NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Magpies
As your children may have told you there are magpies nesting in the school grounds at the moment. They have been here for several weeks and we thought they may have gone over the holidays. However they are still here and randomly attack the children when they are outside. This has been a problem for years and we have little recourse but to wait it out until they leave. The school has made provisions for the children to only play in certain areas and not to play in out of bounds areas (some still do and wonder why they get bombed). Students are to wear a hat at all times while out side. We speak to the children every day about the magpies and staff also walk with the children if necessary. Mrs Willoughby is even taking her students to the toilet as a class so no one goes by themselves. The older children seem to cope better. The magpie is protected and we have contacted National Parks and they cannot destroy them. A couple of years ago we did manage to trap one and Sgt Lutter relocated this magpie about 30kms along the Bruxner Highway. Some students do antagonise these birds and then they do swoop.

Mrs J. Willoughby
Acting Principal

Quote of the week
Give what you have to someone; it may be better than you dare to think.
Sensation and it is all about sounds. We are looking at Fairy Tales and will be writing character descriptions as well being divided into groups and will be rehearsing a traditional tale or fairy tale to present at the end of year presentation night. Mrs Hilton will be doing a technology unit where the children will be designing a truck and then actually making it.

In maths the year one children are working with the year 2 curriculum.

For those year two children who have an understanding of the year two concept they will then be extending their skills into the year three area. We are doing this to prepare the children for the national curriculum in 2012 where the maths curriculum is a lot more advanced then ours.

***Homework will go home on Friday***

**Prep Orientation**

Orientation days for 2011 Prep students will be held on Tuesday 19th & 26th October and 2nd November from 9-11 am. Please note the change of dates from the original invitation.

Joanne Willoughby

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**Coles Vouchers**

Please send along your Coles/BiLo vouchers to the school. If it is more convenient you may leave them in a small box at the Wallangarra Store. This box is located near the milk caps box. Thanks for your support.

**Stanthorpe High School Uniforms**

If your child is heading off to Stanthorpe High School next year you may want to visit the High School on Monday 18 October (Pupil Free Day) from 8.30am-3.30pm to try on uniforms. Please be aware it might be a good idea to order the uniforms now to guarantee supply. You can pay on the day or lay-by.

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**Public Notices**

**Bingo**

Bingo will be held at the School of Arts Hall on Saturday 17 October. Doors open at 6pm for 6.30pm start. Supper is $3.00. Please come along and support bingo.

**WJPA Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the WJPA will be held on Wed 20 October at 5.30pm sharp. This will precede the council meeting which will begin at 7pm. Please see attached flyer.

**Town Meeting**

Next Wednesday 13 October there will be a public meeting at the School of Arts hall for residents of the community to come along and look at information for the proposed sign to be erected at the Lions Parks. This sign would show the history of Wallangarra. Please come along at 7pm if you are interested in preserving the history of the town.

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**3-4 News**

Welcome back to another busy and fun filled term! We’ve jumped straight into our work this week and our brains are already ticking away! Our combined literacy and art unit this term is focused on plays and will culminate in an end of term performance by the students. In science we are looking at forces and motion in our unit entitled, “Smooth Moves” and in SOSE we are learning about India, a fascinating country that is of course the setting for this year’s Commonwealth games.

The class will visit the library on Friday morning to borrow and homework will then be brought in next Friday to be marked. Please encourage your child to get straight into it! Hope you all had a brilliant break!