

# Howlong Public School



Thursday 22 November 2018

## Newsletter

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I have been reading through the nominations for our student leadership team for 2019 and have been greatly impressed with how well these students can articulate their strengths and project themselves into the positions of captain or prefect. I look forward to hearing their speeches and taking part in the election on Friday.

Thanks to the NSW Teacher's Federation we now have \$400 to spend on further improving our garden. We were able to receive this grant thanks to the clever submission made by Mrs Svarc and Mrs Nicholson. I'm sure they will enjoy choosing and purchasing some additional trees and shrubs.

I hope the relevant students are ready for swim school next week. We are very fortunate this year to be able to provide lessons completely free of charge as Federation Council is not charging us admission. **It is important that students come prepared every day** even if the weather may seem a little dodgy. Teachers will make the call each day as to whether lessons will proceed.

Finally, don't forget to set aside some time to attend the Volunteers/Helpers Afternoon Tea on Friday 7th December from 1:30-2:15, just prior to our special assembly to name our leadership team. We are looking forward to showing our appreciation.

**Mrs Gail Krause**

**Principal**



### Dates For Your Calendar

<b>Fri 23 Nov</b>	Speeches and elections for 2019 Leadership roles 9.10am in the hall
<b>Fri 23 Nov</b>	Assembly 2.20pm in the hall
<b>Mon 26 Nov</b>	Swim School begins. Runs all week 7 & 8
<b>Wed 28 Nov</b>	2019 Kinder Transition
<b>Thurs 29 Nov</b>	Scholastic bookclub orders due in

**Remember to have your Scholastic Book Club orders in by Thursday 29 November**



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## GOLD AWARDS

**Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Gold Award.**

Mia Beardall, Sienna Napolitano, Zahara Ulep, Jett Murphy, Dayna Carter, Zoe Howard and Amelie Ibrom.



## SILVER AWARDS

**Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Silver Award.**

Jayden Carroll, Millie Gerada, Koby Shepherd, Ronan Simpson, Jayden Quirk, Asha Franks and Jennifer Lord.



## BRONZE AWARDS

**Congratulations to the following student who has achieved his Bronze Award.**

*Zac Franks*



## UNIFORMS

**Be sure to get all uniform orders for next year into Kayleen at the Canteen ASAP.**

## **Out Of Home School Care**

Unfortunately this process has been delayed. Changes to Department of Education procedures, the limited human resources of the P&C and the busyness of the school have made it unrealistic to be achieved this year. With P&C and school community support, we hope to relook at the need for an OHSC next year.

<b>CANTEEN</b>	<b>ROSTER</b>
Fiona Ballintine	23 November
Dannielle Gulbin	30 November
Jo Merritt	7 December
Michelle Mathews	14 December
Carley Alchin	19 December
Fiona Ballintine	19 December



# Kindergarten Students Starting in 2019

## Transition to Howlong Public School Information

<b>Week 7</b>  <b>Wednesday</b> <b>28 Nov 2018</b> <b>9:15am-11am</b>	<b>Parents: Students Services Session</b> Evie Bradley & Hayley Kellahan - School Counsellors	<b>Seedlings: Creative Arts</b>  Book, song and artwork
<b>Week 8</b>  <b>Wednesday</b> <b>5 Dec 2018</b> <b>9:15am-10:00am</b>  <b>11:00-11:30</b> <b>Picnic lunch</b>	<b>Parents: Technology/Letter Formation</b> Video of the development of writing NSW Foundation letter formation Activities to do at home Websites, smart boards, Tablets, Flip share and photos. Seesaw Technology and assessment Technology package	<b>Seedlings: Literacy, Numeracy, Sport and Lunch</b>  9 -10am: Literacy focusing letter formation 10 -10.30am: Numeracy 10:30 -11: Sport 11 – 11.30am: Picnic lunch with parents

### Garden Report

Both K/1 classes came down to the garden today and they worked very hard. They each potted a sunflower seed which we will watch grow at school. They will get to take their sunflower home before the end of the year. They also emptied a trailer full of bark chips, mulched some gardens, did weeding and watering, hunted for bugs, filled our minion tire garden and planted it with oregano and chives as well a general tidy up. It was quite hot so we needed a few breaks to run through the sprinkler for a well deserved cool down!



