all need to be mindful of where we park. We ask that parents please utilise the parent car park on Carlisle street for pick up and drop off.

I am looking forward to a happy productive 2022 at Woodanilling PS.

Fiona Farren
Principal

School News

BUSH FIRE ZONE REGISTER

The adverse weather conditions and unprecedented bushfire activity that occurred over the weekend impacted our school and our community in a variety of ways. For those families that have been impacted, we extend our deepest sympathies during this difficult time.

Woodanilling Primary is listed on the Bushfire Zone Register (BZR) and staff are well versed in our emergency and evacuation procedures.

The Department of Education liaises closely with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) to ensure all schools on the BZR are regularly informed with up-to-date information to maximise the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

The Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) website has lots of up-to-date information and activities for families and children. For more information please go to:

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/newsandmedia/Pages/NewsHome.aspx>

If you are making a Bushfire Survival Plan, why not involve your children! It is important that all members of the family are aware of bushfire risks so that they know what to do when a bushfire starts.

https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/schooleducation/parents/Documents/involve_your_kids_-_bushfire_survival_planning.pdf

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Following some concern by community members regarding some local activities, it is advised that calling the following number is very effective in informing the authorities of issues and leads to follow up action by the police.

[Crime Stoppers Western Australia - Report anonymously \(crimestopperswa.com.au\)](#)

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2021

Following endorsement from the School Council, our 6 allocated School Development Days for 2022 will fall on the following dates:

- **Term 1** – Thursday 27th and Friday 28th January
Friday 4th March
- **Term 2** – No School Development Day
- **Term 3** – Friday 19th August
- **Term 4** – Monday 10th October
Friday 16th December

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

As you would be aware, government schools do not have school fees. What we have instead is a system called Voluntary School Contributions. At Woodanilling PS, this is set to \$45.00 a year for each student.

We use these funds to supplement a range of resources and consumables for students such as: cooking and science ingredients, art and craft materials and teaching aids to support learning across the curriculum.

To pay your contribution, you can either pay online via direct debit to:

Account Name: Woodanilling Primary School
BSB: 066 040

Account Number: 1990 0217

If paying via direct debit, please include the child's family name in the description. If you would like to pay via cash or cheque, please come to the front office where Kara will be able to assist you.

Thank you for your support.

Chaplain's Chat

While out on my early morning walk I came across this poor little critter. It had literally tied itself in a knot. Unfortunately, every time it tried to move forward it managed to make the knot tighter. If only it had stopped,



assessed the situation, and retraced his path he would have been free. How often do I get myself in a knot over things? The harder I try, the worse I make things for myself. I can waste so much time, energy and effort in trying to change something when all that is needed is to stop, get a different perspective, and try a new strategy. I didn't know whether to help it, kill it or do nothing. So, I did nothing. I decided to let nature deal with this one.

We don't know what this year will throw at us. (We have had 3 earthquakes in Wagin in 2 weeks!!!) Not to mention all the "unknowns" with Covid. It's easy to get anxious and uptight about things when we may need to just stop and get a different perspective.

I want to emphasise that as we navigate this year we do not need to do it alone. I am available if you want to chat about anything. If you would like to catch up please leave a message at the office for me 9823 2600 or send an email to JulieAnn.Evans@youthcare.org.au). I will contact you so we can meet or chat the next time I am in. I in Woodanilling school every Wednesday. Take care.

Julie-Ann Evans,
Woodanilling Primary School Chaplain

School Nurse

A note from the School Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Sharon Muir and I am the School Health Nurse who visits your school.

School Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Additionally, the nurse can be contacted at any time throughout primary school if you have concerns about your child's health, development or wellbeing.

School Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. They also work in partnership with schools to support teachers in health related curriculum and can assist in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs. The services provided are free and confidential.

Please contact me on 098216278 or Sharon.muir@health.wa.gov.au.

Sharon Muir
School Nurse

WA's Safe Return to School Plan



**Stay safe
going back
to school**

900 public education facilities in Western Australia have been inspected to check the ventilation of every classroom, informing the development of a ventilation strategy for classrooms in all public schools, to minimise impacts of COVID-19.

WA's Safe Return to School Plan includes:

- a ventilation strategy;
- CO2 monitors;
- enhanced cleaning of surfaces;
- mask-wearing for school staff and secondary students;
- vaccinations - staff and regular visitors must be double dose vaccinated, and receive a third dose within one month of becoming eligible, and students are encouraged to be vaccinated as soon as possible;
- hand sanitiser and face masks available;
- physical distancing of staff and other adults, where possible;
- learning contingency plans are in place for remote learning, if required, including hardcopy learning packages, access to online learning resources; and
- arrangements to temporarily replace teachers and other school staff who are required to isolate due to COVID-19.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/announcements/western-australian-schools-safely-open-learning-term-1>

Classroom Update

Welcome back to school

My name is Beth and I have most recently been teaching in Carnarvon. I am excited to be a part of Woodanilling Primary School. I have had a great time getting to know the students at Woodanilling. So far we have made wood face collages, we have measured ourselves with streamers and we have painted self portraits. We are going to have so much fun this term!

