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WIDGEE STATE SCHOOL
PARENTS & CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION

Date	Event
21/08/26 22/08/26	P&C Bushman's Bar
25/08/26	Gympie Library Visit
26/08/26	Widgee Book Parade
27/08/26	Author Visit Brenton Cullen
04/09/26	Professional Development Day/Student Free
08/09/26	Jump Rope for Heart
18/09/26	End of Term 3
05/10/26	King's Birthday Public Holiday
06/10/26	Term 4 Begins

Widgee State School Newsletter

Newsletter Week 6 21/08/2026

From the Principal's Desk

What a fantastic week we've had. Our students thoroughly enjoyed Swimming School at Deep Blue, building confidence, learning valuable water safety skills and, most importantly, having plenty of fun in the pool.

Next week we celebrate one of my favourite events of the year – Book Week. The 2026 theme, "A Symphony of Stories," is a wonderful reminder that every book has a unique voice and that together stories create something truly special.

Tuesday: The Gympie Regional Library team will visit Widgee State School to deliver engaging workshops for our students.

Wednesday: Our annual Book Week Parade will begin at 9:10am. Students are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character and be prepared to share a little about their chosen book and character. Families and community members are warmly invited to attend and join the celebration.

Thursday: Author Brenton Cullen will work with our students. Our Year 5/6 students have been enjoying his novel The Prime Minister Problem, a humorous and engaging story about an ordinary student who unexpectedly finds himself tackling extraordinary challenges.

This Book Week we're inviting families to Sponsor or Adopt a Book for our library. Together we can help give our students fresh stories to discover, imagine and enjoy for years to come.

At Widgee State School, our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework helps create a safe, supportive and successful learning environment for all students.

Our proposed school values are represented through our WIDGEMITES:

M – Mindfulness

I – Integrity

T – Teamwork

E – Excellence

These values will connect with our school symbols:

Pride – represented by the Kookaburra

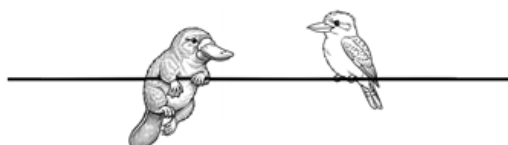
Right – represented by the Platypus

These proposed values will be shared with students, student leaders and our P&C as we work together to shape a shared vision for our school community. Every Widgee student plays an important role in demonstrating these values every day—in the classroom, on the playground and as members of our wider community.

On Tuesday 8 September, students will participate in our Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day. This special event celebrates the efforts students have made in developing their skipping skills while raising funds to support the Heart Foundation's important work in heart health research, education and prevention. Sponsorship information will be sent home shortly. We encourage students to get involved, have fun, stay active and support this worthwhile cause.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Cox
Principal Widgee State School



Class Updates

Junior Class

What a busy and exciting fortnight we have had in the Junior Room! One of the highlights has been our trips into Gympie for our annual swimming block. It was wonderful to see the students getting involved in their lessons with such enthusiasm and confidence. We are very proud of the way they represented our school and supported one another throughout the week.

In Health we have continued learning about respectful relationships, including what it means to give and deny permission or consent. We have been talking about what this can look like in the playground, classroom and in our everyday interactions with others.

We also had a quick refresher on emergency services. The students practised remembering which number to call in an emergency and learnt to recognise the signs and symbols associated with places such as police stations, fire stations, hospitals and ambulance services. These are important skills to help our students know where to seek help if they ever need it.

In Maths, we have been busy developing our problem-solving skills and exploring 2D and 3D shapes and their features. We have also been investigating mass, length and capacity through practical activities and hands-on learning.

In English we have continued our persuasive writing this fortnight. The students have been working hard to develop their ideas and use persuasive language to convince their readers. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing as writers!

We have also welcomed our new Prep students with our Come and Try mornings this fortnight. We have been exploring the traditional story *The Three Little Pigs* together. Our Year 1 and 2 students have enjoyed spending some time working with Mrs Cox in the library as part of their transition activities. Meanwhile, our Prep students and visiting pre-preps made their own pig and wolf puppets to take home. These activities gave us a great opportunity to practise our colouring, cutting and fine motor skills while having lots of fun with the story.

If you know of a child who will be turning 5 by the end of June 2027, we would love for you to invite their family along to one of our Prep Transition mornings. It is a lovely opportunity for children to become familiar with our school, classroom and routines.

In Science finally... we have had rain!

After what felt like a very long run of fine and sunny weather, the students were very excited to finally observe and talk about a different type of weather. It has been a great opportunity to connect our classroom learning with what is happening in the world around us.

