

# WATTLE FLAT PUBLIC SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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TERM 4  
WEEK 8

"Dreams come a size too big so that we can grow into them." -Josie Bisset

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### FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK



Dear Families

Welcome to our week 8 newsletter! What a fabulous event the Bathurst Small Schools Creative and Performing Arts Festival was last Thursday. Our children represented Wattle Flat Public School beautifully and shone bright as they performed their dance and sang their songs on the stage. It was wonderful to witness their improvement over the weeks leading up to it during rehearsals, and it was great to see them all perform so well on the day. It was a long day for our students, and they really impressed me with their patience and efforts on the day. Thank you again to Sarah for volunteering her time in the lead up to it and on the day, and to Mrs Clark for dedicating her time, especially in the evening to support the children. Mrs Rankin and Mr Cox were also a fabulous help, thank you.

This week our Year 6 students have another transition day at Kelso High School. Alongside this we welcome our Kinder 2024 Wattle Flat student into the classroom where they will begin their transition to big school. Exciting times!

Next week I look forward to welcoming you all to our Presentation Day Assembly on Friday 8 December. This is a wonderful chance to celebrate the learning that has been happening at our school and the achievements of our students. Please be advised that not all students will be receiving an award on this day, however all students and families will be included, and all of their work and learning is to be celebrated. On a yearly basis the award criteria are reviewed, and special awards may or may not be given out, depending on our student cohort. Thank you for your understanding regarding this. Following our assembly, I'd like to invite all families to join us for tea, coffee, cake and a chat. We have much to celebrate in terms of student effort and achievement at our school. Reintroducing merit awards and our PBL rewards this semester has been a great way of acknowledging positive behaviour and student achievements across the school. In the classroom, I have been pleased with how engaged the children have been with their learning. Overall, they have been thoughtful and inquisitive in their learning and working hard each day. Academic reports will be finalised and sent out in the final days of Term 4.

Thank you for your support in your child's learning.

*Rachel McGlinn*

### SAVE THE DATE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 8	27/11	28/11	BATHURST LIBRARY VAN KHS TRANSITION DAY 29/11	30/11 LIBRARY DAY	1/12
WEEK 9	4/12	5/12	6/12	7/12 LIBRARY DAY	8/12 PRESENTATION DAY 10AM-11:30PM
WEEK 10	11/12	12/12	13/12	14/12 LIBRARY DAY	15/12



## MERIT AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Congratulations Aydan and James for both working hard and receiving merit awards this week. Kara and Tilly received merits in week six. They have all shown effort and improvement in their learning lately. Payton was our lucky gold ticket draw this week and Tilly and Ayden in week six. Magnificent work!



## student SPOTLIGHT



### WILLOW ELVIN

**WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT SCHOOL?** Playing with the dolls during break times and baby sitting them.

**WHAT IS YOUR GOAL FOR THE YEAR?** I want to get better at writing.

**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROWUP?** A singer



## PRESENTATION DAY

Presentation day is just around the corner. We would like to invite Parents, carers, and families to join us to celebrate the student's achievements for the 2023.



### PRESTIGIOUS AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA

Our prestigious awards are presented each year at presentation day if the criteria are met. Year Six students who meet the criteria are the only students eligible to receive these awards.

- The Dux Award is awarded to the Year Six student who in the current academic year, has demonstrated in all key learning areas, with a particular emphasis on English and mathematics, a consistently superior standard of quality work. They are considered by the staff as the highest achieving academic member of the year six cohort.
- The Wattle Flat Gold Citizenship Award is awarded to the student who exhibits exceptional citizenship skills. This individual show that they are productive and caring members of society. Good citizens treat others with respect, they respect authority, and they respect the environment.
- The Carol McDiarmond Award is awarded to the student who has displayed personal growth in their self-esteem, resilience, and confidence.
- The Sports Award is awarded to the student with grit, exceptional sportsmanship, and commitment to improving skills.



## STRONGER TOGETHER

Our collaborative artwork is finished and has been delivered to Bathurst Regional Art Gallery ready to be exhibited later this term. The students have done a brilliant job working together to finish it off. Thank you to Hayley for her guidance throughout the whole creative process. The process involved the students posing for a photo with their best power pose, the tie dying of the fabric, using paint pens to draw our power poses on the fabric as silhouettes and lastly using a stencil to sponge in our chosen word 'Solidarity' with acrylic paint. It turned out fantastic!



**STRONGER**  
together

## WHAT'S HAPPENING LOCALLY?

### SOFALA FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sofala Hotel Social Club will once again be hosting their family Christmas party on the **Saturday 9th of December at 12pm**. A note was sent home with the last newsletter. If you haven't returned it and wish to come, please send it in by November 30th.



### WATTLE FLAT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wattle Flat Community Christmas Party will be held on the 10th of December at 4pm. Please see details below.



ho ho ho



# Bathurst Small Schools

## CAPA FESTIVAL

All the students hard work over the last term all came together for their performance and art gallery at the BMEC last week. We were blown away by their performances. Thank you to our parents and staff for supporting them to be able to take part in this experience.

### *Our day - Report by Evie, Kara & Aydan*

We started our day catching a bus into town. We practiced our dance and then we got to sit and watch the others school's performances. It was a big day and we got to have pizza in the park before it was time to get ready for our performance. We did one dance and sang two songs. It was an enjoyable day and night!

### Our favourite part of the day

Dancing to 'lets get down to business'.  
**Evie**

Getting my hair done, and pizza, wait everything was good!  
**Aydan**

Doing Aydan & Ken's hair for the performance!  
**Kara**



# thank you

Thank you to Sarah and Mark who helped us to get ready for our performance and artwork display for the CAPA Festival. Both giving up their time and talents for our students. The kids sounded beautiful, and their art works were unique and a showstopper. We are incredibly lucky to have such talented locals in our community.





Kindy have had fun learning all about 2D shapes. They have been exploring them in many different ways. They have been having a wonderful time while learning math with 'go fish,' literacy with 'beat the bear' and they love their phonics game too. They are very enthusiastic little learners! We asked them what their favourite shapes and here is what they said.



I like circles because they look like an O for Olive.



I like Triangles because they start with the letter T like my name.



I like rectangles, like the smartboard in this room it is a really big rectangle.



I like hexagons, because they have 6 sides.

## PRIMARY

Literacy, Math, and Science, it has been a busy two weeks in the primary classroom, learning all about fractured fairy tales, exploring 3D and 2D shapes and making bridges. Payton and Israel have been excellent readers and finished off their book yesterday.

Chase was excited to tell us all about the bridge making being the highlight of his learning in the last fortnight. As a part of the science unit, the students were tasked with making a bridge that can hold a variety of items without collapsing. Chase and Charli's held five dictionaries and other bridges held ten! They had to make their bridges out of cardboard, paddle pop sticks, pva glue and rubber bands. After testing they got to decorate them. Fabulous bridge engineers in the making.

