



# Wooroolin Warbler

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## Principal's Message

Hello all,

I am so pleased to have accepted the Principal position at Wooroolin State School for the remainder of the school year. I am a proud South Burnett local, and am honoured to be Principal at such a highly regarded school within our district. I am looking forward to building meaningful relationships with staff, students and families. I have worked in strong leadership roles at my previous schools and look forward to leading Wooroolin, to achieve all our goals, to Make Wooroolin Proud.



I am very invested in our focus improvement agenda of reading. I look forward to seeing all students improve in their reading journey and increase their success as we travel towards the end of the school year. Discuss with your child what their reading level is and what they are working on in order to improve their reading. All students are working on their own individual journey, and these discussions allow for celebrations of their learning and give students an opportunity to express how they are taking control of their own learning.

I am devoted to every student at Wooroolin state school being an active learner and engaging in all areas of the curriculum. This includes being prepared for learning every day, and actively engaging with Teaching staff to improve their learning.



Heather Litzow  
Principal

Reading with your child daily allows for increased vocabulary and connections with the words and sounds that they hear daily in the classroom. All students have library lessons weekly and have the option to take a book home borrowed from the library. Please encourage your child to borrow a book and read together to increase their exposure to printed text.

**Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?**

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?  
(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

## Swimming

Swimming will begin in week 3 and continue every Thursday 11-1 until week 7.

As always we encourage parents to volunteer to support students throughout the swimming lessons and speak with teachers regarding their child's swimming ability. The water can be an anxious place for some children and it is important that we aim for confidence with all children around water. So if you have any concerns around swimming please make contact with school staff, so that we can support your child.

Students will need a swimming bag, that includes:

**Swimming togs, swim sun safe shirt (no Singlets), towel, plastic shopping bag for wet clothes.**

Sunscreen will be provided by the school. Please label your child's items. With many students dressing and changing items of clothing can be lost or left.



Week 1

Friday 8/10

Summer Sports Carnival Training at Wooroolin State school for small schools

Week 2 :

Monday 11/10

NO PARADE (Due to camp)

11/10—13/10: Yr 3-6 Maranatha Camp, Boulder Creek —Departing from Tingqora SS at 7am Sharp

Tuesday 12/10

Bugle Band Practice

Wednesday 13/10

Playgroup 9-11am

Thursday 14/10

Bugle Band Practice

Friday 15/10

Tuckshop Yum Yum

Summer Sports Carnival Training

### Maranatha Camp, Boulder Creek.



Students in years 3 – 6 will be attending camp next week (Week 2). Mrs Litzow, and Mrs Weller will be accompanying students on camp.

A reminder to parents that your child will need to be at **Tingoora State School at 7am SHARP**, on Monday 11 October.

Students will have received their medical form, and invoices for camp. Please complete the medical form and make payment at the office or via Bpoint online. This will need to be completed by Friday 3pm.

Please insure that your child has packed all items on the “What to bring “ list. If you require another packing list please advise the office so a copy can be issued.

PLEASE BE ADVISED – THAT THERE IS A WHAT NOT TO PACK – Please follow these guidelines for all students safety while on camp.

If you have any questions or concerns about camp please contact the office.

Students will return from Camp at approx. 2:30pm to Tingoora state school. Please be ready to collect your child at this time. There are three large days of activity planned and your child may be fatigued.

### Dental Van:

Everyone’s favourite Van is here in Term 4. The Dental van has arrived with Dentists and all. If you have not returned your dental forms please do so ASAP, or see the office if you require another. Brush your teeth students, the van is here

### Playgroup

Wednesday Mornings are always a hive of activity at Wooroolin State School Playgroup. Playgroup meets every Wednesday from 9-11am. Come along and enjoy a social play time with great families from our local community. Mrs Ogden enjoys creating innovative and stimulating play spaces for young children to explore and socially interact with their new found friends. Always Making Wooroolin Proud.



### Prep/1 News,

I can already tell it is going to be a wonderfully productive final term with everyone returning to school refreshed and eager to learn. The students are all very excited about the progress they are making and the fact that they will be in a new year level next year! As always, we will be focusing heavily on reading this term and I strongly encourage to keep engaging with texts at home. Our reading block is from 9-9:30 Monday to Friday and volunteers are welcome as one on one support is very beneficial especially in the early reading stages.

