



Term 4 - Week 9 Newsletter

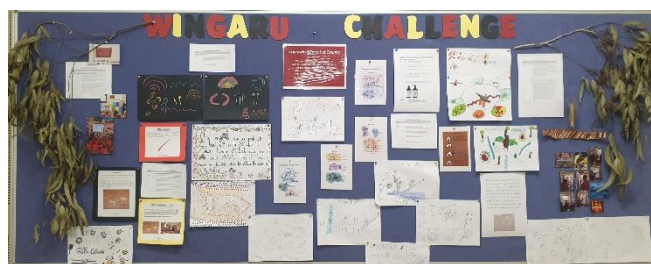
Respect

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Wingaru Challenge

Mrs Alissa Francis has wholeheartedly embraced the Wingaru Challenge, planning and providing each week for our teachers to embed Aboriginal perspectives into their classroom. Last week they revisited Wonnarua symbols and looked at artworks by Wonnarua artists. It has been wonderful to talk to the students and hear what they have learnt each week.



Presentation Day

Yesterday we enjoyed a wonderful celebration, complete with some parents/carers able to be on-site for our annual Presentation Day assembly. Award recipients were able to be in the hall and we livestreamed the assembly to the classrooms so that everyone was able to participate. Congratulations to all of our award winners, especially after such a challenging year. A complete list of all our award winners is further on in this newsletter.

GPS Christmas Card Competition

Mrs Alissa Francis coordinated a K-2 Christmas Card competition this year. After staff narrowed down the finalists, Mrs Francis went to all the local businesses in Greta and asked if they would vote for the winners. Congratulations to Austin, Aria, Piper, Blayz, Freya and Lucy for their winning designs. They each received a certificate and a pack of printed cards to give to family and friends. We would like to extend our appreciation for all of the Greta businesses who helped decide the winners.



Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024 – Community Consultation

Next year sees the implementation of our new school plan which will be in place for a four-year period. We have almost completed our situational analysis and will be seeking community consultation in the first few weeks of next year. We will have three strategic directions which will focus on: student growth and attainment, high expectations and continuous improvement, wellbeing and community. We will also be taking part in an Attendance Pilot Program. Keep an eye out for information around the consultation. We would love you to be a part of it to make this process authentic.

Thank you, Woodhouse Family

We would like to extend huge thanks to Michelle Woodhouse and her family for their generous donation of a frame that we can use for our Year 6 Farewell. It will look fabulous when it is decorated with balloons so they can have photos with their friends. We are also thinking of other ways to utilise it for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, NAIDOC Week, and the list goes on. Michelle has also generously offered to add the names of our 2021 School Leaders and Sport House Leaders to the boards we display in the hall.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, the entire staff wish everyone a wonderful festive season and a safe and happy New Year. See you all in 2021!

Mrs Sharon Morris – Principal



Important Dates for your Term 4 Diary

Monday 14th December Year 6 Farewell and Semester 2 reports sent home
 Tuesday 15th December Whole School PBL Reward Day and Class Parties
 Wednesday 16th December Last day of term for all students and Year 6 Fun Day

Important Dates for your Term 1, 2021 Diary

Wednesday 27th January Staff Development Day #1
 Thursday 28th January Staff Development Day #2
 Friday 29th January All Years 1-6 students return to school
 Friday 29th January 2021 Kindergarten student start school
 Friday 5th February GPS Swimming Carnival for students turning 8 years and older in 2021
 Wednesday 24th February School Photos

Week 8 Term 4 Stage Assembly Awards

| | Class Awards | PBL Awards |
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| KB | Lachlan T | Matilda H |
| | Ashton M | Jack L |
| K/1R | Eli S | Koen S |
| | Naomi T | Nate D |
| 1/2B | Avoca-J R | William H |
| | Taylor B | Charly C |
| 1/2H | Riley B | Addison A |
| | Boyd H | Leyton H |
| 3 /4H | Mason B | Charli C |
| | Ahli-James H | Alyssia B |
| | Kasady S | |
| 3/4R | Khloe S | Makenzie D |
| | Evie W | Noah W |
| | Aiden V | |
| 5/6C | Natalie L | Lily M |
| | Hannah B | Zoie L |
| | Lilly Q | |
| 5/6Q | Abigail L | Lilly L |
| | Taya N | Jack D |
| | Lawson S | |

Term 4 100% Attendance Awards

Special congratulations to the following students who have attended school every day until the end of Week 7. Their certificates were awarded at Stage Assemblies during Week 8.

KB – Brock, Maddison, Lucy
 K/1R – Skylar, Lincoln, Ryan
 1/2B – Taylor, Kosy, Maddie
 1/2H – Meredith, Travis, Flint, Edward, Dexter, Freya
 3/4H – Isabella, Archy, Annabella
 3/4R – Bodhi, Len, Makenzie, Harvey
 5/6C – Isabelle, Layla, Lilly, Jasmine, Natalie, Zahlan, Hayden
 5/6Q – Cailin, Jake, Bailey

Sustainability Grant Success

3/4R enjoyed some outdoor learning over the past week. They have been helping to prepare our new compost bins that were purchased with a grant from Cessnock City Council. In the coming weeks/months we will be using this compost to feed our gardens. Huge thanks to Ms Rummery for successfully gaining this grant for us.



