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WOY WOY PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 2 WEEK 4

I hope you have all survived the rain over the past few weeks. The wet weather has had an impact at school as the students are unable to access some their games at recess and lunch as well as the PSSA Cross Country cancelled on Friday. Even in the gloomy conditions our students have embraced the opportunity to keep focused on their learning and enjoying each other's company.

Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week (27th May – 3rd June) is an important opportunity for Australians to reflect on the impact of colonisation on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, fostering mutual respect and understanding between communities. Woy Woy Public School prides itself on embedding lessons and action toward a more inclusive society, honouring our past while promoting a shared future based on respect and justice. This year all students and staff have collaborated on a whole school artwork that represents our dedication to 'Bridging Now to Next'. This vibrant piece showcases our unity and creativity, celebrating diversity and serving as a lasting symbol of our ongoing efforts to build meaningful relationships with the Aboriginal community.



Next Tuesday our school will be showcased on the Department of Education website sharing our journey in developing and delivering our WWPS Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Once this is officially released, we will proudly share with the school community. Very exciting!

School Photos

This week our students all looked very shiny and brought their best smiles for the 2025 school photos. These usually will be delivered to the school at the beginning of Term 3.

PSSA Cross Country

The Zone Cross Country Carnival has been cancelled for Friday 23 May. The new date proposed for the event is now Friday 30th May. Let's hope the weather clears up to allow the event to proceed.

Bike Track

Over the past few weeks our bike track for our special education students has begun. Thank you to the P&C for raising the money for the project via a local grant from Leisl Tesch. The final touches are yet to be done, however, Dave from Developing Leaders and his team have done an amazing job and will finish the artwork and edging when the weather improves.

The Next Few Weeks Ahead

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	26 National Sorry Day	27 National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 rd June)	28 Year 6 Cultural Continuum	29 Central Coast Dance Festival Dress Rehearsal	30 School Assembly – 9:00am Zone Cross Country Carnival
6	2 Online Debating	3 Preschool Tour 10am	4 Year 4 Cultural Continuum	5 World Environment Day	6
7	9 King's Birthday	10 Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp	11 Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp	12 Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp	13 Pyjama Day – Year 6 Fundraiser

Mrs Sandy Knowles
Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

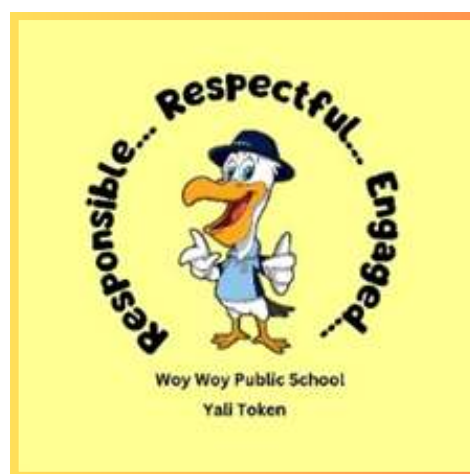
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a whole-school framework that promotes positive behaviour across our school. At Woy Woy Public School we strive to create safe classroom, playground, and online learning environments. Behavioural expectations are explicit, fair, consistently applied and jointly constructed. This enables the classrooms and playgrounds to be predictable and thus safe. Strategies used to support this include:

- having clear expectations, structures, routines, and accountability systems that promotes responsibility from all stakeholders.
- fostering positive language and inclusive play at recess and lunch.
- providing 'safe' places for students to go at recess and lunch.
- quality and active supervision of playground and common areas by teachers greeting students as they enter classrooms and checking in with them regularly.

This fortnight teachers and students have been discussing how to **'Be Respectful' in the classroom**. Lessons and activities have focused on the importance of:

- By allowing others to learn and teachers to teach
- By showing whole body listening
- By following class expectations
- By speaking politely to others

Students who are demonstrating positive behaviours are rewarded with 'Yali Tokens', which are accumulated throughout the term and traded in to receive a reward.



Super!

