



## From the Principals desk!



As the term quickly comes to an end I am sure we are all thinking it has been the longest semester ever! Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support of your child's learning and managing the many changes that were thrown at you through COVID-19.

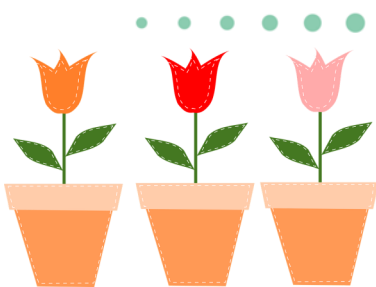
Whilst we don't expect Term 3 to be completely 'usual' at first, there are plans in place for activities to recommence as soon as possible.

Last week, the P & C and the MPC committees were able to hold their AGM and general meetings which had been on hold for a number of months. Thank you to those who were able to attend the P & C meeting face-to-face or via Zoom. A big thank you to the outgoing office bearers and a warm welcome to the new office bearers. Their year of office will be quite shortened due to the late date of elections but as we start to resume activities their jobs will be busy and highly productive.

Please enjoy the winter school break. I hope you get the chance to recharge, whether that is at home or away.

I look forward to students returning on Tuesday 21 July.

*Amanda Cooper  
Principal*



The students and staff at WCS would like to thank Walcha Council for their donation of tulip bulbs which the children have been busy planting around the school.

The tulips were handed out as a symbol of the resilience and strength of our community during these difficult times and we look forward to seeing their bright and cheery colours throughout the school in spring.



# What's Been Happening...

On Monday 29 June, WCS held its first Zoom assembly where students were presented with Silver awards, BeREAL awards and First Aid certificates. We would like to congratulate all students who received an award.



Recently a few Year 12 students, their year adviser Ms Vince and Will Vince-Moin spent a Sunday morning clearing an overgrown garden at the school. When the weather warms up this garden will be planted out and will become 'Saylem's Garden' in memory of our classmate.

**Anne Vince**



## Bee-Bots

Kindergarten are so excited to be using Bee-Bots and Blue-Bots in their learning. These robots are helping Kindergarten to learn the skills of coding through digital technologies.

**Kristy Bird**

**Eliza**  
My Bee-Bot listened to me so I gave it a pat.

**Mirella**  
I was able to make my Bee-Bot go to a shape that we were learning about.

**Lincoln**  
I liked that I had to press buttons and when I told him to go he went there.



## STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION 2020

Parents were notified recently of the decision to postpone, until 2021, the Stage 3 Canberra excursion planned for 2020. The NSW Department of Education still has restrictions in place for excursions and has not indicated when guidelines will change.

Despite the Canberra excursion being a great experience, student safety must be the main priority leading to the decision to delay this excursion until the next year. Students in Years 5, 6 and 7 in 2021 will be given the opportunity to attend the revised excursion to Canberra.





Students have been busy at the ag farm this term with a variety of activities taking place. We were lucky to have Chris from Kentucky Tree Nursery come and speak to the students about what trees and shrubs would be suitable to plant in a newly fenced tree lane.



He discussed the preparation that was needed and planted 4 test trees for the winter. Chris will be back in

September to supply the plants after the preparation is done and the weather is more favourable.

He also showed us the tool he uses to plant the seedlings, which Tom and the construction class have kindly already made more for us to use when the time comes.



Chris also gave students insight into how to find and collect seeds from native trees and how to propagate our own shrubs to use on the farm in the future.



This term we have 18 enthusiastic members of the Cattle Club. Cattle Club meets at recess and lunch on Tuesdays and currently has 8 new head of cattle.

We would like to thank Max and Julie Ireland, Rob and Maria Ireland, Mark and Cathy Mackaway, Bill and Michelle Wake and Neil and Colleen Stackman for their amazing support and donations of quality steers for our team to work with.



The students have been working with the cattle and are dedicated to improving their own skills and that of the stock.

Senior students are passing on their knowledge and everyone gets a chance to work with their selected animal.

This week we have reinstated our Poultry Pack and Merino Mob, for students to have the opportunity to work with a variety of poultry and sheep. We have had some very excited students express their interest.

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



## Leaving School during the day

Students may only leave the school during the day with special permission. A parental note is required before this permission will be given. K-6 students must be collected by a parent and be signed out at the front office. Students in Years 7-12 should submit notes to the deputy principal for signing before 8:50am on the day concerned if possible, or at recess or lunch if the deputy principal is unavailable in the morning.



