

WATTLE FLAT PUBLIC SCHOOL



Newsletter



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WEEK 10

Happy Holidays!

From us to you, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK



Dear Families

Welcome to Week 10! The last week of the 2023 school year. Thank you to all of our families and community members who could join us last Friday for our presentation day assembly. It was so lovely to spend the morning with you all and celebrate the many successes and achievements of our students. Each day in the classroom, I see our students working to achieve their goals and make progress. We all have our strengths, and it was nice to be able to acknowledge this at our assembly.

Congratulations to Kara, who will be our school leader next year. Kara presented a very mature and thoughtful leadership speech to our class and staff in the lead up to the day, and I am confident she will do brilliantly next year.

I would like to wish our year 6 students, Payton, Israel & Aden, all the best for their future journeys into high school next year. In speaking to them, I know they are all eager and ready for their next phase of schooling. I am sure you will all enjoy yourselves.

This Friday 15 December, is the opening night for the Home Art Program Exhibition at Bathurst Regional Art Gallery. It goes from 6 - 8pm and is a ticketed event. Everyone is invited and welcome. Please contact the office to arrange a ticket. The exhibition will run free of charge following on from Saturday 16 December. Please take the time to head in and admire our schools 'Solidarity' artwork, alongside other school's quality artworks at the exhibition.

I would like to thank all of the staff at Wattle Flat Public School for their commitment to our students and for all of their work throughout the year. I have been made to feel very welcome by them and I am extremely grateful for their support. I would like to wish Mrs Angela Rankin the very best of luck next year, as she will be spending the year working at Millthorpe Public School.

Thank you also to our families for supporting your children and also welcoming me to the Wattle Flat Community. I have loved my time at Wattle Flat Public School this year, and have thoroughly enjoyed all of the wonderful learning and opportunities the students get to experience each day. I will miss all of the staff, students and families very much next year as I head back to Lithgow Public School.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Take Care.

Rachel McGlenn



that's a
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PRESENTATION SPECIAL AWARD

RECIPIENTS

The Wattle Flat Gold Citizenship Award

Payton Edwards

Andrew Gee Citizenship Award

Payton Edwards

The Premier Sporting Medal - Aden Lyons

Attendance Awards for Semester Two - Tilly Reeks, Evie Clark, Aydan Eyles and Payton Edwards

Bathurst Lions Club Book Reading Growth Award - Evie Clark

Bathurst Library Enthusiastic Reader Award

Charli Edwards

Congratulations!

student SPOTLIGHT

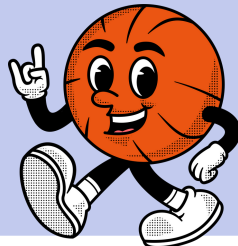


ISRAEL LEWIS

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT SCHOOL? Sport, especially Basketball

WHAT IS YOUR GOAL FOR NEXT YEAR? Settling into high school, making friends and getting my work done.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROWUP? Professional Basketball Player in the NBA



SCHOOL LEADER FOR 2024

Congratulations to Kara Edwards who will be our School Leader for 2024. Kara delivered a speech to staff members and her peers last week on what she could do for the students and Wattle Flat Public School if elected to be a leader for next year. It was an impressive speech. Congratulations Kara!



CHRISTMAS CHEER



Here is our gingerbread house that students decorated for the Christmas display at The Avenue in O'Connell this year. Thank you to O'Connell Public School P & C for organising and collecting this for us. If you get a chance, head on out to check out all the wonderfully colourful gingerbread houses and people out there! The students had a wonderful time decorating the house..



Presentation Day 2023

Last Friday we celebrated the many achievements of our students at Wattle Flat Public School. We acknowledged our Kindergarten students for finishing their first year of school, and we acknowledged our Year Six students graduating from primary school. We inducted Kara as our school leader for 2024. Mrs Kerry Halley also received her Department of Education service medal, and we celebrated each students' individual achievements. Well done to Chase for leading our students on his trumpet for the National Anthem. Congratulations to all of our students and all of our award recipients. We looked back at our memories of 2023 on a special slide show. A great day was had by all.



OUR FAVOIURITE *memories* 2023



James

Book week! I dressed up as a dinosaur.



Olive

Everything! I loved Everything.



Tilly

Swimming lessons when I jumped in the water.



Willow

Playing with the dolls and the Kitchen at break time.



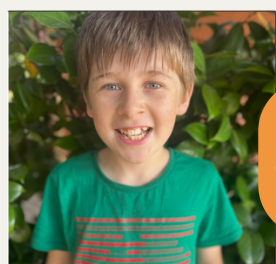
Evie

Spending time with my friends.



Charli

Night tour of the zoo and sleeping in the tents.



Aydan

Seeing new people come to the school and Dubbo Zoo.



Chase

Dubbo Zoo, camping in the tent felt like proper camping.



Ken

The Dubbo Zoo Camp was great!



Kara

Doing Art with Hayley.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS



What advice do you have for the students of Wattle Flat Public School?

Payton



No matter how hard your work is never give up and try your best! Be yourself, never change for others.

Aden



Have fun, be good, just be a Kid. Enjoy yourself.

Israel



Be Yourself, be a good friend and work hard.



Thank you for going above & beyond.