# Year 2 Wirraminna Excursion

On Thursday we went to Wirraminna. Stacee introduced herself and explained the activities. First we went on the ghost hunt. We had to look for the silhouette of the animals. Then we did a squirrel glider project with Lou. I learnt that squirrel gliders need trees and we looked inside the possum boxes to see if a squirrel glider was in the box.



I learnt that the cat, fox, dingo and the barking owl are predators to the squirrel glider. By Lillia Osojnik

## My Reflection

At Wirraminna Environmental Centre we did the ghost hunt. I was with Layla, James, Mrs Peppe and Koby. We found 19 animals, there were 20 altogether and we only had one to go. I learnt that squirrel gliders need trees 40m to maximum 70m apart. Their worst night mares are the fox, wildcat, dingo and the barking owl. Then we checked the nest boxes but there were no squirrel gliders, all we found was a bat. The best part was the ghost hunt. My favourite animal was the corroboree frog and the carpet python. I would recommend it to other schools because town people haven't seen the bushland.

By Riley Pargeter



*We went on an excursion to Wirraminna Environmental Centre. First Stacee welcomed us. Next she explained the ghost hunt. Then Charlotte, Isabella, Beau, Wendy and I set off to find all the threatened species ghosts. We came back with only six more to find. After lunch we did a squirrel glider game with Lou. Green sashes were trees, black were predators and orange were squirrel gliders. The predators had to tag the squirrel gliders but if a squirrel glider was on a tree they were safe. Then we looked in the nesting boxes with new technology. No squirrel gliders but a bat. In the bush treasure hunt we had to find all the habitats and foods on our sheet.*

*Next Stacee gave us a Corroboree Frog talk about where they live. After that we looked at the animals that had been taxidermied.*

*I learnt that the squirrel gliders can fly forty to seventy metres. They are nocturnal and eat spiders, honey and cicadas. I learn that there are only four male corroboree frogs left. I liked the squirrel glider game the best because we got to run around. I learnt that squirrel gliders need trees to survive. We need to plant more trees!*

*I would recommend this excursion to other schools because you learn a lot about native animals and squirrel gliders. By Mikaela Farnsworth*



On the 15/11/18 we went to Wirraminna. We walked around the path looking for the shapes of the animals. We had to go in a group of four with an adult. I went with my dad, Millie, Connor and Isaac. We found 17 so my group only had 3 more to go. I learnt that the squirrel glider flies from tree to tree. The squirrel gliders don't have many trees left because they are being chopped down and because of predators like cats, foxes and dingoes.

The best thing on the excursion was the treasure hunt. We had to find bark, leaves, twigs, and fruit on the ground. I think schools should go there because I learnt so much.

By Jessica Baggio

On our Wirraminna excursion we did the ghost hunt and nest boxes. In the ghost hunt we had a map of Wirraminna and we had to find the silhouette of animals like a brolga and a koala. In the nest box activity we checked the nest boxes with new equipment. We were looking for squirrel gliders and unfortunately we did not find any but we did disturb a bat. I learnt that squirrel gliders glide from tree to tree. Trees have to be about 20-40m apart. But we don't have a lot of trees because we cut them down.

I loved the taxidermy animals (it means stuffed or posed). There was a squirrel glider called Matilda. She got stuck on a barbed wired fence..... sad. There was also a wombat, snake and a blue tongue lizard.

I would recommend this excursion because it is a big learning experience.

