



From the
Principal's desk!



Term 3 has started well for all our students. It is great seeing everyone back at school and we are looking forward to completing a full term with no disruptions due to COVID 19. As expected, not all restrictions have lifted as we anticipated. Currently, with the rapid changes in hotspots, we are being guided by NSW Health advice which is over and above the Department of Education's guidelines. This will mean some changes to activities at school. We will keep you up to date by email, the weekly podcast and Facebook, as changes occur. Thank you to all our students and families for your understanding and patience with these changes.

I hope you had the opportunity to share in our Education Week celebrations with an awards assembly, face-to-face with each class or stage of students, along with a live stream via Zoom and recordings to Google Classroom. Another innovation this year was our Pass the Pen video in lieu of open classrooms.

Welcome to Mrs Leanne Swain who will be sharing 5/6W with Mrs Watkins for the remainder of the year to allow for the continuation of instructional leadership for student improvement.

Our staff are starting to work on our new school plan for 2021-2024. You are invited to be part of a focus group to have input into this plan. If you are interested please contact the school office. I look forward to meeting with parents as a focus group in Term 4.

*Amanda Cooper
Principal*



In Week 3 we celebrated Education Week, where we would normally invite parents and friends to celebrate the learning of our students at our Education Week Assembly. This year, however, due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions, the assembly was broadcast via Zoom.



This was an opportunity for us to induct the student parliamentarians and house and vice captains, present the champion and runner up medals from the swimming carnival, celebrate those students who have completed the QuickSmart program as well as those students who have earned Silver Awards.

Thank you to those parents and community members who were able to join our virtual assembly.



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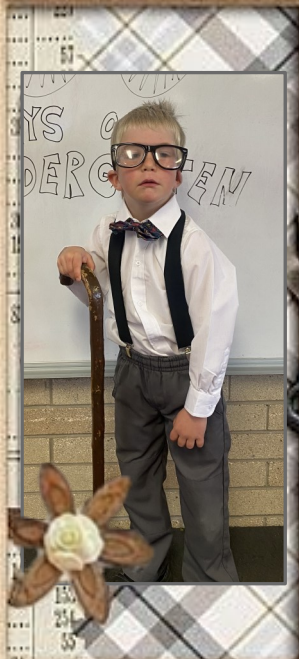
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100 Days of Kindergarten

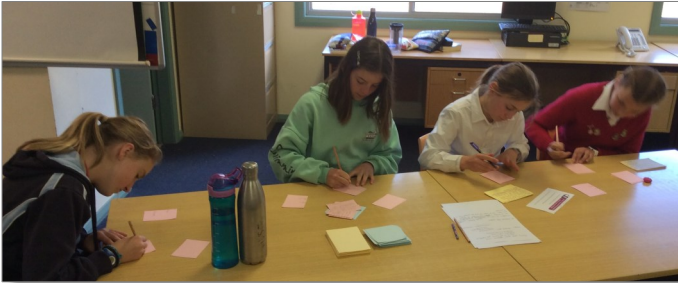
On Friday 24 July, Kindergarten 2020 celebrated their 100th day of learning. All year the students have been counting towards their 100th Day. This not only provided an exciting time for them to look forward to, but also provided the students with a daily mathematical task to work out how many more days there were till we hit 100. They would also display that number in tens and ones. For their 100th day celebration kindergarten dressed up like they were 100 years old and participated in activities that were based around the number 100.

Kristy Bird



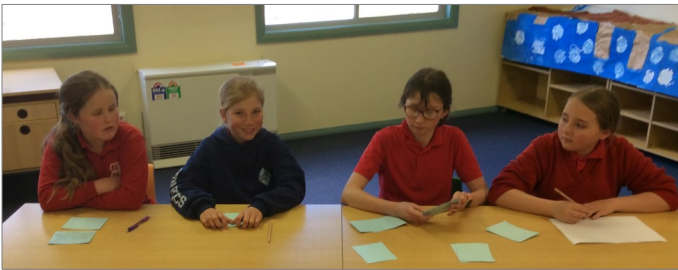
Online Debating

Online debating commenced this term with a zoom debate between Walcha Warriors and Walcha Wallabies. The debate was adjudicated by NSW Arts unit personnel. The students debated the topic, 'It should be compulsory for students in Years 5 and 6 to participate in debating at school.'



