



# Newsletter

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TERM TWO - WEEK SIX

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## Principal's Report

Last week I had the privilege of participating in the Rural South and West Principals conference with over 300 principals from similar schools to Whitton Murrami Public School. The focus of the conference was 'Beyond Boundaries'. The messaging was about how we can learn from and support each other in our efforts for continual improvement of NSW Public Schools.

There has been so much happening at Whitton Murrami Public School that it is hard to believe that I have only been at the school for 15 weeks. One of many wonderful opportunities is the Boys to the Bush program. Please scan the QR code further in the newsletter to have a look at what happened during their first mentoring session. There are still so many more experiences to come with our sport programs for the remainder of the school term.

Over these last 15 weeks, I've had the opportunity to experience the dedication and commitment of all staff to provide a safe, caring and encouraging learning space for all students. **Whitton Murrami Public School truly is a space where all students are Known, Valued and Cared for.**



### Thank you WMPS P&C

A very big strength of our school is our very passionate P&C who work very hard at raising funds to support school initiatives. Through the generosity of the P&C, we have been able to update school technology by purchasing 9 laptops and 8 iPads for students to use in classroom learning. Access to up-to-date technology ensures that all students can learn in engaging and innovative ways that meets their point of need. THANK YOU to the P&C for your unrelenting support to provide the best opportunities for all students at Whitton Murrami Public School.



### Whole School Assembly

Our Term 2 assembly will be held on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June starting at 2.20pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate the achievements of all students over this term. I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible.

Here's to a fantastic year of learning, growing, and creating lasting memories!

Relieving Principal

*Karosha Reddy*



WMPS Facebook page

# TERM TWO CALENDAR

We aim to keep the calendar up to date with all school activities to support all parents and students feeling prepared and ready for the school week. We appreciate your understanding and support if an activity has been accidentally left off the calendar.

	Mon Jun 10	Tue Jun 11	Wed Jun 12	Thu Jun 13	Fri Jun 14
W7	10:20: MASE - Computational Thinking 11:30: LIBRARY - primary class	09:00: Boys to the Bush 10:00: Gardening & Cooking - Infants 11:40: MASE - Indigenous Seasons	Crazy Hair Day 09:30: Game Changer program		09:00: LIBRARY - Infants Class 11:30: Gardening & Cooking - Primary
	Mon Jun 17	Tue Jun 18	Wed Jun 19	Thu Jun 20	Fri Jun 21
W8	10:20: MASE - Computational Thinking 11:30: LIBRARY - primary class	09:00: Boys to the Bush 10:00: Gardening & Cooking - Infants 11:40: MASE - Indigenous Seasons	09:30: Game Changer program	2.20pm Whole School Assembly	09:00: LIBRARY - Infants Class 11:30: Gardening & Cooking - Primary
	Mon Jun 24	Tue Jun 25	Wed Jun 26	Thu Jun 27	Fri Jun 28
W9	Big Springs Delivery 10:20: MASE - Computational Thinking 11:30: LIBRARY - primary class	09:00: Boys to the Bush 10:00: Gardening & Cooking - Infants 11:40: MASE - Indigenous Seasons	Small Schools Athletics Carnival 09:30: Game Changer program		Semester 1 Reports going home 09:00: LIBRARY - Infants Class 11:30: Gardening & Cooking - Primary
	Mon Jul 01	Tue Jul 02	Wed Jul 03	Thu Jul 04	Fri Jul 05
W10	11:30: LIBRARY - primary class	09:00: Boys to the Bush 10:00: Gardening & Cooking - Infants	Gala Day – Game Changer program		09:00: LIBRARY - Infants Class 11:30: Gardening & Cooking - Primary



## Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Leeton High School Ovals  
**Wednesday 26 June**



## Save the Date

**TERM TWO – WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – starting at 2.20pm**

# Learning in K-2 from Miss Conroy

## K-2 WEEK 6 NEWS

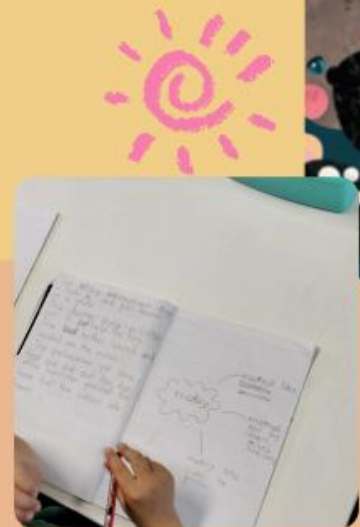
### We've Been Busy!

