



Wowan State School

Together We Learn

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4 Week 4
25 October 2021



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SCHOOL LEADERS

Dee House Leader - Thomas

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Student Councillors:

Year 6 - Mackenzie

Year 5 - Madelyne

Year 4 - Gracie

Year 3 - Georgie

Year 2 - John

Environmental and
Recycling Leaders

– Maggie & Nate



School success starts
with attendance

Every student thinks critically, is honest, has integrity and shows compassion and kindness

During this term we have some amazing learning lined up for our students. Along with learning in the classroom we also have a tennis coach visiting the school most weeks to work on tennis skills and performance. This term we will also be participating in swimming as the Physical Education component of the subject area HPE. Please note that this is a required part of the curriculum and students will be assessed on their swimming participation, effort and achievement at their current year level. Please see the "Dates to Note" for swimming days. An information and permission letter will come home shortly.

Our P&C has donated considerable funds for swimming which the school uses to pay for 4 qualified swimming instructors. Having 4 instructors allows us to cater for individual students swimming abilities and to reduce the number of students in each group, thus allowing more time for each student in direct swimming instruction and further reduces the costs to families for swimming lessons. Thank you to our P&C.

Next week we farewell our year 4, 5, and 6s off to camp. Our Campers are looking forward to a week filled with challenges and team building on the Sunshine Coast with our fellow campers from Jambin State School. The Prep to year 3 students are looking forward to having the whole playground to themselves for the week.

I am currently looking at enrolments, staffing, classes and the budget in preparation for 2022. Families who have indicated that they will have a kindy aged student enrolling in Kindy in 2022 are invited to a Kindy information session and enrolment on Monday 15 November at the school at 9am.

Families with students starting prep next year are encouraged to collect and complete an enrolment form now so Becky in our office can commence the enrolment process. Prep 2022 students are invited along to our transition morning to assist with making them comfortable and familiar with our school, classes and teachers. Dates are listed in the "Prep Transition" section of this newsletter.

Parents are reminded of the importance of attending school each day, especially during this term as teachers are assessing students to report on achievement for the semester.

Ms MacKellar
Principal

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Assembly

Assembly is held Friday afternoon at 2:20pm in the undercover area. All welcome .

P&C

Uniform Price List

Blue and Yellow Shirt	\$26.00
Formal School Shirt	\$37.00
Hats	\$18.00

All uniforms are available to be purchased from the office, and between 8:00am - 3:00pm. Money can be direct deposited into the P&C bank account. The P&C's banking details are below:

Acc: Wowan SS P&C

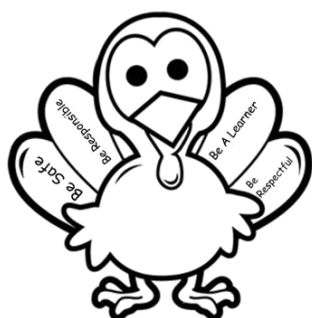
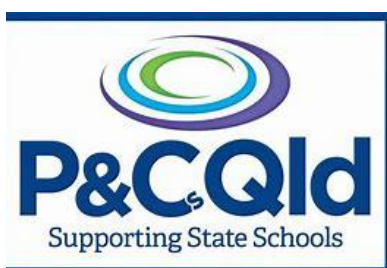
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Please use your name and what you purchased as reference eg. MACKELLAR A SHIRTS

P&C News

Next meeting 17 November 2021
5.30pm in the Library



2022 KINDY

Families if you know of any families in the community with little ones of kindy or prep age, please encourage them to contact the school to organise a prospectus and enrolment package.

NETBALL

Congratulations to all our keen netballers. Both teams played amazingly and represented our school with pride winning several games each. Thank you to our hard-working P&C for supporting the netball teams and purchasing team sets of Wowan Netball Uniforms. Our special thanks also go to Mrs Edwards for coaching our students and to Jess and Lysandra for umpiring on the day. By all accounts a wonderful day was had by all. This is yet another way we support our students to have a well-rounded and balanced education.

GROW, GRAZE, GIVE



Our year 3 to 6 students are participating in a school initiative to redesign the old garden area and create new sustainable gardens that will produce edible produce to be used for classroom learning, the tuckshop and student council meal deals. The students garden designs were pitched to the principal and teachers and a decision was made combining the features of a few designs to create the final 'blueprint' for the garden. The garden beds have arrived and we are looking for some helpers to assist in constructing the raised garden beds. As there are 10 all up even if you can assist in putting one together this would be a massive help and the students would be most appreciative. The sooner the beds are together the soon the students can begin planting.



2022 CLASSES

Next year will see a change to our classes. In consultation with the P&C we have approved the re-introduction of 3 classes to cater for our kindy students. The model will be as follows:

Kindy/Prep/1 – Miss Emma Gilbert.