Some of the main focuses for the term in each subject will be:

Health all about being a good friend, how to be a bucket filler.

Physical Education fundamental movement skills such as: balance, run, jump and throw. We will be playing games from the Kiddo Sports Program which I am trained in. We also have some hockey coaching in school again.

Design and Technologies we will investigate how forces and the properties of materials affect the behaviour of a product.

Literacy our phonics program is Sounds Write. This is an effective program for both beginning readers and children who are on the road to literacy. The program can identify any concerns and inform the teacher of areas of focus that may be needed. The literature book unit we are starting is *Where The Forest Meets The Sea* by Jeannie Baker. We have been brainstorming the main themes in the story.

Mathematics we will look at shapes, identifying quantities, counting in 2's, tens and ones with blocks, odd and even numbers. We use iMaths which is skills-based and provides investigations that the children thoroughly enjoy.

History is with Mrs Farren, who has been on a community walk with the children looking at the historical artefact around Woody. We have sent home questions to capture some family histories, thank you for your assistance, it is so much more meaningful when history includes their own family.

Science is with Mrs Farren, and we are investigating Biological Science this term. Living things is the unit we are exploring for both groups. The younger children are looking at Living and Non Living and Invertebrates and investigations is the current focus with the primary group. We explored the school grounds with a minibasts spotter sheet and even found a baby gecko (thanks Mia). Mrs Farren is looking for worms and is considering whether we should restart the worm farm she is informed has thrived in the past. If you have snails, could you send a couple in for us to investigate, we could not find any live ones at school (well done Mrs Hancock!)

Visiting pet friend On Tuesday afternoon every fortnight, Liz Worthington continues to bring her exceptionally calm and chill Labrador dog. The children love reading to them even when the dog is fast asleep and snoozing (which does happen, imagine sleeping in a classroom full of children!). Next week we might get to meet her new chocolate puppy after her vaccinations are finished, so exciting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 9823 2600 or via email at beth.jagers2@education.wa.edu.au.

Beth Jagers
Classroom Teacher



Classroom Activities



Community Notices

BETTY TERRY THEATRE
6 TRENT STREET, WAGIN

The King's Man

Friday – 18 February @ 6.30pm
Saturday – 19 February @ 2pm & 6.30pm
Monday – 21 February @ 6.30pm

KIDS - \$8 ADULTS - \$13 CONCESSION - \$11

KIOSK AVAILABLE NO EFTPOS DOORS OPEN 30 MINUTES EARLIER



The Better Health Program is a **free**, online, healthy lifestyle program for 7-13 year olds who are above a healthy weight and their families.

FITTER, HEALTHIER HAPPIER!



Free fitness tracker
& freebie packs

Online activity
sessions & resources

One-on-one
phone-based
health coaching



"With the wonderful help and encouragement from our coach we have made so many positive changes in our diet, in our lifestyle and in our general health and wellbeing."
- Better Health Program Parent



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2022 Parent, Carer, and Families Community Survey

Are you a Parent or Carer of a child/children
aged 0-12yrs?

We want to hear from you!

The Amity Health CfC team would like to hear your thoughts, ideas, and experiences with community based activities and services for children and families in the Great Southern Region and invite you to take part in our short online survey.

Simply Scan the QR code or follow the link below

For more information on activities in your area head to
<https://www.amityhealth.com.au/communities-for-children>



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/85R5CRL>



Enter the prize draw to win 1 of 3 Coles/Woolworths/IGA vouchers worth \$200 each. Simply complete the online survey, fill in the entry details and the lucky winners will be contacted shortly after the closing date of 28th February 2022.

Term 1 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	24 January ADMIN DAY	25 January ADMIN DAY	26 January PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Aus. Day)	27 January SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY	28 January SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY	29 January	30 January
1	31 January Students Resume	1 February <i>Bunuru season</i>	2 February	3 February	4 February	5 February	6 February
2	7 February	8 February	9 February	10 February Newsletter	11 February Student Census	12 February	13 February
3	14 February	15 February	16 February	17 February	18 February	19 February	20 February
4	21 February	22 February	23 February	24 February Newsletter	25 February	26 February	27 February
5	28 February	1 March	2 March	3 March	4 March STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Corwin at Braeside	5 March	6 March
6	7 March PUBLIC HOLIDAY (WA Day)	8 March	9 March	10 March Newsletter	11 March Clean Up Australia Day	12 March	13 March
7	14 March	15 March	16 March	17 March	18 March Hockey Clinic 1-3pm	19 March	20 March
8	21 March	22 March	23 March	24 March Variety Club Visit 2-3pm Newsletter	25 March	26 March	27 March
9	28 March	29 March	30 March	31 March	1 April Hockey Clinic 1-3pm	2 April	3 April
10	4 April	5 April	6 April	7 April Newsletter	8 April Hockey Clinic 1-3pm	9 April	10 April
Hol.	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April	15 April Good Friday	16 April	17 April
Hol.	18 April Easter Monday	19 April	20 April	21 April	22 April	23 April	24 April