When signing out at the front office the signed note must be given to the front office staff. Students must sign out at the office every time they leave the school and sign in upon re-entry, if they return. This is a workplace health and safety (WHS) requirement. Students will be issued with a pass which they should keep on their person in case asked to produce it by the police.



Students who do not take all these steps and leave school without permission will be deemed to be truanting.



**There is a large pile of clothing in the lost property in primary. If we find an item with a name on it we return it to the student.**

**Most of the items in lost property do not have current names on them. If you are missing an item of clothing please contact the school, describe the item and we will try to find it for you. If items are not claimed they will either be donated to a local op-shop or go into our clothing pool at school.**



**Please check all your child's clothing and make sure your name labels are up to date.**



## Good for Kids good for life

**BREAKFAST IS THE BEST ROUTINE**



Breakfast is important for kid's blood sugar levels. It helps them to concentrate while learning, moderate behaviour and have the energy to engage in physical activity.

Breakfast also reduces the desire to snack on high sugar and high fat foods.

### Quick and Easy Breakfast Ideas

- Cereal with milk, yoghurt and/or fruit
- Wholegrain toast or raisin bread
- Smoothies made with fresh, frozen or canned fruit

**Tip:** to get kids ready to learn, keep the TV off during breakfast time

For delicious breakfast recipes visit the Healthy Kids recipe page and click 'breakfast'  
<https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/>

Source: Northern Sydney Local Health District



[HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au)  
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WALCHA COUNCIL



# WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

6TH - 17TH JULY 2020

## MINI WORKSHOPS @ THE WALCHA LIBRARY

'meet up with your friends for some indoor fun these holidays'

Book Club - Mondays 6 & 13th 10am

Discover your library & pick up some holiday reads!

Grades 5-10

Lego - Tuesdays 7 & 14th 2pm

Fun building challenges!

Kindy - Grade 3

Paint pen pebbles - Thursdays 9 & 16th 10am

Explore your creative side with our activities or freestyle!

All ages

Origami - Fridays 10 & 17th 3pm

Who knew you could make so much by folding paper?

Grades 3-6

## WALCHA HANDMADE FREE CRAFT KITS

Have craft fun at home these holidays, in your own time. Book & collect a craft kit (with instructions & video) from Walcha Handmade at the beginning of the holidays.

There are two kits available:

Block print canvas tote bag & Funky Tissue Box Covers

**PLACES ARE  
LIMITED &  
BOOKINGS ARE  
ESSENTIAL**

Book with Library staff on  
67742550 or email  
library@walcha.nsw.gov.au

## WINTER HOLIDAY KIDS COOKING COMPETITION

- 1** CHOOSE your favourite recipe to cook or bake (recipe can come from anywhere... Grandma, Google or the library cookbooks)
- 2** COOK your dish (make sure you have permission/adult supervision in the kitchen)
- 3** CAPTURE a photo of your dish, and send it into the Walcha Library for your chance to win a prize

All ages can enter! Family or individual entries are welcome.

Email a photo of your dish & the recipe, with your name, age and contact details to library@walcha.nsw.gov.au

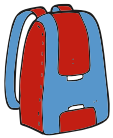


# CAN YOU HELP ME ???

HI I'M SIMON WELLINGS AND I'M HOPING TO PACK 50 BACKPACKS FOR KIDS ENTERING FOSTERCARE FOR MY BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR.

I AM NEEDING LOTS OF NEW ITEMS TO HELP ME REACH MY GOAL!

I NEED THE FOLLOWING THINGS...



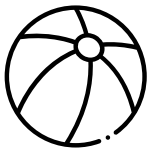
- Backpacks
- Luggage tags
- Plug in night lights
- Mini torches



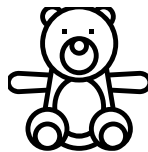
- Books (to read or be read to)
- Journals / Drawing pads
- Pens/Textas/Pencils
- Sticker/activity books



- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Facewashers
- Hair Brushes
- Hair bands/ Scrunchies



- Matchbox Cars
- Hand Balls
- Fidget Spinners
- Card Games



- Soft toys  
(doll sized or smaller)  
Preferably with tags on.



- Pajamas
- Underwear
- Socks

YOU CAN DROP ITEMS FOR KIDS AGED 2-12 INTO THE BOXES AT THE WALCHA LIBRARY OR 206N PAKINGTON ST UNTIL THE

## 23RD OF AUGUST 2020

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MY MUM RACHAEL ON 0429 942 465.



## JUST 4 U BACKPACKS

FOR KIDS IN FOSTER CARE