

WATTLE FLAT PUBLIC SCHOOL



Newsletter



Wiradjuri
Country



Friday 9th February 2024

TERM 1

WEEK 2

Welcome back!

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."
Dr. Seuss.

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK



Dear Families

Welcome to 2024!

I am very happy to have commenced in the role of Principal at Wattle Flat Public School. The students are delightful, and the staff are positive, supportive and professional. Thanks so much to all parents and carers for making me feel welcome and for attending the afternoon tea on Tuesday- it was wonderful to meet you all, and I look forward to catching up regularly. Please know that you can make an appointment with me at any time, to discuss your child's/children's progress and/or any concerns you may have.

This year, Mr Cox will be working in a full-time capacity as classroom teacher. Years 4 to 6 students will be in Mr Cox's class every day, except for Wednesday afternoons when I take them for maths, then music and visual arts. I will be teaching Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students four days per week, and Mr Cox will be teaching them on my office day.

Our extremely valuable and efficient Mrs Clark will be supporting all students in both classes, 5 days per week. We still have Mrs Cole in the office, supported by Ms Smith one day per week.

At the end of each term, we shall hold a whole school assembly to give students an opportunity to showcase their learning and achievements, and for parents and community to celebrate them. The times and dates of these assemblies will be advertised well in advance. Please keep a look out on Facebook, newsletters and for notes in students' bags for important updates!

Thanks.

Principal

Anita Houldsworth

Welcome
BACK TO
SCHOOL

WELCOME



Our first two weeks back at school have been action-packed! We've had an exciting start to the year at Wattle Flat Public School, with engaging lessons in various subjects and fun extracurricular activities. Our teachers have been doing an excellent job, and our students have been eager to learn. We're looking forward to what the rest of the year has in store!





SWIMMING LESSONS



Our swimming lessons for 2024 have begun! The kids were thrilled to start yesterday, and we're excited to see their progress throughout the term. We want to thank the parents and carers for transporting the kids every Thursday. These lessons will continue every Thursday throughout term one. Please refer to the calendar at the end of the newsletter for the specific dates.



SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024



Our school photos are scheduled for Week 3, on February 13th, 2024. Hayley is the photographer for the photos, as in previous years. To place an order, please return the order form and payment to the school by Monday, February 12th, 2024. Please ensure your child is in full summer school uniform.



SCHOOL DRIVE SUBSIDY

Are you eligible for the  School Drive Subsidy?




The School Drive Subsidy is administered by Transport for NSW and is available to NSW residents in areas where there is no public transport, to drive an eligible student all or part of the way to school. More information can be found on the link below.

<https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel/apply-for-school-drive-subsidy>



YEAR 7 TRANSITION DENISION COLLEGE

Year 7 2025 Parent information evening and campus tours. Tuesday 5th of March, 6pm at Bathurst Campus and Thursday 7th of March 2024, 6pm at the Kelso campus. More information about transition dates will be sent home soon.

STAGE 3 CAMP - CANBERRA, ACT

A fun camp is being organised for the stage 3 students in Canberra. Information was sent out to the families. A reminder that a deposit of \$50 per child is due by Friday February 16 2024. If you have any questions please contact the school.



student SPOTLIGHT



MOLLY KEOUGH

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT

SCHOOL? Playing with all the kids.

WHAT IS YOUR GOAL FOR THE YEAR?

To learn reading and writing.

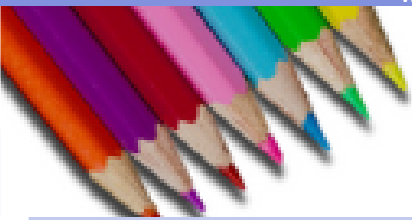
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU

GROWUP? A teacher.



TEACHING IS A
WORK OF HEART





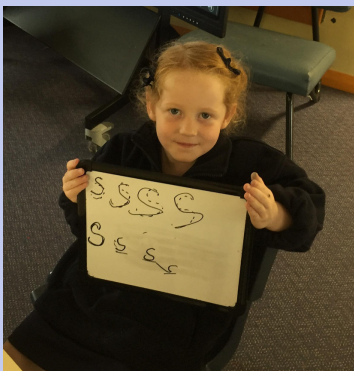
in the

classroom

K-2

This term, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students have commenced picture book studies, are learning to write narratives using 'sizzling starts', and phonics with the interactive "Jolly Phonics" program. In History they are studying the unit "Personal and Family Histories", and in Science "Energy comes in Different Forms". The "Personal Development" unit this term is "Fun, Fitness and Health", and in music they have commenced learning about rhythm- they will be using body percussion and percussion instruments.

Mrs. Anita Houldsworth



4-6

Term Overview: Primary Class

Maths: Students this term are looking at the following subjects: multiplication, addition, place value, 2d shapes and 3d objects, length, fractions, patterns and sequences, and chance.

English: Students are currently studying the Australian novel 'Blueback' by Tim Winton. We are also writing narratives, followed by persuasive argument, as year 5 may be facing either of these texts in their NAPLAN this year.

Students will then focus on description and procedure.

History: In history, we are looking at first contacts, and will examine the time before European contact in Australia, during the initial contact, and then examining great journeys, such as the great voyages that took place during the exploration period.

Science: We will be examining forces, such as push and pull, and how objects can affect other objects with/without touching them.

Creative Arts: Students will be learning rhythm, pitch, notation and dynamics with guitars.

PDH: Students will look at their right to be safe, as well as what safe and unsafe relationships look like.

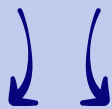
Mr. David Cox - Teacher



What's the best thing about being back at school?



*We asked all our students
and here's what they said*



Molly



Playing with all the kids.

Tilly



Playing with my friends.

Willow



Seeing everyone!

James



Making new friends.

cleo



Being with all the kids and having a good time.

charli



Having a new principal and seeing my friends.

Evie



Seeing my friends.

Ken



Seeing my friends and playing sport.

Aydan



Swimming lessons, hopefully I remember my goggles next week!

Aiden



It's great just being back!

Kara



Seeing Mrs Houldsworth.

Live, Learn & Be Proud



TERM 1

DATES TO REMEMBER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 3	12/02	13/02  School Photos	14/02	15/02  Swimming Lessons 2pm-3pm Citi Fit	16/02
WEEK 4	19/02	20/02	21/02	22/02  Swimming Lessons 2pm-3pm Citi Fit	23/02
WEEK 5	26/02	27/02	28/02	29/02  Swimming Lessons 2pm-3pm Citi Fit	01/03
WEEK 6	04/03	05/03	06/03	07/03  Swimming Lessons 2pm-3pm Citi Fit	08/03
WEEK 7	11/03	12/03	13/03	14/03  Swimming Lessons 2pm-3pm Citi Fit	15/03
WEEK 8	18/03	19/03	20/03	21/03  Swimming Lessons 2pm-3pm Citi Fit	22/03
WEEK 9	25/03 Stage 3 Camp	26/03 Stage 3 Camp	27/03 Stage 3 Camp	28/03  Swimming Lessons 2pm-3pm Citi Fit	29/03 Public Holiday Good Friday
WEEK 10	01/04  Public Holiday Easter Monday	02/03	03/03  Bathurst Library van	04/04  Swimming Lessons 2pm-3pm Citi Fit	05/04
WEEK 11	08/04	09/04	10/04	11/04  Swimming Lessons 2pm-3pm Citi Fit	12/04 Last day of Term