



COMING EVENTS

- Mon 21 Kinder & Year 2
Town Library
- Tue 22 Year 1 Town Library
- Wed 23 Book Character
Parade 12.30pm
P&C Fete 6pm
- Thur 24 Kinder Exc REEC
Stage2 Town Library
- Fri 25 P&C Fete Mufti Day
Premier's Reading
Challenge closes
- Mon 28 NAPLAN Online tests
- Tues 29 Trent Barrett Stage
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September

- Mon 4 Premiers Spelling Bee
- Tues 5-7 Stage 3 Sydney
Excursion
- Mon 11 Red Ball Todd
Woodbridge Cup
- Fri 15 Stage 2 AFL Gala
- Wed 20 P&C Meeting 6pm

Term 4

October

- Fri 13 P&C Fete Mufti Day
- Wed 18 Kinder 2018 Parent
Info session 6pm
- 24-25 Kinder Orientation
- 31 Kinder Orientation

November

- Wed 1 Kinder Orientation
- Fri 3 P&C School Fete

December

- Thu 7 Presentation Night

Parent Survey

Please tell us what you think!

[https://
nsw.tellthemfromme.com/
swps](https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/swps)

Throughout this Bulletin the term parent means parent, guardian and care provider.

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A Word or Two From the Principal

2017 NAPLAN Results

The NAPLAN results are exceptionally pleasing overall. Our school has significantly exceeded the percentage of students at proficiency (top two bands) in Reading, Writing (Year 3 only), Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy in both Year 3 and Year 5 results. These results are a credit to the students, teachers and families of our school community.

Teachers will be analysing the results to reflect on areas of which we can continually enhance to improve student learning and tailor our teaching to support individual and collective needs. Our results will also provide key focuses for our future school planning for the next three years.

Parents will be receiving individual results today via each student who participated at our school on testing day. The reports are very thorough and gives an indication of where your child is in comparison to the national average, school average and achievement range of the middle 60% of all students in that year in Australia.

Tell Them From Me- Parent Survey

We value your feedback. Please click on the link to complete a short survey that helps us plan for the future. <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/swps>

Book Character Parade

The excitement is mounting in anticipation to our annual Book Character Parade next Wednesday 23 August commencing at 12.30pm. This is a fun filled occasion where we can celebrate our love for books with our school community. Special canteen lunch orders forms have been sent home. Parents and friends are welcome to join their child/ren for lunch. We look forward to seeing you there!

Multicultural Perspectives Regional Finals

Sinali Udumadura will be competing at the Regional finals in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition on Monday 28 August. Sinali competed in the local competition against students from Wagga schools. Sinali had to do an impromptu and prepared speech to qualify for the finals. The topic was 'One Nation' where we can achieve anything together.



P&C Fete Meeting

Parents and friends are welcome to join us at our next meeting this coming Wednesday 23 August at 6.00pm in the staffroom. We are busily finalising plans for our Fete on Friday 3 November. We need helpers to coordinate stalls and take on small jobs. Many hands make light work. Please come along and support our students.

Ms Whyte, Principal



**Achievement and How 2 Learn
Awards Week 4, Term 3, 2017**

**SOUTH WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL
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CLASS REQUIREMENTS and the SCHOOL EQUIPMENT FUND

*Have you paid your class requirements?
Payment to be made to the office as soon as possible.
Online payments (accessed from the schools website) can be made as well as cash or cheque payments.*

Kindergarten: \$15.00
Year 1: \$30.00
Year 2: \$30.00
Years 3 & 4: \$30.00
Years 5 & 6: \$50.00

We are now asking for the Voluntary Contributions - The School Equipment Fund to support the school contribution amounts are:

One child \$40.00, Two children \$50.00 Three or more children \$60.00

Canteen Roster

Week 6 Term 3

Mon 21: Tracey
Tues 22: Tracey
Wed 23: Tracey
Thu 24: Tracey
Fri 25: Help wanted please



Canteen helpers required on any day you are able, please contact Tracey in the canteen.