Over the last couple of weeks in K-2, students have been busy across a variety of key learning areas. In Geography, we are exploring places in our local community and which of those places are special to different people.

In learning how to care for important places, we worked together to clean up our school playground and gardens of rubbish.



We've also been enjoying hearing the wonderful stories shared around our weekly new topics!

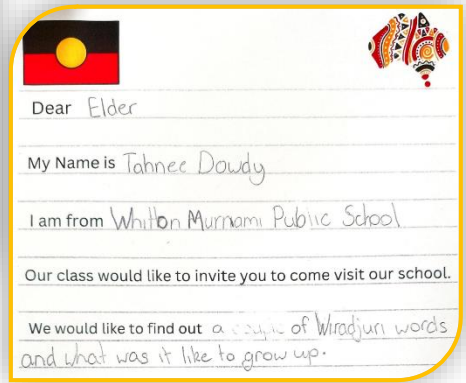


In literacy we have been learning about the difference between facts and opinions in a variety of stories and how our writing can be persuasive!

# Connecting to Culture *with Faith* (AEO)

Every Wednesday, Faith Kennedy, our Aboriginal Education Officer, engages K-6 students with lessons on Aboriginal culture and land. During Reconciliation Week, the whole school collaborated on an artwork featuring our handprints. Students also learned about Aboriginal art symbols by creating them with play dough.

This week, students have been learning about the significance of Elders in our community and their role in sharing cultural knowledge. Students have written letters inviting local Elders to visit our school to strengthen our connection to culture, history, and land.





## Pancake Breakfast

For Breakfast club this week we had freshly made pancakes on Wednesday.

This was a very big hit for students along with a warm Milo. What a great way to start the day!!

**Pancake breakfast will be available  
On Wednesday 13 June... YUM!!!**

## Boys to the Bush

This week stage 3 boys had their first mentoring session with the team from Boys to the Bush. The first session in the program introduced the boys to the purpose of the program, shared behaviour expectations and goals, and engaged them in activities designed to foster respect, resilience, engagement, and a sense of community.

Scan the QR code to learn more about their experience.



**Boys to the Bush  
Week 6 Report**



## Hats at school

Last week a note went home sharing the importance of sun safety all year. It has been outstanding to see all students wearing their own hat at school every day.

We aim to help students develop a positive habit of always wearing a hat when outdoors. This can also include wearing sunscreen for added protection every day.



## Learning in 3-6 from Mr Hellier

The Primary classroom has been busy with various activities over the past fortnight: MASE, Boys to the Bush, Game Changer and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden just to name a few. In the classroom, students have been busy learning a multitude of topics across all our key learning areas. From paragraph writing to cultural dances and exploring the different uses and properties of materials, it has been non-stop! All of our students from Week 7 will also have access to laptop computers. Previously only Stage 3 students had one, but now the entire classroom is able to take advantage of these tools and use them in their learning. But make no mistake, there is still plenty of work to be done with a pen, pencil and paper!



Mathematics is a focus of WMPS and our local school network, with Primary being no exception. Students have been learning about fractions, decimals, multiplication and division, and chance and probability. These are all challenging topics, but those who are giving their best efforts are reaping the rewards. Our students have created their own spinner wheels to show that chance is random, not something that can be predicted or manipulated. We have also been gathering the data to create graphs and tables, skills which can be used in other subjects such as science and geography.

As always, if you have any questions about your child, my door is always open.

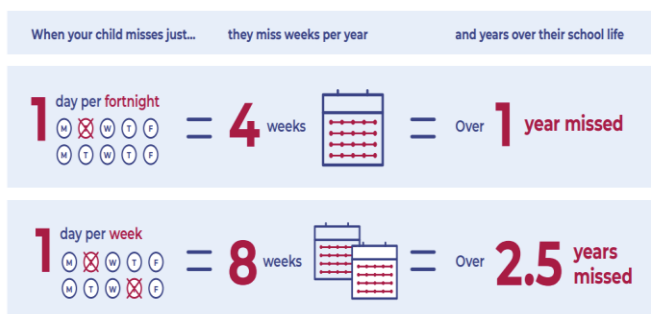
Kind Regards

*Mr Vincent Hellier*

### Attendance Matters

#### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.