PBL Rewards Day – Term 2



PBL Rewards Menu



TERM 2

OPTION A

15	Art Club
20	Tech Time (3-6 only)
20	Free Play on the Oval/equipment
30	Disco
40	Movie and Popcorn
50	Pizza Party

OPTION B

5	Bring a soft pillow/toy
5	Ice-block
10	Wear Mufti
15	Change Your Name for the Day
20	Change Your Class

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR YALI TOKENS!
CHOOSE 1 ITEM FROM THE "A" REWARDS MENU AND COMBINE IT WITH AS MANY ITEMS FROM THE "B" REWARDS AS YOUR TOKENS ALLOW.
ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN CHOOSE TO SELECT ONLY "B" ITEMS

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

It's always wonderful to have our students in classrooms, ready to engage and learn. Our teachers and school staff are committed to fostering growth and opportunity, and we are here to work with you to support your child to reach their full potential.

Consistently going to school has countless benefits – from learning, to creating social connections and improving wellbeing through access to support and quality education.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the school year, I'd like to remind our school community that we are here to work with you to support your child to thrive. We know that families experience a variety of challenging circumstances, and we are committed to working with you to address any barriers to regular attendance

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school, like when they are unwell. Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible, and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or to me directly. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the NSW Department of Education website.

Thank you for being a part of our school community and for partnering with us to ensure students access the endless benefits of regular school attendance.



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

NSW DoE Reconciliation Action Plan Team

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2025 theme, Bridging Now to Next, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future.

Bridging Now to Next calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

In the #NRW2025 theme artwork created by Kalkadoon woman Bree Buttenshaw, native plants – which are known for regenerating after fire and thriving through adversity – symbolise our collective strength and the possibilities of renewal. This is a time for growth, reflection, and commitment to walking together.

Australia's history of reconciliation is not a linear one, we have made great strides and experienced disappointing setbacks.

Staff and students are looking forward to commemorating and celebrating Reconciliation Week at Woy Woy Public School. We can't wait to share some of the exciting things the school has collaborated on!

We are looking forward to sharing the video created on Friday 9 May, with the DoE Reconciliation Action Plan Team. The short-film highlights our school's Reconciliation Journey. What an excellent way to kick off our Reconciliation Week!



Mr Blake Rosenbarn

Deputy Principal Inclusion & Support

National Reconciliation Week!

On Friday 30th May at 9:00am there will be a special reconciliation assembly followed by a yummy morning tea in our Aboriginal community room. Everyone is welcome!

Introducing Belinda Huntriss- Aboriginal Education Teacher

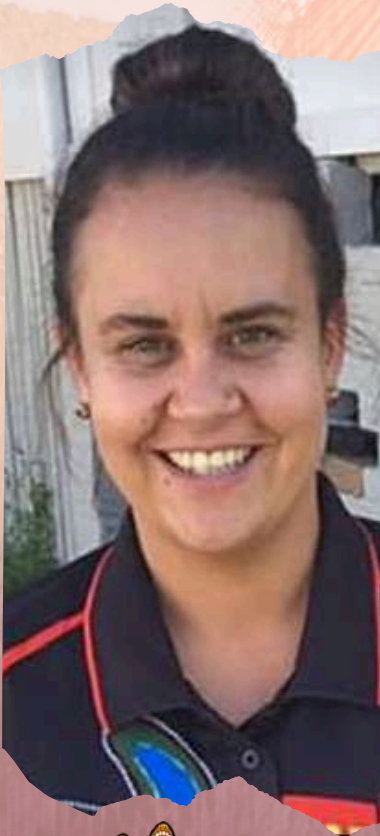
Wiyabu (hello in Gathang) everyone!

My name is Belinda Huntriss and I am the new Aboriginal Education Teacher at Woy Woy Public School.

I'm a proud Worimi woman with family connections to Bundjalung and Yaegl Country on the north coast of NSW. Worimi Country, where my people are from, extends between Gloucester, Forster, Nelson Bay and the Barrington Tops. I was fortunate to grow up on my Country and have recently moved to the Central Coast in the last five years with my family.

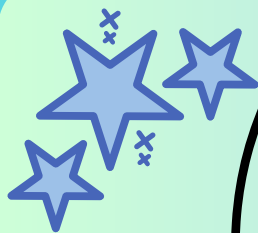
I'll be working at school Tuesdays and Wednesdays and I will be providing cultural, academic and wellbeing support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families.