Kind regards

Mrs Andreassen



Class Updates

Senior Class

It has been wonderful to see our students so engaged in their learning over the past few weeks. In English, students have been enthusiastically developing their persuasive writing skills. We have been learning how to clearly express our opinions and arguments and use persuasive language to convince an audience to consider our point of view. Our Word of the Day activities have also been a great way for students to strengthen their sentence writing, build their vocabulary and experiment with using new words confidently in their work.

In Mathematics, our focus on fractions continues. Years 3–4 have been developing their understanding of fractions by comparing their size and ordering fractions. Years 5–6 have extended their fraction knowledge by adding and subtracting fractions and exploring the important relationships between fractions, decimals, and percentages.

It has also been fantastic to see the enthusiasm students have shown during their swimming lessons. They have been eager to participate and have enjoyed coming back to class and sharing their experiences and achievements in the pool.

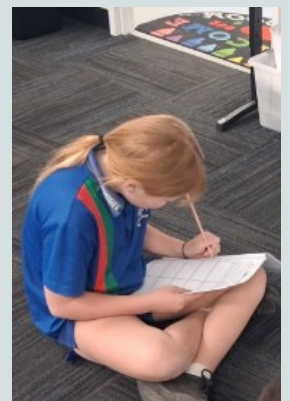
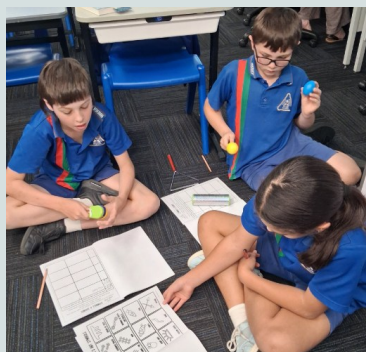
In HASS, our students have been exploring environments and communities in different ways. Years 3–4 have been comparing our local community with different types of environments, including cities, deserts, and coastal areas. They have been identifying similarities and differences and considering how the features of a place influence the way people live and use the environment. Years 5–6 have been learning about flooding and environmental management, exploring how conservation and rehabilitation can benefit our environment and community. They have been considering how caring for and restoring environments can help reduce the impacts of flooding and support communities in the future.

In Health, we continue to explore the skills that help us build safe, respectful, and healthy relationships. Students have been learning about consent, the importance of strong and positive relationships, and how knowing who we can turn to for help and support can help us navigate different situations.

We are also all looking forward to celebrating Book Week and the exciting activities ahead! Students are particularly excited about our Book Week Parade, author visit and library visit. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our love of books, reading and stories together.

It has been a busy and productive few weeks in the Years 3–6 classroom, and it is great to see students continuing to challenge themselves, share their ideas and engage positively in their learning.

Kind regards
Mrs Saxby and Mrs Cox
3-6 teachers



AWARD WINNERS



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Jack 4th

Jett 7th

Harry 26th

Sasha 27th

WIDGEE SWIMMERS



P&C NEWS

- P&C at the bushman's Bar this Saturday! - any volunteers would be much appreciated.
- Beefy's Pie drive delivery Tuesday August 25th between 2.30-3pm
- Fathers day stall Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September week 8
- Next P&C meeting changed to September 11th at 8am in the staff room



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Raffle!

PRIZES WORTH OVER \$400!

DRAWN THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD

GREAT PRIZES
BBQ, accessories, gift cards, scratchies & more!

TICKETS \$2 EACH

PICK UP WIDGEE STATE SCHOOL

PLUS LOTS MORE GREAT PRIZES!

GIFT CARDS • MUGS • COOLERS • SCRATCHIES & MORE!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

P&C NEWS

WIDGEE STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP MENU 2026

FRIDAYS ONLY

Smart Choice Food Group Recommendations

GREEN - Best choice AMBER - Choose carefully RED FOOD – Limit

GF = Gluten Free or GF Option available

GREEN FOODS

Chicken Burger with lettuce & mayo	\$5.50
Beef Burger with Salad & Tom or BBQ sauce (tomato, cucumber, lettuce, beetroot)	\$6.00
Chicken Tender wrap with lettuce & mayo	\$5.50
Chicken Tenders (x3) & Salad (tomato, cucumber, lettuce, beetroot)	\$4.50
Chicken Nuggets (x5) & Salad (tomato, cucumber, lettuce, beetroot)	\$4.00
Fish & Salad	\$7.00
Fish & Salad wrap	\$7.00
Salad Bowl (tomato, cucumber, lettuce, beetroot, carrot, corn) GF	\$4.50

AMBER FOODS

Fresh made Pizza (pizza sauce, ham, cheese) GF	\$4.00
Hot Dog with Cheese & tomato sauce or BBQ sauce	\$4.50
Cheese Toastie GF	\$3.00
Ham and Cheese Toasties GF	\$3.00
Chicken and Gravy Roll	\$5.00