We have already begun focusing on some new and exciting units this term that have sparked great student interest. The main English focus this term is engaging with poetry, in which students will be learning about key feature of poems and creating and reciting poems. In Maths we have begun looking at Australian currency which leads to many problem solving and critical thinking situations which draw upon a lot of other core maths concepts learnt throughout the year.

As you are aware swimming will commence in week 3 and any help will be greatly appreciated especially with our younger students who may have some hesitancy or over confidence in their abilities! Tuesday of week 3 is also our Prep Open Day from 9-11. Please encourage anyone you know with children who will be attending Prep next year who are still undecided of which school they will be enrolling in for 2022 to come along. As we all know Wooroolin is an amazing school and in my unbiased opinion has one of the best early learning programs around, so we are definitely keen for has many enrolments as possible.

If anyone ever has any questions I’m always available for a chat before or after school or can be contacted via [dcoll220@eq.edu.au](mailto:dcoll220@eq.edu.au)

Dorian Collins

### Mrs Thomas

Welcome to Term 4 everyone! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable break and had a chance to spend some quality time with their families. I will be working alongside Mrs Hoare for the first part of this term while Miss Mason is off on an adventure as acting Principal in Kioma. I will be with the 5/6 class on Tuesday's and the 2/3/4 class on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday's. There will also be a lesson each week on Wednesday's continuing music with the P-1 class.

The Science focus area across the 2-6 classes over the coming weeks will be chemical science. The 2/3/4 class are looking at heat and how it is produced, observed and transferred in the unit 'Hot Stuff', while the 5/6 class will be looking at light and how it travels in the unit 'Now You See It'. I am looking forward to some exciting experiments in both classes!

The 5/6 class will be continuing their Design Technologies unit 'Hands Off' and will be designing and evaluating a security system using the electrical circuit knowledge we have learnt so far as their final assessment. I will also be picking up the Digital Technologies in the 2/3/4 class and will be looking at the unit 'What digital systems do you use?', this unit takes a closer look at the everyday devices and technologies students use at home and school.

Alongside Mrs Hoare in the 2/3/4 class, I will also be teaching English and Maths along with continuing the spelling and reading program. In English we are looking at Australian Poetry, while my teaching focus in Maths will be number and place value along with fractions and decimals.

Looking forward to working with everyone this term and discovering new exciting knowledge! Let's make ourselves and Wooroolin PROUD by putting in our very best efforts!

Kind regards, *Natalie Thomas*



### Mrs Hoare

For the first 4 weeks of term 4 I will be the teacher in charge of the 2/3/4 group on a Monday and Tuesday. During this timeframe I will work with Mrs Thomas to deliver the curriculum planned for this class. The scheduled reading and spelling will continue in the morning session. The focus for English will be Poetry. Children will explore a variety of poems and will be encouraged to read and write their own poems. For HASS this term the year 2/3/4 group will compare the human and natural features of New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. The focus for maths on a Monday and Tuesday will be Chance and Data for the first 2 weeks and Money for week 3. I am looking forward to working with the children to have a positive and productive month. If you have any questions please come and say hello before or after school on a Monday or Tuesday.

This term on a Wednesday the 5/6 group will continue to study HASS, LOTE and the Arts. This term in HASS the year 5/6 group will compare Indonesia with Australia. They will look at: Mapping and location, diverse characteristics, climate, first nations peoples and demographic data. Lote provided on line will continue. The 5/6 group will continue with a unit on Dramatic Transformations, where they will have the opportunity to use their creative talents to perform in front of the class and the school group. If you have any queries please see me before or after school on a Wednesday.

Kind regards, *Melissa Hoare*



**From the 5/6 Classroom.**

Term 4 is a very busy term. Students in year 6 will be working hard to prepare for their transition to high school in 2022. This has continued this week with a visit from Kingaroy State High School students who were previously confident Wooroolin State School Graduates. Year 5 students are preparing to become the leaders of the school in 2022.

In English in term 4, students will be investigating the fun concepts of poetry and how it can make and shape the world we live in. In Maths we are learning about fractions and Money. The math unit this term has a strong focus on budgeting and money spending. Although we do have a real world focus within the classroom, we ask that you find opportunities to discuss money and budgeting with your child and encourage them to share and discuss lessons that they are learning, with you. Reading will continue to be a specific focus in the classroom this term, and all students are expected to know and understand their reading levels and what they will be working on to improve their own reading ability. Homework will look a little bit different this term, and we encourage students in year 5 and 6 to be reading for 20 minutes a day, every day.

Kind regards, *Mrs Litzow*



# End of Term 3 Rewards Day fun