Experience won out on the day with Stephanie Blake, Emily Ussher, Lucile Thomson and Phoebe Fenwicke being more persuasive in their stance for the topic.

Acknowledgment must be given to the Wallabies team consisting of Kayleigh Hobbs, Anna Benson, Kirsten Britten and Hayley Mortimer. They were congratulated for their diverse and pointed arguments and were given encouragement to continue expanding their ideas in future debates.



Congratulations to both teams for a fine start to the debating competition with both teams facing their second debate totally online in the upcoming weeks.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition was created 23 years ago to provide students with an opportunity to speak in front of an audience as well as focus on the value of treating all with respect.

The usual format of presenting to the whole school was changed this year due to COVID restrictions. Instead, students were videoed and then viewed throughout the day. Teachers adjudicated the speeches and selected 2 students from each stage, to represent the school for the online district competition.

Congratulations to Matisse Pascoe and James McLaren being the winners of Stage 2, and to Emily Ussher and Stephanie Blake being the winners of Stage 3.



Participation awards went to Georgina Blake, Alexander Gunn, Hannah Swain, Jessica Wellings and Jack McKern, Claudia Kirton, Toby Crawford, Lucile Thomson, Anna Benson, Sienna Cooney and Armani Ferrier- Keidge.

The winners videos have been uploaded to the NSW Arts unit and we are waiting to hear whether they proceed to the next round where speakers present a prepared speech as well as an impromptu speech.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this competition.



WCS Student Parliament



The student parliament met on Wednesday 29 July to discuss ideas made by their year groups.

The parliament is made up of 16 student representatives from Years 3 - 12 who will be meeting together three times every term. The purpose of the parliament is to give all students at Walcha Central the opportunity to express ideas and make changes around the school through these student representatives.

The meeting was very enthusiastic with nearly 40 ideas put forward that had been gathered from year groups.

At the next meeting the parliamentarians will be taking on the responsibility of portfolios ranging from 'Sport & Recreation' and 'Outdoor Spaces' to 'Literature & lunchtime clubs' and 'Music and the Arts' to further investigate some of these ideas.



It has been a hive of activity again at the ag farm throughout this term.

Merino Mob are very excited as their ewes are in the midst of lambing with a total of 8 lambs born so far.



Whilst this is happening, the students are learning about equipment needed to care for sheep and some of the finer points of junior judging and sheep husbandry.

Poultry Pack are in full egg production with the Isa Browns laying approximately 5 cartons of eggs a week. The students have been collecting, packing and selling these eggs to staff.

The Modern Games are getting used to being handled and are also laying. We are hoping to hatch some of these in the incubator in the near future.

The students are also excited to have 2 Indian Runner ducklings and a collection of 4 varieties of bantam chicks under lights. These are being cared for by the students and are a joy to watch grow and change each day!



Cattle Club are still forging ahead despite the cancellation of most events. The students are continuing to work with the cattle and have introduced them to clipping and blowing with the blow dryer. We hope to hold an in-school parading competition at some point so as to allow the team to show off their hard work.



Tommy and Jason from Stage 6 are continuing with their garden project. The boys have planted a number of vegetable seeds and are using the new hot house to help them germinate. They are hoping to have some seedlings available to sell and some to plant out in our vegetable plot. The boys have been studying organic certified gardening and what this means for our school garden. They also have a number of succulent pieces which they are using to propagate into new plants and are documenting their growth using time-lapse photos.



Stage 6 construction have teamed up with Stage 6 agriculture to make a new steel lid for the pig sump pit. This has involved measuring, building, painting and installation. Thank you Mr Bozza for your help with this project.

Stage 5 agriculture are studying a unit on plant production with a focus on potatoes. With the help of local potato growers, James and Belinda Lyon, the students are learning about the finer points of growing potatoes and have begun to prepare a plot for planting early next term. We are looking forward to trying a number of varieties and conducting fertiliser trials to see if this makes a difference to the yield of potatoes.