REMINDERS

Yrs 1,2, 3 and 4 In2Cricket Skills Program

Starts Thursday 31st August for 4 weeks.
Cost \$8.00. Notes and money due now.

Stage 3 Sydney Excursion

Stage 3 excursion is on Tuesday 5 September - Thursday 8 September. Cost \$280.00. Notes and money due Friday 1 September.

Kinder—Riverina Environmental Education Centre Excursion

Kinder—Thurs 24th. Cost \$6.00. Notes and money due Mon 21 August.

Classic Shield

Well done to all the rugby league boys on defeating both Gundagai Public and Griffith Public to be crowned Riverina champions. We will now play Mudgee Public in the quarter final on Monday 28th August at Paramore Park.

Achievement Awards



- KC:** Caitlin Pitstock—Taking great responsibility for her learning
KH: Ayet Ahmad—Teaching herself new words for writing
1C: Mia Cecchini—Delivering her news confidently
1J: Asher McNellie—Producing writing that shows evidence of revision editing and proof reading
2B: William Peace—Effort in all learning
Caleb Harvey—Accepting challenges in his learning
2H: Louie Mortimer—Counting forwards and backwards by 10s
Blake Pendrick—A great start at SWPS
3/4A: Milla Burkinshaw—Always being a responsible student
Jude Vennell—Showing initiative and being responsible
3/4CP: Rhys Beer—Successfully moonhacking
Lucy Hall—Justifying her predictions in comprehension
3/4L: Zac McMillan—Focus on reading strategies
Beau Forrester—Great descriptive writing
3/4P: Jacinta Bracken—Great honey joys “Expert Talk”
Max Joyce-Spencer—Informative “Expert Talk” on dinosaurs
5/6B: Finn Miller—Positivity in class
Mauve Bailey—Energy and enthusiasm
5/6C: Finbar Kennedy—Settled approach to class work
Tyler Hillier—Making connections in his work
5/6S: Claude Bryon—Improved effort and results in maths
Martin Reid—Excellent comprehension responses
Emma Mundy—Improved focus and comprehension responses



Special Awards: Myles Achilles 1J

Library: Yixin Luo 2H, Tom Shumack 2H

How 2 Learn Awards



- KC:** Mikayla Harvey—Developing good revising skills
KH: Mana Werahiko—Being “Strategex” - using different learning strategies
1C: Jared Henman—Applying himself during independent learning activities
1J: Andie Pieper—Asking questions that help her learn
2B: Jasmin Bradley—Making confident connections in maths
2H: Matilda Kennedy—Asking great comprehension questions
3/4A: Myles Cornell - Using questioning skills to help his learning
3/4CP: Chavelle Windle—Persevering with coding
3/4L: Ginger Lyons—Making links
3/4P: Lauren Treharne—Great questioning during “Expert Talks”
5/6B: Hazel McGrath—Passion for learning
5/6C: Lillyannah Jackson—Persisting with her class work
5/6S: Hugh Smith—Excellent questioning skills



Stage 2 Excursion

Yesterday, the Stage 2 Excursion to Mt Selwyn was conducted. Unfortunately, due to bad weather, our planned trip to the Yarrangabilly Caves couldn't go ahead but this gave us more snow time! Students had the opportunity to play in the snow (some for the first time ever) and experience a national park. The excursion complements our HSIE topic on State and National Parks, with the students seeing examples of some of the aspects of national parks which we have studied. Thank you to all staff and students who made the excursion a successful day.



Free Book Week Wagga City Library Tours

Kinder Monday 21 August @ 11.30am
Year 1 Tuesday 22 August @ 11.30am
Year 2 Monday 21 August @ 11.30am

The library tour will include time to look at some of the items the library has for lending, listen to stories and participate in activities and craft.

