



Newsletter

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Year 1/2 Maths Day



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“Reach for the Stars”

From the Principal, Miss Sarah Perrett

Dear Parents & Care Givers,

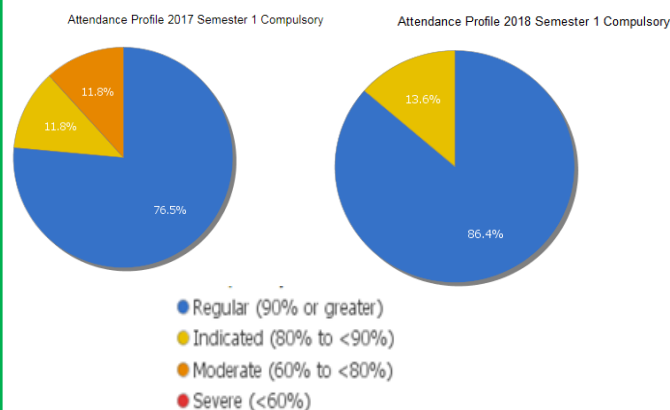
We near the end of an extremely busy, but very productive semester. Both students and staff have earned themselves a well deserved break. Parents, may you cherish the next two weeks with your children and enjoy not making lunches or washing uniforms.

Attendance

Below are two graphs comparing the overall attendance for the whole school at the end of Semester 1, 2017 and Semester 1, 2018.

Our overall attendance rate has increased from last year, but more excitedly, the rate of students regularly attending school (90% or more) has increased by 10%!

Thank you and congratulations to each and every student, as well as to the parents and carers for ensuring your children get to school each day, as we know that high attendance rates correlate with student achievement.



Student Reports & 3 Way Interviews

Student reports will be emailed out and distributed this Friday. On Thursday 19th July (week 1, Term 3) there will be three-way parent, teacher and student interviews from 11.35 am. This is a 15-minute session to discuss your child's achievement and progress following the Semester 1 reports, as well as setting goals for the second semester. Timetable has been sent home.

Junior Room Assembly

Congratulations to the Junior Room students and their teacher, Mrs Kirsty Edwards for an informative item at last weeks assembly. It is fantastic to witness students making the most of these opportunities by showcasing and sharing the learning that is occurring in class. Thank you to everyone who contributed in the 'Biggest Morning Tea', \$155.50 was raised for the Cancer Foundation.

Timetable Changes

There will be a few changes to the timetable for next Semester. Library will be on Tuesdays and Art will be replaced by Music (Junior room: Mondays, Senior Room: Thursdays). Sport for both classrooms will be on Tuesday afternoons, allowing the classes to combine to practice for the YSSSA Athletics Carnival in Term 3.

School Enrolments

Applications for enrolment into Kindergarten 2019 are now open. You can apply to enrol your child if they are four years old by 30th June 2019.

Enrolment forms are available on our website or from the front office. When enrolling your child, please bring your child's birth certificate and immunisation records with you.

NAIDOC Day

NAIDOC Week is from 8-15th July, and as these dates are during the school holidays, we will be recognising NAIDOC Week on Thursday 19th July. The theme of NAIDOC week this year is '*Because of Her, We Can!*', which focuses on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who have played and continue to play an active and significant role in the community, and in local, state and national levels.

If you are interested in assisting, please contact the office by the end of this term.

From the Principal, Miss Sarah Perrett

Holidays and Staff Development Day

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break. Monday 16th July is a Staff Development Day and students are not to attend school. Students begin on Tuesday 17th July.

Please note that Mrs Josie Kent will be absent for the first 5 weeks of Term 3. If you ring the school office and your call is not taken, please leave a message on the answering machine.

Birthday Wishes to:

Gracie Lawrence, 5th July



Award Winners: Term 2 Week 8

Jye Jackson: for his creative ideas and enthusiasm in art.

Claire Birtles: for accurately telling time on both digital and analogue clocks

Matthew Edwards: for his interest in science both in and outside the classroom

Regan Auld: for always presenting neat and tidy work using cursive handwriting.

Tayla Della Bosca: for her excellent work in converting fractions to decimals and percentages.

Amy Rose: for accurately creating a scene with perspective in Art.

Guiding Principles winner: Reece Jackson



Dates to Remember

Date	Day	Event
29th June	Friday	PP-6 Excursion to Parnana Pikurta Wildlife Sanctuary (Moorine Rock) Last Day of Term Two—Reports to go home.
17th July	Tuesday	Students return to school for Term 3
19th July	Thursday	Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews NAIDOC Celebrations
20th July	Friday	Kindergarten students attend school on Friday (in addition to Mon & Wed)

Wanted: Gumnuts, pine cones, corks, wood slices, shells, pebbles, quandong seeds, wooden cotton reels, seed pods for the junior room.



Senior Room Parliament

Passing a Bill in Class

On Monday morning the whole senior class participated in our version of Parliament to pass a Bill that the student councillors had made in HASS, as a part of our Civics and Citizenship unit of work. We all had to have a role to play from the speaker of the house to leaders of a party.