A big part of my role will also be including the wider school community in making connections to Aboriginal people, cultures and histories. This will involve teaching Aboriginal perspectives in all classes. I look forward to meeting you all!



Belinda Huntriss

Aboriginal Education Teacher



Award Winners



CLASS	NAME	CLASS	NAME
KW	James T & Ashton C	KL	Oscar A & Vinda H
K/1S	Lucas M & Kingsley B	1/2R	Isabella D & Jordyn K
1/2B	Zane S & Dalton L	1/2W	Reign W & Wade B
3/4B	Isla S & Benedict M	3/4M	Indianah H & Violet R
3/4L	Dayna H & Clara C	5/6Y	Lily R & Max R
5/6F	Anita P & Cienna H	5/6G	Lyla L & Samuel R
5/6B	Jayden M & Imogen S	K-6W	Jesse T
K-6CE	Artie H	K-6PE	Jake W
K-6N	River V	3-6G	Izaiah R
K-4J		RFF Science K-2	
RFF Science 3-6		APC & I	
DP – Citizenship	Hannah G	Principal	Matilda F

Mr Blake Rosenvarn

Deputy Principal Inclusion & Support



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This initiative is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Health



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This service has been developed in collaboration with Gayaa Dhuwi

Awards

Principals Award goes to:

MATILDA F -
3-4M

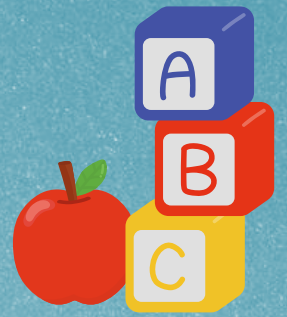


Citizenship Award goes to:



HANNAH G -
5/6F

Kindergarten Dates to Remember



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that the WWPS Coming Up to Big School (C.U.B.S) program will commence at the end of Term 2 for families of students who will be starting Kindergarten in 2026. For more details, please refer to the attached flyer.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Mr. Wolski through the school office. We look forward to welcoming you at our Principal tours, open classrooms, and information sessions.

Warm regards,

Mr Matthew Wolski

Assistant Principal (Relieving)
Early Stage One



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Coming Up to Big School

Important Dates

Principal Tours and Open Classrooms
Wednesday July 2, 10:30am - 11:30am
Wednesday August 27, 10:30am - 11:30am
Wednesday September 10, 10:30am - 11:30am

Information Sessions
Wednesday August 13, 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday October 29*, 11:30am - 1:00pm

Kindergarten Transition Dates
Wednesday October 29*, 11:30am - 1:00pm
Wednesday November 5, 11:30am - 1:00pm
Wednesday November 12, 11:30am - 1:00pm

*During the first transition day, parents are invited to a cafe-style information session from the school principal, P&C, uniform shop, after school care and more!



Bike track in progress!



Our new bike track is coming along nicely.
It will not be long until we get to enjoy this
beautiful new space within our school.

Mr Wayne Price

Classroom Teacher Support

My mum is FULL of love!



My mum loves ME and I love HER!



5/6B

Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge and respect the Darkinjung people whose land we stand on today. We show our respect to our Elders past, present and emerging. We would like to thank our Elders for looking after our land on which we learn, live and play. We respect the waterways, animals and land, we remember how the Aboriginal people have kept this land beautiful.

News from our Uniform Shop



Uniform Shop

We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who participated in Mrs. Knowles' survey regarding the school shirt. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with a significant number of submissions and insightful comments received.

We would like to invite the school community to attend a special



P&C meeting on Wednesday, 25th June at 6pm,

where we will discuss potential options for the school shirt. This meeting is open to everyone, and we encourage parents, guardians, and staff to attend and contribute to the discussion.



We look forward to seeing you there.

uniforms@woywoypandc.com.au



Kaylah H - 3/4M

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kaylah, Mackenzie & Lucinda who were the winners of the Bunnings colouring-in competition.

The competition was run from our local Bunnings store who kindly presented the winners with their prizes.

Thank you Bunnings!



Lucinda V - KL

Mackenzie W - 1/2W





ICAS Assessments

We are pleased to inform you that Woy Woy Public School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS competitions this year.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies. Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals. We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year.

