



Windellama Public School

Thursday 3rd December 2020
Term 4 Week 8



RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY - EXCELLENCE

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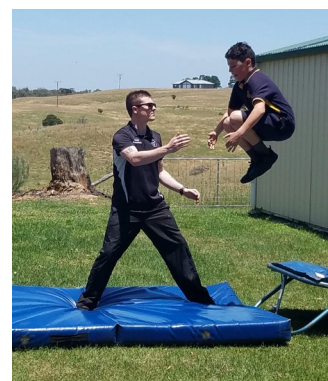
- Nerriga Museum Open Day
- Cartoon Camps
- Absentee Letters
- Library Borrowings



PLEASE!

Return all school borrowings, so that we can perform our annual check. Thank you.

A huge shout out to our students for their attendance this semester! The school attendance rate is currently sitting at 91.9% with students attending more than 90% of the time at a school high of 72%, a whopping 31% higher than the state average. Congratulations to you all - let's continue to make Windellama Public School a great place to be in 2021!





A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This is our last newsletter for 2020 and I would like to thank everyone who has been a part of the Windellama Public School journey this year. Firstly, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks for the positive welcome into the school community. It was such a time of upheaval and uncertainty and I am so proud of the resilience and responsibility students and their families showed throughout the period of remote learning. It has been a year of so many changes, but I am so pleased to have had Miss Huntley join our small team this year- you are such an asset to the school. Mrs Hayes has worked tirelessly with the learning support team to maximise learning opportunities for our students and I thank her very much for her support teaching 3-6 this term. Mrs Ball has maintained our wonderful library space and brought some fabulous artwork in to the K-2 and 3-6 classrooms. The administration of the school has been in expert hands with Miss Burton and Mrs Alessi, and their positive presence and organisation to ensure everything runs smoothly is very much appreciated. To our support staff Ms Charnley, Mrs Warren and Miss Wyatt, thank you for the care you have shown our students and the importance you place on their learning. I would also like to congratulate Mr Webster, who has been successful in gaining the permanent role of General Assistant.

A huge thank you must go to all the students of Windellama Public School. You have been so welcoming and I have loved getting to know each of you this year. You have worked through one of the most challenging years of your school life and your work ethic and resilience is to be commended. I wish our Year 6 students Shkeira and Chase all the best as they begin their high school journey next year.

Finally, the hardest part of this time of year, is letting you know that we will be saying farewell to three members of staff that have had such a positive impact on the school and our students. Mrs Alessi will be retiring from her administration role at Windellama school at the end of this year after more than 20 years' service to the school. Thank you so much for your commitment to the school, you will be very much missed by the whole of our school community. Mrs Ball will be taking leave in 2021 and we wish her all the best. After many years of part time study, Ms Charnley is embarking on a new chapter in her career next year as she prepares to take on casual teaching opportunities. Congratulations and we hope to see you back here as a teacher in the future.

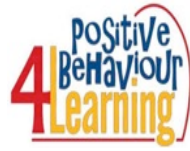
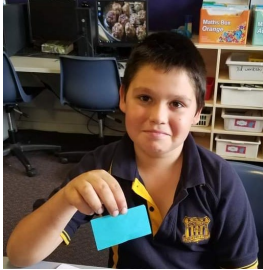
To all our Windellama school students, staff and families I hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday break and I look forward to seeing you all in 2021.



Class Structure for 2021

Due to no new Kindergarten enrolments, students will remain in the same classes in 2021, with a slight structural change. We will still have two classes, a 1-3 class and a 4-6 class. We are hoping to see some new faces join our wonderful school next year!





Our Recess Buy-Up recipients for:

Week 7 were Valerie (K-2) and Corban (3-6).

Week 8 were Noah (K-2) and Jack (3-6).



FASTEN SEAT BELTS

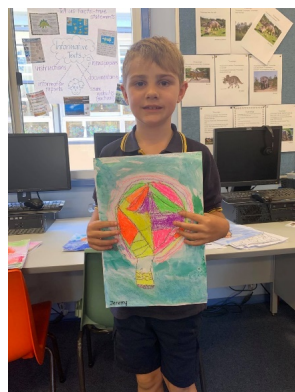
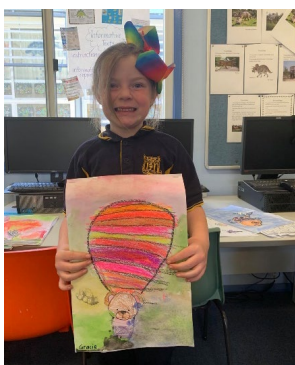
MESSAGE FROM THE BUS DRIVER – Recently we have had a few complaints from parents regarding other parents speeding past the bus when it is at stops. Please be reminded that you are required to do 40km/hr past the bus.

Also, seatbelts, it is disappointing that only 20% of the children are wearing them. I have spoken to other TREC bus operators and they are running at nearly 100%. This is a legal requirement and the safety of all the students is paramount.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 4

EVENTS	DATES
Presentation Day	Week 9, Wednesday 9th December
Last Day of Term 4	Week 10, Wednesday 16th December
Staff Development Days Term 1 2021	Week 1, Wednesday 27 th & Thursday 28 th January
Students Return to School	Week 1, Friday 29 th January



K-2 REPORT

This term, K-2 have really enjoyed our Visual Arts lesson with Mrs Ball. Here are some examples of the beautiful artwork that hangs in our classroom. For both of these activities we used oil pastels and water colour paint.

3 – 6 REPORT

2020 has been an interesting year at Windellama Public School. We have faced many challenges at school and at home. Learning remotely from home was difficult because of where we live but we rose to the challenge. Once we were back at school we were happy to see our friends. We were able to get back to normal education and our normal selves. At school we have welcomed our new teachers and some new friends. We are looking forward to the challenges that 2021 will bring.

