

Wandering News

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Principal's Chat

What an amazing school community we have. In the last fortnight the parent's vs the students Athletic Carnival practice happened. I'm still not sure who really won but I'm sure everyone slept well that night. Neil Darby the Regional Executive Director of the Wheatbelt and the CEO of Wandering Shire Belinda Knight visited the school. Caleb and Macey did the school proud as they walked the visitors around showing them our school and giving them a real understanding of what our school stands for. Our parent/teacher interview evening was a success with parents asking the staff the hard questions and being pleased with the responses. The Pirate Day raised \$60 and saw the students enjoy treasure hunts and sword fights. The Athletics Carnival was a great day with everyone participating and showing great sportsmanship. The students are not so focused on winning but more about supporting each other. Wandering did come 2nd on the Championship Shield with 294 points.

Interschool Athletics Carnival 2019 Record breakers:

- Girls K Flag Race - Harlow Edwards 26.34 (old record 27.27)
- K-2 Mixed Bean Bag 48.70 (old record 51.13)

Girls Kindergarten Champion	Harlow Edwards
Girls Kindergarten Runner-up	Harriet Hewitt
Boys Kindergarten Champion	Joel Reid
Boys Pre Primary Champion	Joel Caldwell
Boys Year 1 Champion	Archer Price
Girls Year 2 Champion	Arabella Hewitt
Boys Year 3 Champion	Chayse Passmore
Boys Year 5 Runner-up	Kauri McKenzie
Girls Year 6 Runner-up	Macey Treasure

We all enjoyed R U OK Day on Monday, 23. It was nice to wear the brightest yellow for the day. The Junior Assembly was amazing on Wednesday, 25 and the official opening of the Wandering Primary School Nature Trail Walk. I would like to thank the community for supplying morning tea. I would like to congratulate the Junior Class on a great Assembly. On Thursday, 26 the PBS committee were in serviced on the next stage of PBS. PBS is really coming along and by 2020 we will have some of the changes implemented.

As we head towards the last week of Term, I get to reflect on the term. The students have worked extremely hard and have enjoyed their learning immensely. The staff have supported the students through their lesson planning, giving feedback, nurturing. I could not have asked for a better group of people to work with our students. They are dedicated, diligent and caring.

School resumes for Term 4 on Monday, 14 October. Term 4 is jam packed already with a whole school History excursion, swimming lessons, kindy orientation, graduation dinner, presentation night and the fun water play day.

Junior Room News

I can't believe it is already the end of another term!! 😊

We have been so busy preparing for our assembly item and it was a success!! Thank you to every one who came to watch us 😊 it was great to have such a large audience to support the children doing their assembly. They were so nervous and they did an incredible job during the play and all their speaking parts.



The parents and community were also very very impressed with the student's work during the open classroom walk 😊 I loved watching the children take pride in showing off their work to their parents. This was amazing to observe.



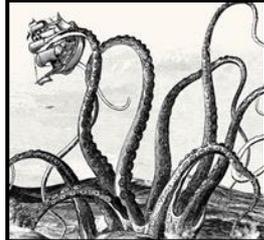
We also had a fun filled pirate day! The children dressed up, we had a treasure hunt, sword fights and an unplugged coding activity 😊 We have also continued to explore more games with Coding and the children love it.



HAVE A FABULOUS HOLIDAY BREAK AND I WILL SEE YOU ALL BACK NEXT TERM FOR ANOTHER FUN FILLED TIME!!!! Woooooohooo, schools out!

Senior Room News

The last two weeks have been extremely busy in the Senior Room as we wind up our units of work ready for a fresh start in Term 4. We have been writing an informational report about a mystical creature as part of our Talk for Writing program. This involved learning all about the extremely rare, Manchester Ridge Back Dragon that is a world champion chess player from the British Isles. We then followed the same format of the report, replacing the Manchester Ridge Back Dragon with our own mystical creatures. The results are excellent. We have students confidently writing lengthy reports which were edited using our spelling and grammar skills. The students then typed their reports on the computer using their touch typing skills. It is fantastic to see their posture and correct hand placement as they type with increased speed.



This week we all wore yellow for 'Are You Ok? Day. We discussed signs that a friend might not be Ok. The first thing to look out for is changes in behaviour. When people feel low, they often:

- Withdraw from their friends or their family
- Lash out at people and get angry or upset easily, including towards the people they care about
- Cry or become emotional
- Lose interest in activities and things they usually love
- Have changed sleeping patterns.
- They might be sleeping all the time, not sleeping much at all, or sleeping at strange hours (such as in the middle of the day)
- Have a changed appetite -they could be eating more than usual, or less.

We discussed that as children, we cannot fix our friends problems, or know the best advice to give, but we can ask if they are ok and listen.

We learnt the acronym ALEC which stands for:

Ask if they are ok.

Listen

Encourage action – getting help or telling a trusted adult

Check in after a few days to see how they are going.

By promoting an environment of positive peer support and accessing support channels via an adult, children can learn that asking, '**Are you OK?**', is a key life skill.

If you would like to discuss this further, you can view the **ALEC** video on you tube.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5q65pt_Z_4&feature=youtu.be



NATURE TRAIL WALK



Wandering Primary School would like to thank South 32 for their kind contributions in allowing our school into the Junior Landcare Grant Scheme. This grant enabled students to enlighten their knowledge of Landcare and the environment within the school grounds, with nesting boxes, fauna/flora identification and weeding. The Community enhanced the project and without their support we wouldn't have been able to achieve our goals (and most was done in their own time) so a special thank you to:

- Shire of Wandering for helping to remove unsightly material
- PHCC for their invaluable knowledge of Landcare and nesting boxes
- Mal Wilkins for all the signage along the trail
- Lions Group for the bridge and many helpers in planting and construction
- Robin Anderson for her knowledge of plants
- Ben Pike for Constructing the old Principals house
- Matt Clarkey for the nesting boxes program
- Murray Cornish for supplying the rocks and various materials the school needed

And all the students, staff and parents for their contribution. Hope you all enjoy the walk now and into the future. This is only the start of the trail.



NAIDOC 2019

Last term Wandering Primary School was invited to Boddington DHS to celebrate NAIDOC day. This was organised by Newmont Goldcorp, Viva Energy and Sodexo who also supported the smooth running of the day.

The students rotated through 4 activities that exposed them to Aboriginal culture. These activities involved sports, language, cultural dances and artefacts and an art piece.

We would like to thank Leesa and Kaila from Newmont Goldcorp who presented the NAIDOC banner to the students that they created in the art session. This banner represents the 6 Noogar season.



Library Lowdown



And so, another term comes to a close, I would like to remind you all to encourage your children to continue with their daily reading throughout the school holiday period. Check out what some of the public libraries have planned for their holiday events and activities too!

Leanne Rose – Library Officer



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"You learn to write better by reading. You learn to read better by writing. Reading and writing work together to improve your ability to think!" – Unknown