The Bill was to have 30 minutes at recess and 30 minutes at lunch.

It was a very short process because we didn't have to wait a whole day to think about it.

First we started at the House of Representatives which were basically one side of the classroom. This was where the Bill was presented to the House and an explanation was given. Then we discussed the bill and did the 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading. After we finished that, we moved to the House of Senate (the other side of the classroom).

In the House of Senate we did all of the readings, debating and voting on whether the Bill should have any changes made to it. Then we voted to decide if the proposed Bill should become a law.

In the end the Bill was approved by the Governor General (Mrs Nicholson) on behalf of the Queen and it became a law. The Queen (Miss Perrett) was there to witness the parliamentary session and declared that the trial of the new law would take place on the Tuesday 26th of June 2018.

The Students rejoiced.

By Amy Rose

House of Representatives



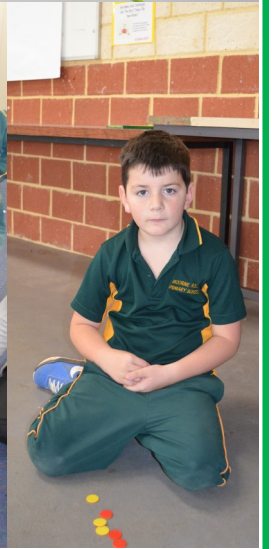
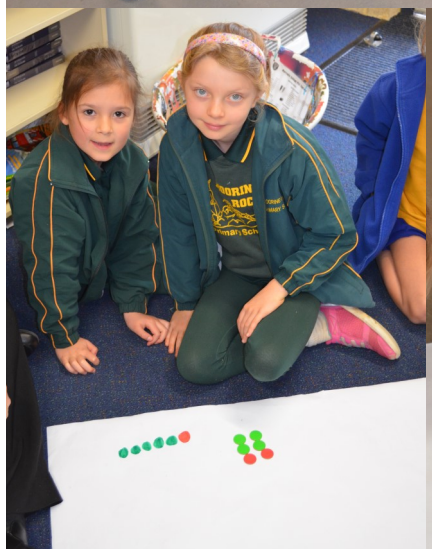
Senate





Year 1/2 Maths Day

Last week the Year 1/2 students went to Merredin for a Maths Day. The day focused on applying the Problem Solving Framework which has been taught in class, to a range of maths problems with students from other EWEN schools. All the students collaborated with their peers, extended their knowledge and understanding in Maths whilst having fun.





Junior Room Assembly



MOORINE ROCK P&C FOOTY TIPPING

RESULTS

**Round 13 - Sponsored by Merredin Refrigeration & Gas with thanks to
Gordon and & Corey Nelson**

Winner: RRJ

Overall Competition Leaderboard:

1st – Thackers 84pts

2nd – Cowpatch/Pags/Nannabelle 82pts

3rd – Hodgee 81pts

Round 14 - Sponsored by Carribber Poll Merino Stud with thanks to the Steel

Family

Winner: Kristie West

Overall Competition Leaderboard:

1st – Thackers 89pts

2nd – Cowpatch/Pags/Nannabelle 87pts

3rd – Hodgee 86pts



MY FAMILY, THE ELEPHANT & ME

A STORY ABOUT THE
ELEPHANT IN THE WHEATBELT

SEAN E AVERY



RAC is excited to provide, free of charge, a copy of the children's storybook "My Family, The Elephant and Me" to all primary school students in the Wheatbelt as well as a supply to all Community Resource Centres across the region.

The story focuses on the importance of road safety, and follows a Wheatbelt family on a road trip to Jurien Bay. The little boy is excited for the trip; he's going to bring his toy elephant with him and he can't wait! Along the way, Dad makes some mistakes while driving and the Elephant gets very upset, reminding the family to "travel safe or not at all!"

Written and illustrated by Perth teacher and artist, Sean Avery, RAC hopes the book is read by teachers and parents to their children, ultimately changing the driving attitudes and road safety perceptions of all generations.

RAC's Elephant in the Wheatbelt was commissioned in 2015 as part of a five year road safety campaign to highlight the consistently high road death rates in the region.

Since his first appearance, The Elephant has travelled thousands of kilometres across the Wheatbelt raising awareness and encouraging communities to take responsibility for road safety in their towns.

His aim is to provide communities with lasting reminders of the simple things everyone can do to make a real difference to road safety in their community.

For Further information

If you have any questions please contact Wheatbelt@rac.com.au . Further information on the book and the Elephant in the Wheatbelt is available on the [Elephant in the Wheatbelt Facebook Page](#). We would welcome anyone sharing thoughts or image of the book on social media using #wetravelsafe.

And remember.....



If you would like a copy of this book you can either give the school a call on 9049 1176 and order one or you can call into the CRC in Southern Cross and pick up a copy.