Year 2 and 3 – Ms Amanda MacKellar

Year 4, 5 and 6 – Miss Liz Kane

Kindy will run on Monday and Tuesday during Semester One and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during Semester Two. Mrs Debbie O'Shae has been secured as our Kindy Teacher-Aide for next year and we are looking forward to having Debbie join our team.

Mrs Sandra Wass will join us on Wednesdays to teach Health and provide Principal Administration Day and non-contact time for teachers.

We continue to provide Japanese lessons via Distance Education for all year levels.

Miss Jo and Mrs Chad will continue as teacher aides assisting teachers and students in classrooms and Mrs Saunders will continue to teach music one afternoon a week.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2022 - TRANSITIONS

Our first transition morning has occurred and we were super excited to see Harriet and Archie joining us. If you have a child enrolling at Wowan State School for Prep next year, please pop along to our transition days to meet our staff, students and take a look around the school. Prep 2022 students have the opportunity to participate in classroom learning with the current prep and year 1 students and require a hat, water bottle, healthy snack and closed in shoes. Our next prep transitions days are:

Monday 8.30am to 10.30am
8th November
29 November
6 December

PREP-ation: Getting Ready for School

Commencing Prep is a major life stage not only for children but for their parents/carers too. Join us for a series of online information sessions focusing on getting ready for going to Prep.

Going to school represents huge change for little people. This session will help parents and carers to prepare their child for change through the use of stories, calendars etc; will provide tips for helping your child to understand and manage their emotions in the classroom setting and will provide some practical strategies around social skills and beginning to understand 'the hidden curriculum'.

Date: 16 November 2021 (Tuesday) online Time: 6:30 - 7:30pm www.eventbrite.com.au/e/prep-ation-getting-ready-for-school-emotional-regulation-tickets-169898255255

Date: 18 November 2021 (Thursday) online Time: 10:00 - 11:00am www.eventbrite.com.au/e/prep-ation-getting-ready-for-school-emotional-regulation-registration-169898321453

SWIMMING 2021

It's that time of the year again to check if your child's swimmers still fit! Swimming has been booked at the Biloela Public Swimming Pool this year. Students require: Sunsafes swimmers (no bikinis permitted), a sunsafe shirt or rash vest, goggles (optional), swimming cap, towel, and a waterproof bag to put wet clothing in. Please note the swimming days and dates on the 'Dates to Note' section of the newsletter. A permission form and medical form will be sent home shortly. Our annual swimming carnival will be held on Friday 26 November at 9am at the Gracemere Public Pool.

MEET OUR STAFF

I would like to introduce myself to the parents & community of Wowan State School. My name is Becky Wilson and I have taken the position of Business Manager from Michelle Grange. Myself and Partner Brad Kielly have purchased a property on Rifle Range Road, Dululu which is close to my parents, Barry and Pauline Bowie. I have worked in schools in admin and IT for over 8 years so have a good understanding of the job and am excited to be back working in the Wowan community. My children Cassie and Nanci attended Wowan State School for a few years when they were in Prep and Grade 3, so I have a soft spot for the school and the wonderful kids that attend here. I look forward to meeting you all over the next few months.



BEING COVID-SAFE

[COVID-safe health practices](#) apply to everyone on school sites. These include physical distancing between adults, staying home if sick and regular [COVID-safe hygiene measures](#).

While the new normal allows us to go about our daily lives with a small number of adjustments, we all know the situation can change rapidly.

ALL VISITORS TO SCHOOL **MUST** SIGN IN. You would have seen that it is mandated to check-in to places of business, this includes schools. An additional sign-in/out book has been placed at the bottom on the stairs. Please do not be offended if one of our staff members ask if you have signed in. We are trying to keep everyone safe.

REMEMBER: If you enter the school gates, you need to sign-in.

REMINDER

Just a reminder to let the school know by phoning our office on 4937 1133 if there is a change to your child's usual travel home routine. Please **DO NOT EMAIL** as our staff are often on class and will not receive the email until it is too late.



Please be aware that the buses and **afterschool singing** lessons are separate to the school. If your child attends afterschool singing and is not attending please **phone the school and Mrs Saunders**.