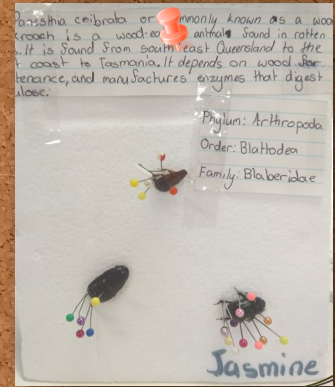
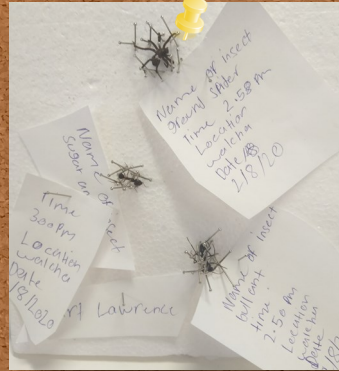
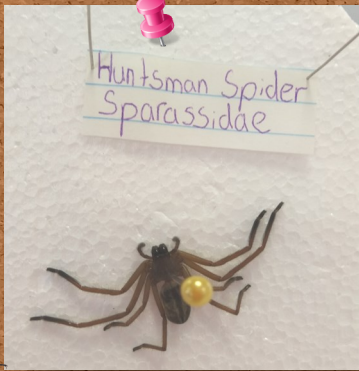
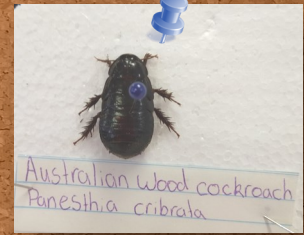
Please contact Mrs Provost at the school if you would like to know more about any of the animals we have at the farm or how donations or sponsorship can be made (a variety of options are available).

Jodie Provost

STAGE 4 SONICS

To finalise the science component of "Collectables" in SONICs, Stage 4 were asked to create an insect collection as their mini project. Students were shown how to preserve and present their collections and students attempted to classify their individual insects using their full scientific name of genus and species. Thank you and congratulations to all the students who completed this task.

Samantha Bayley



Studiosity

Thanks to Walcha Central School and the University of New England, students from Years 7-12 have free access to Studiosity - an on-demand, online study help service. They can connect for live chat help in real time with tricky math or science questions, or even upload an essay for feedback in under 24 hours. Students don't need to struggle alone!

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Year 12, 2020



After a long, COVID -enforced wait the Year 12 jerseys finally arrived from China!!

Year 12 students, who had been exceptionally patient, were thrilled with the design they had selected and the finished product. They tried them on immediately and have been wearing them at school ever since.

The class of 2020 have had many setbacks this year so the arrival of the jerseys is, in the words of Hannah Dunn, 'like we're finally in Year 12!'

Anne Vince

A reminder that due to NSW Government Health and Education guidelines regarding COVID-19 there are some restrictions at our school that we ask that you follow.

Remember!!!

- Social distancing among adults is to be observed.

Parents are asked to use the Kiss and Drop zone in Angle Street to drop off and pick up their children – leave the North Street entrance for buses only. Please do not congregate at the gates or walk students to or from the playground or classrooms.



- All parents, volunteers and other non-essential visitors are not permitted on school site and must complete and sign a school site form at the front office if an essential visit is required.

- **Students who attend school unwell, or have flu-like symptoms will be sent home. Anyone who is unwell is to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or a COVID clinic and will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.**



- Students should avoid sharing drinks or food (**NO BIRTHDAY CAKES AT SCHOOL**). All students need to bring their own water bottle and refill bottles from bubblers rather than use the bubbler directly.

- Soft toys and teddies are not to be brought to school.

- Please ensure that your child has their own set of working headphones for use at school. These cannot be given out at school due to COVID restrictions.

- The school canteen will be open, however there will be no counter service. Orders are to be either online or cash placed in a lunch bag in the box outside the canteen before school.

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EASY SWAPS IN THE LUNCHBOX

Packing healthy snacks in the lunchbox does not have to be time consuming. Swap from some of these common 'sometimes' lunchbox products to easy alternatives that add extra fibre and nutrition to your child's day:

- Chips → Wholegrain rice cracker bites



- Biscuit and cream cheese snack → carrot sticks and hummus



- Muffin or muffin bar → pikelets



- Tiny teddies → Whole grain fruity bites



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Year 7 Immunisation 2nd Round

The second dose of the Year 7 immunisations is to be held on **WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2020.**

Visiting health care professionals will be abiding by all requirements of the Covid-Safety Plan for this activity.

Please encourage students to have breakfast on the morning of the vaccination and to wear clothing that is loose enough so that the upper arm can be fully exposed.

*Students who missed out on HPV dose 1 last visit can be administered dose 1 on Wednesday if they wish. Contact the community nurse to organise this.