When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier, and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

## Sport Skills

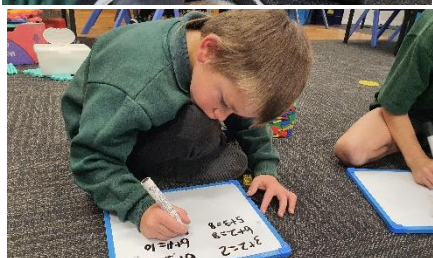
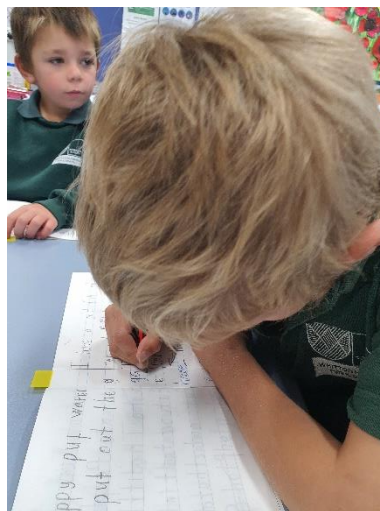
Every week students participate in mixed sports groups to develop different fundamental movement skills. These skills have included throwing, catching, kicking and running. Each mixed group has a Stage 3 sport leader who helps and mentors their team. Each week we have seen student confidence increase as they practise the different sport skills through a modified game.



## Learning with Miss Reddy

It has been wonderful to see the growth of all students in their literacy and numeracy skills. Over the last two weeks we have been learning to use our knowledge of phonemes to read bigger words. A **phoneme** is a sound made by a **single letter** or a **combination of letters** to say a word. In writing we have been focusing on our letter formation for letters that have a tail such as **g**, **p** and **j**.

In numeracy, we have been learning to use the **Counting-on strategy** when we add two numbers. This strategy helps us add two numbers quickly. We have also been practising to write all numbers with the correct formation. This can be a little tricky and with practise we can all learn to be better.





A very happy birthday to Charlie who Turned 7 on Sunday.  
We wish you a wonderful year ahead.



## Attendance ★ Super Star ★



**Week 5**



**Week 6**



Across the week all students receive raffle tickets to support the positive reinforcement of behaviours that aid learning in the classroom, positive social connections and promote a sense of responsibility and care for our environment. Raffle tickets are drawn every Friday and the recipients for Week 5 and Week 6 are .....

**Week 5**



**Week 6**





# LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

## News 2024

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### Principal's Report Term 2 Week 6

It has been a busy fortnight of activities since our last newsletter.

#### South West Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to our 50 strong Cross-Country team who recently competed in the South West Cross Country Carnival. Our runners were exceptional in their effort and sportsmanship during the event earning them the title on 'Champion School.' Special mention to our Age Champions Ava Gilmour and Caydan Hillier.

#### LHS Representative Choir

Congratulations to our Representative Choir, who performed at the In Concert (Secondary Choral Festival) last week. Our performers joined with the NSW Public Schools Symphony Orchestra, NSW Public Schools Jazz Orchestra and over 300 other students in the Combined Secondary Choir. Our Choir performed a range of challenging repertoire led by amazing conductors and the Guest Artist Darren Percival.

#### Academic Mentor Program – Year 10 into 11 2025 Subject Selection Evening

Thank you to all parents, carers, Year 10 students and teachers who attended the Year 11 2025 Subject Selection Evening. Students, parents and staff were able to discuss career pathways, student interests and what subjects would best set our Year 10 students up for success in future years. Please contact Mr. Damian Bush on 69532122 with any questions about the subjects on offer for Year 11 next year.

#### South West Athletics Carnival

Best wishes to our athletes participating in the South West Athletics Carnival in Griffith on Wednesday. Last call for permission notes to be returned and for payments to be made for transport to the carnival through School Bytes. For any concerns or queries, please contact the school on 69532122.

#### NSW CHS Representation

Congratulations to Jack Miller who represented the Riverina at NSW CHS All-Schools Swimming Championships last Friday. We also wish Taylah Axtill the best of luck as she represents the Riverina as part of the Open Girls Touch team at the upcoming NSW CHS Championships in Cronulla!

#### Deaf Football Australia Representative

Congratulations to Ruby Miller who made her debut for the Deaf Football Australia Women's Team against the USA Women's team in Colorado. She has spent the last week in the US getting to know and train with her team mates. Congratulations Ruby! We look forward to hearing about this wonderful experience.

#### Breakfast Club

Our FREE Breakfast Club is operational from 8.30am Tuesday to Friday thanks to our volunteer students, teachers, and our Student Support Officer, Jannette. We appreciate the donations from Golden Apple, Foodbank, Rapid Relief Team and Sunrice. All students are encouraged to grab some toast and hot Milo to fuel a productive day of learning.

Have a great week!

Get a great start to the day. Visit our Breakfast Club: Tuesday-Friday from 8.30am



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