Snack Shack News

Congratulations to Violet 1/2B, Freya 1/2H, Bayden 1/2H, Haylee 5/6C, Boyd 1/2H, Jaxon K/1R, Taj 1/2H, Darcy 1/2B, Layla 1/2B and Mayson 3/4R for finding and returning the Elf who kept escaping from the canteen.

The canteen is now closed for the year and will re-open on Wednesday, 3 February 2021.

This year the Snack Shack received an excellent report from their health inspection and I want to thank the volunteers who have helped throughout the year. You are all champions and deserve to be acknowledged for helping achieve this high standard.

Have a merry and safe Christmas break.

Canteen Coordinator
Tracey White



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Whole School Awards - Presentation Day 2020

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| KB | Jack L | A genuine love of Mathematics and desire to excel. |
| | Lucy W | Commitment and dedication to all aspects of English. |
| | Mia C | A love of learning and hard work in all Key Learning Areas. |
| K/1R | Ryan S | Commitment and enthusiasm in all learning areas. |
| | Lila Y | Persistence and commitment to achieve in Mathematics. |
| | Kyle C | Application and enthusiasm in literacy tasks, particularly in writing. |
| Yr 1/2B | Maddison H | A genuine love of learning and desire to excel. |
| | Sahraya M | Demonstrating growth across all Key Learning Areas. |
| | Ace D | Excellence and achievements in all Key Learning Areas. |
| Yr 1/2H | Edward P | Commitment and dedication to problem solving and the mastery of new skills in Mathematics, resulting in academic success and extension. |
| | Austin S | Consistently producing quality work to the best of his ability in all learning areas. His commitment to meeting the success criteria of each task is highly commended. |
| | Freya J | A dedicated and eager approach to all aspects of English, resulting in outstanding achievement and accomplishment of set learning goals. |
| Yr 3/4H | Aymaan A | A quiet achiever who is dedicated to learning. |
| | Daina F | Enthusiastic commitment and love of learning with a genuine desire to improve. |
| | Annabella S | Initiative and commitment to learning across all Key Learning Areas, demonstrating growth in all areas. |
| Yr 3/4R | Ivy L | Enthusiasm and achievement in Mathematics. |
| | Olivia H | Enthusiasm for learning across all Key Learning Areas. |
| | Evie W | Application and growth across all Key Learning Areas. |
| Yr 5/6C | Mikaylah P | A gifted and talented reader and writer who shows dedication and commitment in English. |
| | Joshua J | A consistent and mature approach to learning in all areas of Mathematics. Your problem-solving and critical thinking skills are valued. |
| | Isabelle H | An enthusiastic and dynamic student who has a keen desire to learn and improve. |
| Yr 5/6Q | Taya N | A consistently positive attitude and commitment toward learning in all Key Learning Areas. |
| | Rebecca M | A genuine love of learning and a positive approach to all classroom and school endeavours. |
| | Billy M | A demonstrated desire to excel and achieve in all Key Learning Areas. |

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| Dux of the School | Billy Musgrove |
| June Murphy Memorial Award | Jasmine Cant |
| Clayton Barr Outstanding Citizenship | Layla Musgrove (Senior) |
| Clayton Barr Outstanding Citizenship | Ivy Lindsay (Junior) |
| Junior Sports Encouragement | Marley Cullen |
| Senior Sports Encouragement | Lilly Quinnell |
| Sportsperson of the Year (Male) | Hayden Woodhouse |
| Sportsperson of the Year (Female) | Rebecca Morrow |
| Tidy Towns Award | Ben Yates |
| Janice Hodges Memorial | Natalie Lodo |
| Year 6 Peer Recognition | Jack Delaney |

| PBL | 100% ATTENDANCE AWARD |
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| Lachlan Thomas Blayz Musgrove Amanda Bevan Zahlan Tanabose Claire Harper Morgan Swaine Beau Jones Jack Delaney | Skylar Raglus Isabella Raglus Hayden Woodhouse |
| PUBLIC SPEAKING | SWIMMING |
| Lincoln Allen Blaine Ward Annabella Sullivan Zahlan Tanabose | Jnr Boys Champion - Marley Cullen Jnr Girls Champion - Hayley Binnie 11 Years Boys - Lawson Swaine 11 Years Girls - Lilly Quinnell Snr Boys Champion - Hayden Woodhouse Snr Girls Champion - Rebecca Morrow |

Senior Debating

In Term 3, our senior debating team consisting of Layla M, Isabelle H, Leanne R, Hannah B and Meyah L, competed in the Premiers Debating Challenge.

The team participated in a debating workshop hosted by the Arts Unit at the beginning of the year and were excited to put their newly developed skills into action during the challenge. They worked hard in the lead up to the competition to ensure that they were able to effectively structure strong arguments and quick rebuttals. For our first debate, we competed against Branxton Public School via Zoom. We were the affirmative team in the argument, 'Professional Australian athletes who are bad role models should be fired'. Our second debate was against Bolwarra Public School via Zoom. We were the affirmative team for, 'It should be mandatory for students to complete homework in the school holidays. Whilst we were not successful in securing a win, we came close and received some valuable feedback from the experienced adjudicators.

Our debaters were presented with an award acknowledging their participation at our Stage 3 Assembly last week. Well done team!



A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!