Let's Go Woolomin, Let's Go!

This was the chant that could be heard at Nundle last Friday where seven students represented Woolomin School at the Cockburn Carnival. Samuel Lee, Miriam Csanki, Emma Thompson, Brooke Douglas, Emma Lee, Emily Milo and William Fisher all competed in the 50 metre carnival. It was a glorious day for both competitors and spectators.

Miriam got things started with an early swim in the 100 metres freestyle event following through with beautiful swims in the 50metre freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Most notable was the heart stopping breaststroke race. Miriam swam like a fish and just missed out on first place by 3 hundredths of a second!! What a race!! What a second place time!!! Samuel made a splash in the pool with three third place ribbons in the 50metre freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke events. Brooke was competitive in both the freestyle and breaststroke, swimming with great style. Emma Lee showed off her skill in the backstroke and freestyle events and Emily was so fast in the freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke you could hardly see a ripple in the water!

Emma Thompson represented Woolomin with pride in the senior freestyle and backstroke events with very impressive times and lots of stroke style. You couldn’t stop our William Fisher who after swimming in the 50metre freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly events kept swimming in the junior medley! He had already completed 8 laps and kept going! His fitness and enthusiasm was amazing to see.

William, Samuel, Emma Lee and Miriam swam well as a team in the senior relay however the greatest highlight of the day was the mixed medley relay events. After a long day of swimming every member of the Woolomin team marshalled for the eight lap event which involved two laps each of butterfly, breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle. What Champions we have at Woolomin!

It was a great day and the enthusiasm for giving their best effort and encouragement towards each other was inspiring to witness and all students are to be commended. Thank you to parents and families who provided transport on the day and for cheering on our Cockburn Swimming Team. Your support was appreciated.

Congratulations to Samuel and Miriam for achieving competitive times for the Zone Carnival this Friday, 20th February. We wish you both the best of luck in your events.
School Information Evening

I am looking forward to meeting school families at the 2015 School Information Evening to be held in the library at Woolomin School today, Tuesday 17th February. School families are invited to enjoy a sausage sizzle at 6.30pm. The information session will commence at 7pm.

Early Action for Success

Early Action for Success is a strategy for implementing the NSW government’s State Literacy and Numeracy Plan. It aims to improve students’ literacy and numeracy skills through a targeted approach in the early years of schooling. In 2015 Woolomin School will be part of this initiative.

This means that our school will receive support for targeted interventions in literacy including funds to assist in the training of staff in literacy assessment and teaching strategies and professional guidance through the appointment of an instructional leader.

Staff will attend training in L3. Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) is a research-based Kindergarten classroom intervention, targeting text reading and writing. Students will receive explicit instruction in reading and writing strategies in small groups of three to four selected students. Students then rotate to independent individual or group tasks. This occurs in the daily literacy session.

To support the implementation of L3 in the K-2 classroom, Miss Burford will be working with Miss Pichler on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during literacy and numeracy sessions and will attend professional development in L3 throughout the year. Miss Pichler has already been trained in L3 strategies and Miss Burford has participated in TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) training. We are fortunate to have two quality teachers working with our infant students, ensuring they receive a best start to their education and learning. Mrs McMahon will be attending an Early Action for Success seminar in Sydney on the 12th-13th March.

P&C Meeting

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held on Monday afternoon. It was pleasing to note the number of parents attending the AGM and their willingness to commit to executive roles for 2015.

The 2015 P&C committee is:

President: Janelle Walsh
Vice President 1: Terrie Fisher
Vice President 2: Amelia Gordon
Secretary: Sharon Csanki
Treasurer: Helen-Mary Jones

A warm welcome is extended to the new executive and to all school families who were able to attend.

On behalf of Miss Miles and 2014 staff I would like to express gratitude for the effort and commitment of the outgoing P&C executive for the many years of service they have given towards supporting and creating educational opportunities for the students of Woolomin PS.
**Animal Nursery**

After the AGM, P&C got straight down to business with discussions about running the Animal Nursery at the Tamworth Show. Attached to this newsletter is a roster requesting the support of school families at the Animal Nursery on the 13th and 14th March (Tamworth Show) and at the Go For Gold Festival (Nundle) on the 4th and 5th of April. These events are major fundraisers for our school through the P&C. The funds raised are contributed towards subsidising and sponsoring many learning opportunities, resources and programs throughout the year including excursions. All contributions of time are appreciated; even a couple of hours can make a difference and make the ventures more manageable for all involved. The idiom ‘Many hands make light work’ is very true in these situations. Please return the roster to school by Friday 20th. P&C will be holding a special Animal Nursery organisation meeting next Monday and the responses will be collated into a roster.

