

WATTLE FLAT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter



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WEEK 4

"A winner is a dreamer who never gives up." —Nelson Mandela.



FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK



Dear Families

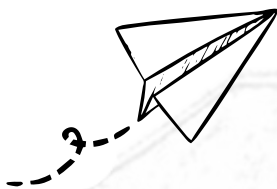
Welcome to Week 4! Last week I was able to meet with our new principal, Mrs Anita Houldsworth, who will commence at Wattle Flat Public School at the start of 2024. Our Director Educational Leadership, Debbie-Lee Hughes, also joined us to go over all of the plans and organisation in place at our school, to ensure a smooth transition for Anita in her new role. I welcome Anita, and know that she is excited to join our lovely school. As mentioned earlier, I will be finishing out the year here at Wattle Flat. As expected, the term is moving quickly, with many end of year events in the planning stages. Teachers have been working on collecting information and student data needed for completing end of year Academic Reports, while continuing to provide quality learning for your children on a daily basis. Mr Cox is ready for Stage 3 camp, and we are all preparing for our Creative Arts Festival. I am happy to let you know that presentation day will be held on Friday 8 December at 10am, and that on Tuesday 12 December, we will also hold a year 6 graduation lunch at school, followed by some fun activities in the afternoon for all students. Students have collectively worked hard to earn themselves a whole school reward, which will be held on Wednesday 15 November in week 6. Families will be invited to these events, with more detailed information to follow.

Rachel McGlinn



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Mrs. Houldsworth!

It is with great pleasure that I introduce Anita Houldsworth to the Wattle Flat community as the principal for 2024.

Anita comes to the community with invaluable leadership experience and is looking forward to working with the students, staff, parents and community to continue the great work that is occurring each and every day at WFPS.

Anita began her teaching career after first completing a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) and then a Bachelor of Education. She worked in a casual capacity in Deniliquin NSW for nearly a year, until she was offered a permanent teaching position on the far north coast of NSW; she was a 'targeted graduate'.

In 2010, Anita applied for and accepted a Teaching Principal's position in western NSW and was in that role for four years. She then transferred to Leeton and worked in the role of Assistant Principal in a large school. However, Anita missed the small school environment and the strong connections which are made with students and community, so after two stints of relieving in other schools as principal, she applied for and accepted the permanent position of Teaching Principal at Urana PS.

Now, Anita is very much looking forward to her role at Wattle Flat Public School, moving closer to family and also exploring the area on her motorbike! Anita brings with her a passion for music, and thoroughly enjoys passing on that knowledge to students; currently, all her students from Year 2 to Year 6 play the guitar. She is also dedicated to ensuring learning is differentiated to cater for each individual student's needs, especially regarding literacy and numeracy. Anita also believes in providing as many different experiences as possible for students, so that each child discovers what they are best at.

Please look forward to welcoming Anita to the community!



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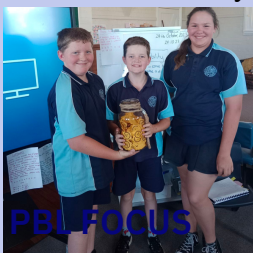
MERIT AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Willow has been working hard on her sounds in writing and reading, and Payton has been writing emotive narratives. Aden and Israel were our lucky gold ticket winners. Congratulations.

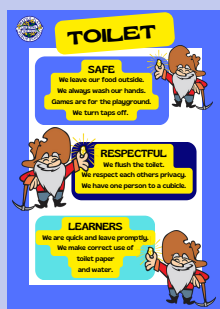
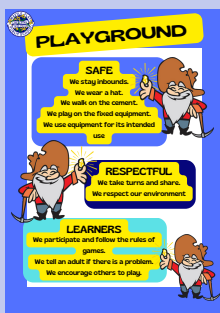


WHOLE SCHOOL REWARD

Last week students filled their gold ticket jar up to the top, meaning they have all worked together for the last term, in earning a whole school reward! Students have decided they are keen for a pyjama day, and movie afternoon. How Exciting! We will do this in Week 6 on Wednesday 15 November!



Each week we have a PBL focus for the students. Week 3 was the Playground, and this week is the toilets.



student SPOTLIGHT



AIDEN SMITH

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT SCHOOL? Sport!