RED FOODS

Mini Dagwood Dogs	\$2.00
Meat Pie	\$4.50
Mini Pies	\$1.50
Wedges	\$4.00
Garlic Bread 9inch	\$4.00

SNACKS

Apple Slinkies	\$1.00
Zooper Dooper	.50c
Paddle Pop (Choc, strawberry, rainbow)	\$1.50
Lemonade Ice block	\$1.00
Strawberry, Mango Sorbet (1 Scoop)	\$1.50

DRINKS

Water 600ml	\$1.50
Choc/Straw milk	\$2.50
Poppers 250ml	\$1.50
(tropical, apple, apple blackcurrant, orange)	

Please provide a lunch bag for **EACH LUNCH BREAK**
Students Name and **Class** clearly marked on each Lunch Bag
Bags available 10c/break



HELP FILL OUR

LIBRARY

ADOPT A BOOK

for our library!

A BOOK
TODAY,
A WORLD OF
POSSIBILITIES
TOMORROW.

Our school library is more than just shelves of books – it's a place where imaginations grow, knowledge is discovered and confidence is built. Your support helps us provide amazing books that inspire every student.

★ **FEATURED BOOKS FROM THE CBCA 2026 SHORTLIST** ★



MY DAD'S BIRDS
Gus Gordon



TAYLOR in TIME
A.J. Betts



WHEN THE WORLD GOES QUIET
Jacqueline Harvey



THE ELEPHANT PETER CARNAVOS
Peter Carnavos



SONGS FOR THE DEEP
Zarib Mian

Books that celebrate storytelling, empathy, adventure and the world around us.

★ **POPULAR PICKS FROM BIG W TOP 50 KIDS BOOKS** ★



THE SPEEDY SLOTH
Rebecca Young



BLUEY: THE BEACH
Bluey



THE BAD GUYS EPISODE 1
Aaron Blabey



THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR
Eric Carle



PIG THE PUG
Aaron Blabey

Fun, engaging and much-loved books kids can't get enough of!

WHAT DOES DONATING OR SPONSORING A BOOK LOOK LIKE?



1. CHOOSE A BOOK
Pick a book from our wish list.



2. DONATE A BOOK CHOSEN FROM OUR WISHLIST OR SPONSOR BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE BOOK BY OFFERING TO PAY FOR PART OF THE BOOK.



3. PURCHASE YOUR BOOK OR BRING IN YOUR MONEY AND WE WILL PURCHASE IT FOR YOU. (Online or in-store).



4. WE ADD A BOOKPLATE
Your name (or your family's name) is featured inside the book.



5. ENJOY THE IMPACT
Your book becomes part of our library for everyone to enjoy!

Every book you give helps a child discover, dream and grow.



READY TO ADOPT A BOOK?

See your classroom teacher to discover which books are on our Library Wish List and choose one you'd love to donate or sponsor!





ENCOURAGES A LOVE OF READING
Great books spark curiosity and imagination.



SUPPORTS LEARNING IN ALL SUBJECTS
Books build knowledge, vocabulary and confidence.



BUILDS A STRONG, VIBRANT SCHOOL COMMUNITY
Together, we create a library our children are proud of.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR LIBRARY THRIVE!

TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER

(student's name) would like to:

☐ **1** Donate a book and choose one from the Library Wish List

☐ **2** Would like to sponsor a book and contribute \$ _____



OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Widgee Rural Fire Brigade

Executive

Secretary: Larissa Stuart
Treasurer: Jaki Hill-Connelly

Voluntary Community Educators:
Chris Lhotka & Val Ware

List of Officers

1st Officer: John Stuart
0419682453
2nd Officer: Barry Dyer
3rd Officer: Tony Dawson
4th Officer: Larissa Stuart

For Fire Permits

FIRE WARDEN: George Cotter 5486 1224
In case of Fire ring **000** and request Fire Service

Every Day Counts



**THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL
SERVICES YOU PROVIDE**

Widgee District Hall & Recreation Association

President: Russell McIntosh
0409684442
Vice President: Clinton Clem
0432318540
Secretary: Sue Lohse
0455840167
Treasurer: Carolyn Mottley
0493563862
Camping: Lance
0418773183

WIDGEE COMMUNITY COMPLEX

President: Robert Nicolia
0413929540

Treasurer: Phill Wallis
0419652609

Secretary: Larissa Stewart
0428873053

Complex facilities available for hire for any
functions & sports.

For more information please contact any of the
above or write widgeecc@outlook.com



YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL BUS



Contact Linda Fallon on 0428 842 127 to discuss any school bus matters

- Conveyance allowance
- Free bus travel eligibility
- Timetables
- Route extensions
- Any other assistance that may be available getting your child/ren to and from school

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KIDS LOVE TRAVELLING ON THE SCHOOL BUS