Stage 2 students will be attending on Thursday 24 August from 10am until 12.30pm (Tour times)

Students will walk to the library, participate in their scheduled tour and have recess/lunch in the Victory Memorial Gardens before returning to school.

Winter school uniform. Packed lunch for picnic in the park (no canteen food on this day please)

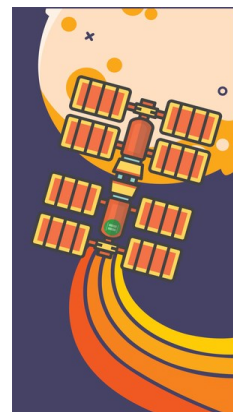
MOONHACK

August 2017

I am pleased to say that Moonhack 2017 was a success. Coding is a new initiative at South Wagga Public School and I was impressed by how quickly students were displaying their computational thinking skills through problem solving, engaging in conversations and reasoning with new ideas.

I would like to congratulate all who were involved in making the day a big success.

Ms Peterson



P & C News

Upcoming events:

- 5 cent challenge
- Crazy Camel Funraiser
- Fathers Day stall Wednesday 30 August, Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September from 8.45am- 9.20am. Gifts 50c - \$7.00
- P&C Fete Meeting Wednesday 23 August 6pm.
Next P&C Meeting Wednesday 20 September 6pm.



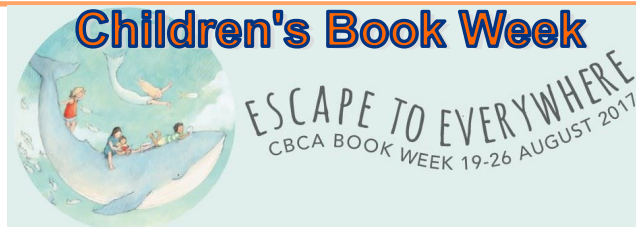
P&C Fete Committee– Mufti Days

Our Fete Committee is in full swing with their preparations for our Annual Fete on Friday 3 November. The committee have set dates for Mufti Days for donations. Our next Mufti Day is next Friday 25 August. Students are encouraged to bring:

Kinder, Years 1 & 2: Packets of individually wrapped lollies

Years 3 & 4: Packets of individually wrapped chocolates

Years 5 & 6: Fruit boxes OR \$2 Gold coin donation



It's time to celebrate **Book Week** once again at SWPS! From Monday the 21 August all classes will be sharing and enjoying a variety of this year's short listed books as selected by the Children's Book Council of Australia.

This year's theme is **"Escape to Everywhere"**. Our parade will be held on Wednesday the 23 August. Parents are invited to come along and watch as the children dress up as a favourite book character, or in costume to match the theme. Children are encouraged to bring along the book from which they found their character and /or costume and show it during the parade.

A special canteen lunch will follow the parade. For any parents or caregivers interested in exploring the titles the children will be working with, they are available at the CBCA's website: <http://cbca.org.au>

S. McTackett, Teacher-Librarian



Photos from the Book Week Parade in 2016

Aboriginal Education at South Wagga



Year 1 student, Harminhi Pietsch, has been teaching 1C how to sing, 'Heads shoulders, knees and toes', in Wiradjuri language. Most Aboriginal languages in Australia are endangered with fewer and fewer speakers so by learning an Aboriginal language or learning about Aboriginal languages we can help contribute to the health of the languages. Aboriginal languages are part of our shared national heritage; Harminhi has taught her class that by learning an Aboriginal language we can also learn much about our shared history. She is able to share her knowledge of language, including teaching some of the names of Australian animals with the support of Miss Clarke.

2H and 1J have used texts such as "How the birds got their colours" and "How the echidna got it's spikes" to learn that stories were passed down from generation to generation to teach a way of life. Language is important for Australian Aboriginal people to convey their important cultural stories through the generations. Aboriginal culture also identifies that it is important to create artwork using symbols. It is great to see not only the students understanding of morals but also the beautiful art work that they produced in their classrooms.



Ms Shaw