WHAT IS YOUR GOAL FOR THE YEAR? To raise lots of money for the school to get new stuff, a new slide would be good.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROWUP? NBA Super Star

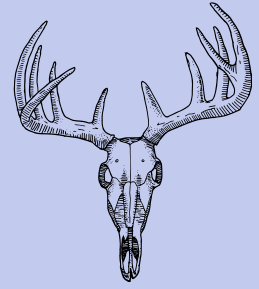
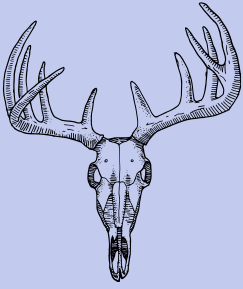


WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Last week we celebrated our amazing teachers for World Teachers Day. We are very lucky here at Wattle Flat to have many dedicated teaching staff. Thank you to all our teachers for helping our kids grow and enriching our students lives every day.



SKULL ART



WORK IN PROGRESS

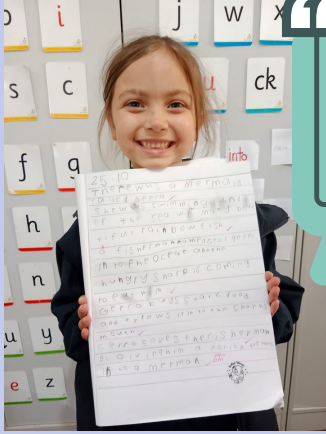
Here is a sneak peak of our exciting art projects we are working on with local artist Mark Leslight. We can't wait to exhibit these later in the term at the BMEC for the creative arts festival. Here are some progress photos, they are looking fantastic!



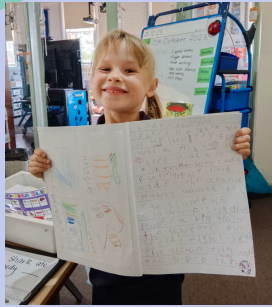
We have been busy writing longer stories that include interesting characters. We have been working hard to write longer stories that we can share with others.

We have been learning in the classroom and out in the playground to measure volume and capacity, as well as what can make our boats sink!

We have also been practising knowing and making teen numbers.



"We have been making our own stories. I wrote about Gerra the mermaid
Willow



We were seeing whose boat was sinking last
Tilly



PRIMARY

We have all started our new novels now and are getting into some great reading! Some of us are reading *The Twits* by Roald Dahl, and others are reading *Rowan of Rin* and *Deltora Quest* by Emily Rodda. While enthralled in these great stories, we are working on our fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

We have begun to write narratives, making sure to include a complication, resolution, as well as a moral to our story. We have been sharing our writing with each other, and practising giving constructive feedback to one another.

In maths, we have continued with measurement – extending this to measuring the perimeter of shapes and areas around our school. We have also been practising ordering and then adding 4-digit or 7-digit numbers.



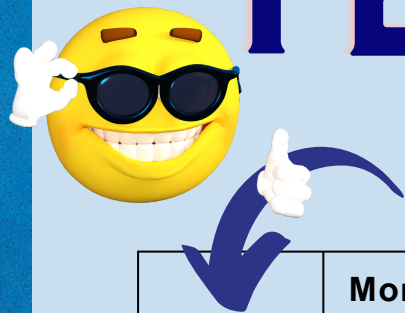
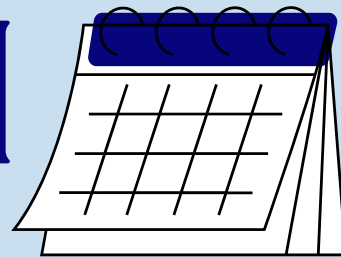
We measured the perimeter of the basketball court with the trundle wheels taking turns.
Payton

We had to roll 7 dice and make the highest or lowest number. Then we made a number line together. I made the highest.
Aiden


We got 4 dice and we rolled them and wrote a number down. Then we had to order the numbers from highest to lowest.
Ken



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DATES TO REMEMBER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 4	30/10	31/10	1/11	2/11	3/11
				LIBRARY DAY	
WEEK 5	6/11  STAGE 3 CAMP NARABEEN	7/11  STAGE 3 CAMP NARABEEN	8/11  STAGE 3 CAMP NARABEEN	9/11  STAGE 3 CAMP NARABEEN LIBRARY DAY	10/11  STAGE 3 CAMP NARABEEN
WEEK 6	13/11	14/11	15/11 PBL REWARD DAY PJ & Movie day	16/11 LIBRARY DAY	17/11
WEEK 7	20/11 VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION (CAPA FESTIVAL)	21/11	22/11	23/11 BSS CRATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL 5PM-9PM LIBRARY DAY	24/11
WEEK 8	27/11	28/11	29/11 BATHURST LIBRARY VAN  KHS TRANSITION DAY	30/11 LIBRARY DAY	1/12
WEEK 9	4/12	5/12	6/12	7/12 LIBRARY DAY	8/12 PRESENTATION DAY 10AM-12PM
WEEK 10	11/12	12/12	13/12	14/12 LIBRARY DAY	15/12 End of term 
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