She is kind and helps us learn
Evie

She helps us through tough times - **Kara**

She helps us
Willow

I like when she helps with hard things - **Ken**

She is kind and has taught us a lot of things - **Charli**

She teaches us fun stuff! - **James**

She is very kind and helpful and tells us to never give up! - **Payton**

She is Kind
Olive

That she stepped up to help us.
Israel

Ms McGlinn is kind
Aden

I love doing work with her.
Tilly

She comes up with great things for the classroom - **Chase**



Thank you Ms McGlinn for everything that you have done for us and our school. We hope you never forget the difference you have made. We wish you all the best at Lithgow Public School Next year.

We asked the students what the best thing about Ms McGlinn was and here is what they said.

BATHURST REGIONAL ART GALLERY

This year we took part in the wonderful Home Program! The Bathurst Regional Art Gallery are busily installing the student exhibition and are thrilled with the work that has been produced by all the students.

The exhibition is opening this Friday 15 December at 6pm as part of our summer suite of 5 exhibitions, and the exhibitions continue 16 December 2023 – 11 February 2024.

It is free entry from the 16th of December, throughout the school holidays, so if you are in town take the kids for a look to see all the amazing works, including their own!



BRAG
Bathurst Regional Art Gallery

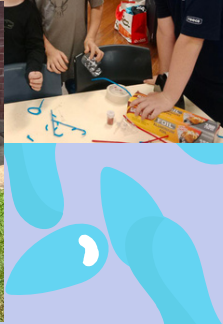


SUMMER EXHIBITIONS

OPENING FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER, 6PM
16 DECEMBER 2023 - 11 FEBRUARY 2024

CONFLATED // A NETS Victoria Touring Exhibition
Hill End Impressions // Lino Alvarez Carrasco
The Women of Hill End // Amanda Bromfield
My Darling Betty // Sarah Randall
Home // 2023 Home Program Exhibition

YEAR 6 *Graduation* FUN DAY



Mufti day, sausage sizzle, stem challenges, minute to win it games, bubbles and water activities! What fun was had by all!
Thank you, Year 6 and Ms McGlinn for organising all the activities.





SUMMER READING CLUB

BIG BATHURST BOOKCLUB

1 DEC 2023 - 31 JAN 2024 For Kids!



beanstack
Reading App



JANUARY TUESDAY 9

BEAMAFILM MOVIE - JUSTIN AND THE KNIGHTS OF VALOUR

Justin lives in a Kingdom where bureaucrats rule and knights have been ousted. His dream is to become one of the Knights of Valour, like his grandfather was, but his father wants him to follow in his footsteps and become a lawyer.

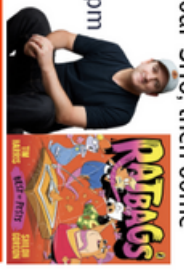


Rated G, 136 mins
TIME: 2:00pm - 4:15pm
AGES: All ages / Families
FREE LIMIT: 30

JANUARY FRIDAY 12

MEET THE AUTHOR TIM HARRIS

Tim Harris is an award-winning bestselling author of several laugh-out-loud series for kids. Come celebrate the wrap-up of the new Big Bathurst Book Club and our Summer Reading Club (SRC).



Read the featured book, **Ratbags #3: Best of Pests** (or any book in the **Ratbags** series), participate in our SRC, then come and meet Tim Harris.
TIME: 10:30am - 12:00pm
AGES: 5yrs+
FREE LIMIT: 120

JANUARY WEDNESDAY 17

FLIP-O-RAMA WITH FIONA HOWLE

Flip out in this fun workshop inspired by retro style flip books, as well as Flip-O-Ramas seen in the Dav Pilkey books. Fiona will guide you in various styles of flip book creation. Start by building your own original character, then turn it into an animation with the flip of your fingers.



TIME: 10:30am - 12:00pm
AGES: 6yrs+
COST: \$10 **LIMIT:** 20

JANUARY THURSDAY 18

LEGO PARTY

Team groups will follow our challenge themes to see which team can build the ultimate dream holiday destination!!!
If time allows, there will be free play as well as some minute-to-win-it games.



TIME: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
AGES: 5yrs+
FREE LIMIT: 30

JANUARY MONDAY 22

SUMMER STORYTIME

Come along for a special holiday version of Storytime. Dress-up in your favourite Summer outfit!!!
There will be lots of stories, songs, dancing and rhymes, plus a take home craft.



TIME: 10.30am - 11:15am
AGES: 0 - 10yrs / Family groups
FREE LIMIT: 80

JANUARY WEDNESDAY 24

PAINTED LIBRARY BAGS WITH FIONA HOWLE

Have fun designing and painting a fabulous library bag!
Take home your very own library bag to carry all your books borrowed from the library and school.



BYO paint smock or old shirt
TIME: 10:30am - 12:00pm
AGES: 6yrs+
Cost: \$10 **LIMIT:** 20

Come and Try Day



We are seeking U6s, U8s, U10s, U12s and U14s
boys and girls
for the 2024 rugby season.

**Join us on Sunday 21st January
to give rugby a go.**

Kids turning 5 in 2024 are old enough to join.

We are an inclusive club that:

- supports kids at all levels
- encourages players to play as a team
- improves rugby skills
- rewards training focus and good sportsmanship
- wants everyone to have fun, including parents

**Like our Facebook page for upcoming information or to contact us -
Bathurst Junior Rugby Club**