DATES TO NOTE

Please take note of the below dates and changes. There have also been some additions to add to your term calendar. Often date changes are unavoidable and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

DATES TO NOTE AND AMENDMENTS	
1 Nov – 5 Nov	Year 4- 6 CAMP
8 Nov	Prep transition morning 8.30am to 10.30am
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
12 Nov	Playgroup 9am – 11am
15 Nov	KINDY 2022 Information Session 9am at the school 1 st SWIMMING LESSON
16 Nov	SWIMMING
17 Nov	SWIMMING 5.30pm P&C Meeting
19 Nov	Playgroup 9am – 11am
22 Nov	SWIMMING
23 Nov	Graduation – hosted by Jambin SS – Please note the date change
24 Nov	SWIMMING
26 Nov	NO PLAYGROUP SWIMMING CARNIVAL – Gracemere Swimming Pool
29 Nov	Prep transition morning 8.30am to 10.30am
4 Dec	Wowan SS P&C Christmas Tree
6 Dec	Prep transition morning 8.30am to 10.30am
9 Dec	Speech Day Reports go Home
10 Dec	Last day of term 4

Have you heard about eKindy?



A flexible 'at home' kindergarten program, with online support from a qualified early childhood teacher.



You can register for eKindy if:

1. Your child turns 4 by June 30 in their Kindergarten year
2. Your child/parent is an Australian citizen or a permanent resident of Australia
3. You fit one of the following categories:
 - **Distance** — live at least 16km from the nearest centre-based service across Australia
 - **Medical** — your child is unable to attend a centre-based service due to a medical condition
 - **Travelling/Itinerant lifestyle** — away from main residence for more than 10 weeks OR residence will change twice in a year.

There are no fees involved.

What is eKindy?

eKindy is an approved Kindergarten program for children in the year prior to Prep.

The eKindy program offers a quality Kindergarten experience, supported by a qualified early childhood teacher and is designed for children living in rural/remote areas or have medical conditions

The eKindy program

eKindy helps build the foundation skills, understandings and positive approaches to learning that are needed for future success.

The eight eKindy units have been developed to cover important learnings identified by current early years research and curriculum documents.

Sets of on-loan resources are available to support the program.

Parents have an active role and help the teacher with their child's learning. The program is flexible and can be worked through in ways that meet family and work commitments. The eKindy teacher can provide advice on how to manage the program.

eKindy teacher-led sessions

During the year eKindy children participate in on-line sessions with an early childhood teacher. Opportunities to attend scheduled regional face-to-face sessions are also provided.

How do I find out more?

Contact eKindy Queensland
• Phone: (07) 3727 2860
• Web: <https://brisbanesde.qg.edu.au/enrolments/ekindy>

Where are eKindy teachers based?

Our teachers deliver eKindy through Queensland Schools of Distance Education.



WOWAN STATE SCHOOL P & C

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

FOUR MAJOR FIRST PRIZES

- *TWO NIGHT STAY AT ROSSLYN BAY RESORT, YEPPOON
- *BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE QUILT VALUED AT OVER \$500
- FAMILY PHOTOSHOOT SESSION WITH PHOTOGRAPHY BY JESS EDWARDS
- PEDDLE TRACTOR SPONSORED BY BROWN & HURLEY

\$2 PER TICKET

TO BE DRAWN AT

THE WOWAN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE
4TH DECEMBER 2021

Tickets can be purchased at Wowan Post Office, MPC or Roadhouse.

Direct Deposits are accepted.

For further information please contact:

Jess Edwards— 0409272390

WOWAN STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP MENU

<u>SELECTION</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
<u>HOT FOOD</u>	
Bacon & Egg Burger	\$4.00
Ham/ Cheese/ Tomato toasted sandwich	\$3.50
Chicken/Cheese/mayo toasted sandwich	\$3.50
Party Pies	\$1.00/each
Chicken Crackles	\$2.00/5
<u>COLD MEALS</u>	
Chicken & Salad Bowl	\$4.00
Ham & Salad Bowl	\$4.00
Chicken & Salad Wrap	\$4.00
Ham & Salad Wrap	\$4.00
<u>DRINKS</u>	
Juice Poppers	\$2.00
Flavoured Milk – Strawberry or Chocolate	\$2.00
<u>SECOND LUNCH SNACKS</u>	
Apply Slinky	\$1.00
Homebake Treat	\$1.00
Dixie Cup Ice cream	\$1.00
Frozen Yogurts	\$2.50
Zooper Dooper or Icy Cup	\$0.50

Wowan State School Tuckshop Roster

<u>DATE</u>	CANTEEN HELPER	CANTEEN HELPER	HOMEBAKER
21 st October	Jo Raine	Jess Edwards	Ali Jones
4 th November	Jo Raine	Catherine Brown	Suzie Peacock
18 th November	Lysandra Olsson	Jo Raine	Aimee Torrisi
2 nd December	Nell Grange	Jess Edwards	Joelene Kapernick

Tuckshop Helper Role – Assist with food preparation and Clean up of Canteen

Home Baker – Provide 12 articles of home baked food for that days tuckshop eg. cupcakes, slice, brownies.