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices: <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>
 2. Go to ICAS Parent Portal: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>
 3. Enter our school's access code – FAE156
 4. Enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.
- After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records. ICAS Assessments will need to be purchased via the Parent Payment System no later than Friday 18 July.

The ICAS assessments are an online format. We will release the exact sitting dates closer to the testing window.

Please note- if your child is unable to sit an assessment due to illness, unfortunately, there will not be another opportunity to sit the test.

Subject	School Years	Price	Sitting Window
Digital Technologies	3-6	\$20.95	4 August- 8 August 2025
Writing	3-6	\$24.95	4 August- 8 August 2025
English	3-6	\$20.95	11 August- 15 August 2025
Science	3-6	\$20.95	18 August- 22 August 2025
Spelling Bee	3-6	\$20.95	18 August- 22 August 2025
Mathematics	3-6	\$20.95	25 August- 29 August 2025

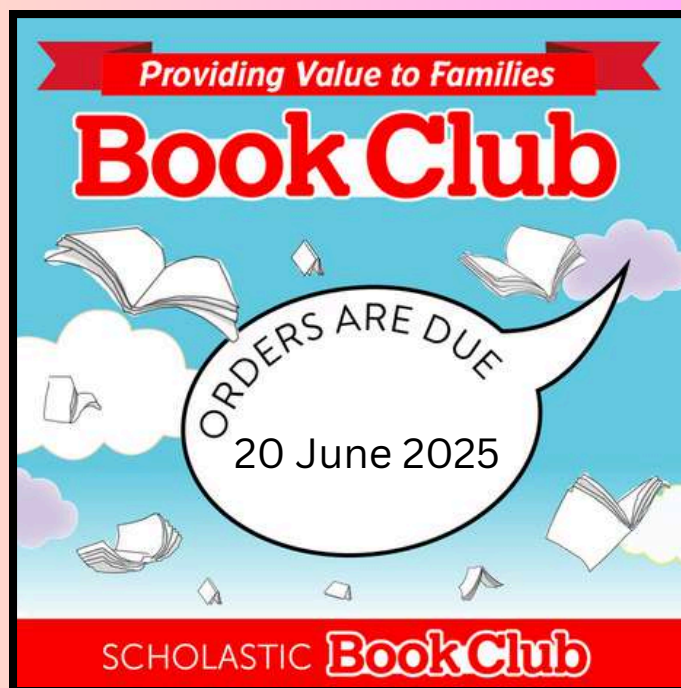
Mrs Amy Ford
Assistant Principal

Mrs Sandy Knowles
Principal



Library News

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Book Club LOOP

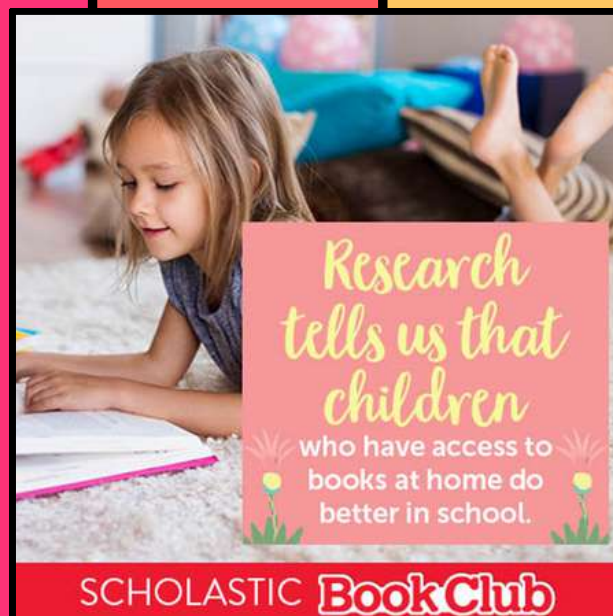
for Parents

Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

- 1 Log in, or create a new account
- 2 Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
- 3 Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
- 4 Add the child's first name and last initial
- 5 Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6 Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
- 7 Make a payment via credit card
- 8 Await order arrival at the child's school

