



## THE HOOT

Wednesday, 13 December, 2017

### Term 4 Week 10

#### **Thursday 14 December**

- Kindergarten Excursion - Summerland House Farm
- Year 1 Gold Day

#### **Friday 15 December**

- Stages 2 & 3 Gold Day
- Last day of Term 4 for students

### 2018

#### Term 1 Week 1

#### **Monday 29 January**

- Staff Development Day

#### **Tuesday 30 January**

- First day back for students (Years 1 - 6)
- Best Start Interviews for Kindergarten

#### **Friday 2 February**

- First day for Kindergarten

### NOTES AND MONEY DUE

We thank you for your understanding during our recent changes to our school finance system. Payments can now be processed.

**\*\* For payments over \$10.00 our preferred method of payment is POP (Parent Online Payment) or EFT.**

#### **K - Yr 6**

- School Fees: \$55 - 1 student, \$100 - 2 students, \$130 - 3 or more students

**Year 5** - Camp Koinonia, 2018 - \$75 deposit - due 15 December

**Year 6** - Canberra Excursion, 2018 - \$80 deposit - due 15 December

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Welcome to the final newsletter for 2017. What a year it has been! From sporting success to creative pursuits and the introduction of new learning programs, WRPS has had plenty of exciting activities to keep busy. We congratulate all of our students on their commitment, effort and achievements throughout the year. We take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a very safe and relaxing holiday. See you all in 2018!

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## ENRICHMENT GROUPS

In Semester 1, 2018, Stage 2 and 3 will again be combining to participate in Enrichment Groups. We see the continuation of this program as important due to the increased engagement and academic achievements of students and increased student participation in a greater range of activities.



Based on feedback, the 2018 model will look a little different with 2 sessions of 45 minutes each being run in the middle session on a Wednesday. This should allow for fewer interruptions to the program, and maximise learning time in both class and enrichment group settings. Students will be asked to make their 2018 choices tomorrow.



Students will have the opportunity to participate in two different activities. Subject choices will include: Extension Sport, Health and Fitness, Skipping, Construction (STEM), Robotics, Movie Making, Art, Photography, Japanese, Cultural Studies, Paper Crafts, Cooking, Actors Ensemble, Band, African Drumming, Dance, Guitar and Fishing.



### SCHOOL PRESENTATION DAY

On Monday, we had our Presentation Assembly at Southern Cross University. We acknowledged some of our students with awards and announced our 2018 School Captains – Congratulations Abigail, Jed, Katie and Jye! It was lovely to have all of the WRPS students at the presentation supporting and congratulating the achievements of their fellow peers. Thank you to all our guests, patrons, parents, grandparents and carers who came to the University to support our students.

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### STUDENT REPORTS

Reports will be sent home with students today in sealed envelopes addressed to parents. They are a good guide of progress made throughout the year, with students who have achieved the necessary gains being given a grade of "Sound". As always, should the reports raise any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



### YEAR 6 FAREWELL

We now farewell our current Year 6 students and some families who have been a part of our school community for many years. Thank you to the parents who have been such an important part of this education journey. Goodbyes can sometimes be hard, but we know Year 6 students will take many wonderful memories with them. WRPS has done the best it can to equip these students with the tools to follow their path to success. From all of us at WRPS, we wish you the very best for the years ahead.

Please select the following links to view more photos:

- [Year 6 Farewell Arrival](#)
  - [Year 6 Farewell Dinner](#)
  - [Year 6 Photo Fun](#)
  - [Year 6 Finale](#)
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## KEEP ON READING!

The summer holidays are always such a busy time of year. Over this period, there is much to do and kids learn a lot from the many different experiences they have. We ask that families try to find time to continue reading with children to ensure that momentum is not lost over the break. This can be in the form of reading street signs, going to the library or even reading Christmas cards. Any reading that can be done will help the kids get back into the full swing of school at the start of 2018.



## STUDENT EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018

### Kinder and Stage 1 (Years K, 1, 2)

All necessary stationery and equipment is provided. There is no need for students to bring anything extra. Items such as pencil cases, etc. become an unnecessary distraction and we would prefer that they be left at home. We do, however, encourage each student to donate a box of tissues to the class. This ensures that we have plenty of tissues on hand, particularly over the winter months.

### Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

### Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

## TOP 10 MATHLETICS STUDENTS TERM 4 WEEK 9

1. Tristan A. - 3/4E
2. Caine A. - 3/4S
3. Kirra F. - 1M
4. Finlay G. - 3/4S
5. Taliah H-T. - 5/6ME
6. Savannah K. - 3/4S
7. Lachlan M. - 3/4S
8. Taylan M. - 2M
9. Frazar P. - 5/6ME
10. Chelsea W. - 2M





## WRPS YEAR 6 STUDENTS' SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students:

- Charlotte M. for her achievements in Ballet. Charlotte has recently achieved success with her audition for the Australian Ballet School's Junior Interstate Program Level 3.
- Tylah C. - 3rd in the 200m Breaststroke at the QLD State Titles and qualified for Australian Aged Championships next year.
- Maalik M. for his achievements in the 2017 NSW Interbranch Surf Life Saving Championships. Maalik came 1st in the U12 Male Surf Race, second in the Board and 3rd in the Ironman. On Saturday, Maalik became the fastest U12 Ocean Swimmer in NSW.

Well done!

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## HELPING HANDS NETWORK

Click on the Helping Hands icon to learn more about Helping Hands and their exciting Vacation Care programs that are about to start.



## UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday & Friday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am

Friday afternoons 3pm - 4pm (Assembly weeks)



## CANTEEN

[MENU](#) (click to view)

**\*\* MERRY CHRISTMAS \*\***

Thank you to all the wonderful people who gave up their time to help in the canteen this year. A special thank you to the fantastic staff who gave up their recess and lunch times to help me when I had no helpers. Wishing you all safe happy holidays and a great New Year.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

While we do not endorse any of the activities listed, there is plenty of useful information for you to access on the [Community Notices](#) and the [Community Spirit](#) page on our school website. Click the titles below for more information. New this week:

- [Healthy Harold Online Shop](#) - Win 1 of 5 Prize Packs
- [Lismore City United Physie / Sport & Dance](#)
- [Summer Reading Club](#)