**Animal Nursery Organisation Meeting**

P&C will hold a special meeting on Monday 23rd February at 3.10pm at the school. The purpose of this meeting to discuss all matters relating to the upcoming nurseries (Tamworth Show and Nundle) including sourcing animals for display, rosters, transport of equipment / animals, set up and pull down planning and overnight security. Community and school families are invited to attend this meeting to contribute to and have input into the 2015 Animal Nurseries. Your support is vital to the success of these fundraising initiatives.

**P&C meeting times**

At the P&C AGM, the day and time that the P&C meets was raised in general business. There was discussion about making meetings on days and times that best suit the majority of school families to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate. Feedback concerning your thoughts about the most suitable day / time for P&C meetings would be greatly appreciated. **Please return the attached slip to school by Friday 20th February.** This information will be forwarded to the P&C for consideration. Obviously, it will not be possible to meet every persons preferred time however there were a few options suggested including alternating between afternoons and evening meetings.

**Skill for the Week**

This week the skill teaches what to do when the bell rings at lunch and afternoon tea. This skill involves the following steps:

- **What to do when the bell rings at lunch and afternoon tea**
  1. Stop playing
  2. Put equipment away
  3. Shake sand out of shoes (if you have been playing in the sandpit)
  4. Go to the toilet
  5. Wash your hands
  6. Have a drink
  7. Line up quickly and quietly outside your classroom

By practising this skill you will learn to be punctual for class and not miss out on learning time.
Homework

Thank you to the students who returned their homework last week. Unless parents have spoken to staff about their child not being set homework, the expectation is that all homework will be completed and returned to school on time. In the 3-6 class this week some homework sheets had to be sent home not glued into books as they hadn’t been returned with the previous weeks homework. I understand that it was only the first week of homework however good routines need to be established early. Students and families are encouraged to speak to staff if they have any questions about homework.

Permission Notes

Several permission notes were sent home regarding different aspects of school life. Thank you to the families that have returned signed notes. Please ensure all notes are returned as soon as possible.

Ice Cream Orders

Ice blocks in stock are:
- Calippo mini- $1.00
- Paddle Pops- $1.00
- Cyclones—$2.00
- Berri Quelch- $0.50c

Disco

SRC will be hosting a disco on Thursday 19th March. The theme is FLUORO! Students from K-6 are invited to come dressed in their brightest disco clothes for some grooving and games. The fun commences at 6.30pm -8pm. Entry is by gold coin and there will be a small canteen available.

The Menu
Sausage Sizzle $2
Small chips 50c
Bottle water $1
Popp tops $1
Glo Sticks 50c

Clothing Pool

Clothing Pool is now up and running at the school, We have a variety of Summer and Winter clothing, some new and some old. If you wish to come and look at the clothing pool please phone the office to make an appointment.

Pancake Day

What a stroke of luck that Pancake Day, otherwise known as Shrove Tuesday (Tuesday 17th February) also coincided with Primary’s’ writing focus on Factual text types, in particular procedural recounts. Primary enjoyed flipping pancakes in literacy groups, then wrote procedural recounts about the steps they took. Jam and cream pancakes were the favourite choice amongst all students across the school!
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

**3-6 Class Award:** William Fisher

*Commitment to completing tasks in class*

**Principal’s Award:** Emma Thompson

*Responsibility towards self and others*

**Merit Cards:**


*MONDAY ASSEMBLY AWARDS*
# CALENDAR

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

Animal Nursery is fast approaching, and the P&C are looking for helpers, could any parents willing and available to help on the 13th and 14th of March please fill in the slip below indicating a day and a rough time that you are able to help. Times will be confirmed closer to the day as set up and closing times had not been confirmed as yet.

ANIMAL NURSERY

Family Name: _______________________________

☐ Yes I am able to help with the Tamworth Show Animal Nursery.

☐ Number of helpers

☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Both days

Please select the Preferred Time/s.

☐ Morning ☐ Lunch Time ☐ Evening

Please Return to Office by Friday 20th February 2015.
P&C PREFERENCES

Please circle the preferred day and time that would best suit your family to attend P&C meetings

Day
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Times
3:10-4:10  4:00-5:00  7:00-8:00

Please return this note to the office by Friday the 20th February, to be forwarded to the P&C committee.