SCHOLASTIC Book Club



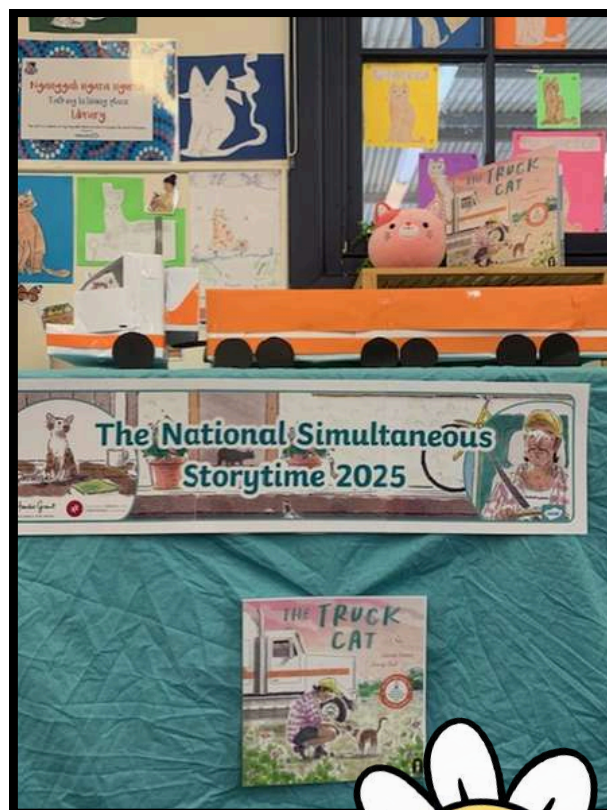


National Simultaneous Storytime 2025

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 25th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

This year, the chosen book is *The Truck Cat* by Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell. Woy Woy Public School students enjoyed the story and participated in fun activities and discussions.

Cath Walker
Teacher Librarian





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The Smiley Sandwich has some new over the counter Ice blocks called snap Stix, this was a request by Year 5 students. Snap Stix are a green light everyday product from NSW Health, they are made from 99% fruit juice. The new flavours are - Grape, Strawberry, Raspberry, Watermelon, Blueberry and cost \$1.00 each.

Anne Maree & Andrew
Canteen Operators



MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE



Important Parking Message

The staff parking area inside the school gates on both Park Road and Bowden Road is for Staff Use Only. Parents dropping off and collecting their children from school, Music Bus, or Cubbyhouse BASC are asked to park outside the school grounds. This is a Department of Education directive.

Office Hours

School phones are manned from 8.30am until 3.15pm. The office window is opened at 8.30am and closed at 3.00pm however office staff are available until 3.15pm. There is a teacher on duty at the bus lines until 3.20pm.

Changes to Going Home Arrangements

Could you please ensure that your child is aware of how they will be going home in the afternoon. If these arrangements change during the day, it would be appreciated if you could contact the office prior to 2.00pm to ensure that the message is passed on to your child.

Communications

Sentral Parent Portal

You can download the Sentral Parent Portal APP to both iPhone and Android devices. Event updates and important information will be sent out via our Sentral Parent Portal APP, and you can record your child's absence from school here as well. Communications with teachers are also managed through this APP.

Website, Facebook and Email

You will find our school website <http://www.woywoy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> and Facebook page are regularly updated with events happening in our school. The school email address for correspondence is woywoy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Student Mobile Phones

Students who bring their mobile phone to school are asked to leave them at the office on their arrival and collect it at the end of the school day. Students are not permitted to have their phone with them during the day. It is also helpful if their name is on their phone.

Late Arrival / Early Departure

If your child is late arriving to school or needs to leave early for an appointment, a partial absence slip is to be collected from the school office prior to going to your child's classroom. This slip is given to the classroom teacher.

Change to Family Details

To update any changes to family details like phone numbers, address etc. please use the form available from the school office, this booklet or send it in via the Sentral Parent Portal APP.

Payment of Money to the School

Payments for any school fees or activities can be paid by EFTPOS at the school office or through our new payment system via the Sentral Parent Portal.

Our preferred method of payment is contactless however should it be necessary for payment to be made using cash, money should be placed in an envelope with your child's name, class and reason clearly noted. Thank you for your support in these matters.

Linda Goldsmith
School Administrative Manager

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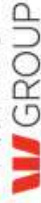
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