By Charlotte Chant



**On the 15/11/18 Year 2 went on an excursion to learn about animals. I learnt about squirrel gliders and what they eat. I would recommend other schools should go and do it too.**

**By Tahlia Gray**



# STEM



On Wednesday the Year 4 students did this fun STEM activity. We talked about engineering and we read a story that inspired us to make a great bridge. The book was called "Benjie Bears Bridge." It was about planning to make a bridge so everyone can walk to the other side of the lake. Then after that we got two chairs, a ruler and a pencil. Then we went to the hall then we put the chairs next to each other. We got 250 paddle pop sticks 50 were coloured paddle pop sticks with no Velcro the rest were blank with Velcro on it. We got 2 and a half strips of tough tack.

We had so much fun doing this activity we had 10 minutes of planning and 45 minutes of engineering a bridge that would hold a kilogram for one minute. Some bridges made it to one kilogram and some just survived 500 grams or less.

**Dayna Carter & Zoe Howard**

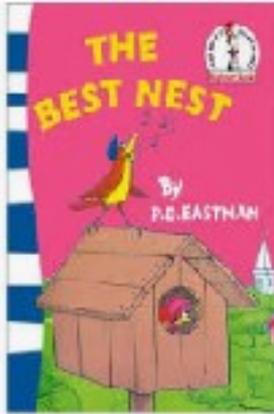


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# Kindergarten—Storybook

## STEM

(Science, Technology,  
Engineering and Math)



*'The Best Nest', by PD Eastman.*



Students in Kindergarten got the opportunity to see a presentation showing a variety of different nests built by a diverse number of birds for different purposes. We discussed man-made vs natural materials used in the nests. Students then created their own nest from found materials after a bush walk



I saw a pink feather from a Galah in one of the nests.

Jack Longley



A bird makes its nest by putting spider web on with its long beak then sort of knitting in.  
Oscar Singh

I learnt there's a bird that makes its nest out of spit.  
Charlie McNamara



We looked through binoculars and used bird callers.  
Patrick Conroy



I saw a magpie when I was bird watching. Lilly Green





We got to make our own nest. Judd Murphy

The birds were speaking back to us when we twisted the bird caller. Sofie Mensinga

I saw spots on a kookaburra's wing. Amelia Parcsi



We made nests.  
Daniel Richter

I learnt that different birds make different kinds of nests.  
Jadeja Leathem

We looked for birds with binoculars. Sophie Eaton

I learnt some birds can fly and some can't. Matilda Keeble



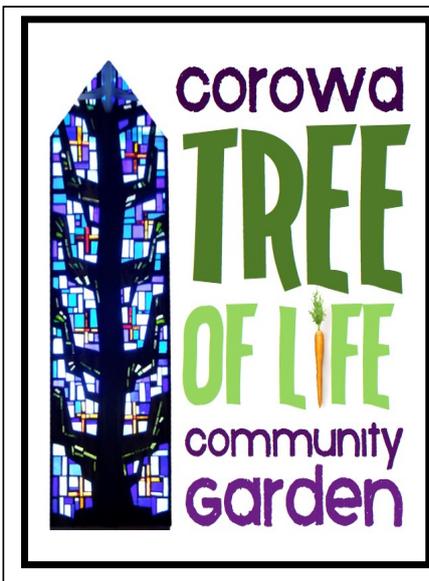
We had a frame to put sticks in and grass to make a nest.  
Zavier Fejzic



Some birds are easy to find and some are really hard to find.

Heidi Reid





## FREE COMMUNITY EVENT



Bus from Urana  
and Oaklands if  
enough rsvp's



# Saturday 1st December @ 10am- 1pm

## SURVIVING SUMMER Garden Workshop

### Corowa Community Garden

### Queen Street, Corowa

Learn about Waterwise Gardening

Make a wicking bed

See how you can use our local  
native species in your garden

How to make quick compost

Lunch and smoko provided



Please **RSVP** Sally 0427 549 856  
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for catering purposes by Wednesday  
28th November, 2018



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