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IMPORTANT DATES

October

Monday 13th - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 14th - Students Return

Wednesday 15th - Faction Athletics Jumps

Friday 17th - Faction Athletics Carnival (Wooroloo joining)

Friday 24th - P&C AGM at 1pm

Friday 31st - World Teacher's Day & Halloween Walkathon

November

Tuesday, 4th Year 5/6 Excursion Aviation Museum

Friday 7th Interschool Sport Carnival

Tuesday 11th Remembrance Day

Wednesday 12th School Board Annual Public Meeting

Thursday 20th Kindy Transition Day 1

Thursday 20th to Saturday 22nd HEC Art Exhibition at Mt Helena PS

Friday 21st National Fairy Bread Day & Teddy Bear's Picnic

Tuesday 25th NSHS Transition Day 1

Wednesday 26th Year 3/4 Assembly

Thursday 27th Kindy Transition Day 2

December

Tuesday 2nd NSHS Transition Day 2

Kindy Transition Day 3

Monday 8th Swimming Lessons Commence

Thursday 11th Eastern Hills SHS Transition Day

Tuesday 16th Year 6 Graduation Ceremony at 9.30am

Wednesday 17th Year 6 Graduation Excursion

Swimming Lessons Conclude

Thursday 18th End of Year Concert and last day for students.

Friday 19th Staff Development Day

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2025

The theme for Science Week 2025, held between August 9th and 17th was Decoding the Universe, exploring the unknown with nature's hidden language. Students enjoyed a variety of activities, including a digital incursion from Scitech for the upper years, lessons to do with decoding and recognising languages in nature, and sending a postcard to space! Hopefully travelling on the next Blue Origin Space Shuttle, is Wundowie students' artwork about how space can be used for the benefit of Earth. We will let you know when the postcards return from their trip into space!

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners:

- 1st Prize 2 x \$50 Coles & Woolworths Gift Vouchers & \$25 Quin's Butcher Gift Voucher - Camden Whittaker (Pre-Primary)
- 2nd Prize \$100 Grass Valley Tavern Gift Voucher - Emmett Martinovich (Year 5)
- 3rd Prize \$100 - The Riverside Hotel - April Wise (Year 6)

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,

Thank you to all of those people who came along to our school's 75th Anniversary celebrations today. It was really wonderful to see so many past students and staff as well as parents, families and community members at today's event. It was a great opportunity for our students to learn more about the rich history of our school and town. How lucky is our school to be part of such a collaborative and supportive community!

This term has certainly been productive with a range of events including NAIDOC Week celebrations, cross country competitions, Adopt-a Spot clean ups, Book Week events, Iron Festival and Father's Day stalls, Frisbee sessions for our Year 3 to 6 students, a whole school attendance reward and our art display at the Northam Farmer's Show.

We also took part in the WACSSO Art Competition where our school achieved equal first place for our artworks. Thank you to Mrs Karen Ward and our marvellous P&C for organising the display and congratulations to Jacob, Lillian, Nate, Maya, Aron, Neriah, Holly and Zali whose artworks were selected.

Our school also competed in the Hills Education Community Science Competition where we came fourth place out of many competing schools. Our school was only half a point off third place and one-and-a-half points off second place. Thank you Dallas, Hannah Mia and Matilda for your wonderful efforts with representing our school – you should be very proud of your amazing work! Thank you also to Ms Jany Stallman for organising and supporting our students at this event.

We recently held a morning tea to celebrate and thank our amazing Education Assistants and our Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer for all of the wonderful work they do for our school. Thank you Mrs Donna Branson, Mrs Alison Dellow, Mrs Stephanie Green, Mrs Rani Hockin, Mrs Annika Parsons and Mrs Shirley Slater for the incredible support, dedication and care you provide to our students every single day – it is very appreciated!

You may have also noticed that our elephant sculptures have been restored. The inspiration for this project was the RAC's 'Elephant in the Wheatbelt' campaign which aims to draw attention to the high rate of vehicle accidents in the Wheatbelt. Wundowie Primary originally worked with the Wundowie and Districts Men's Shed to create the elephant sculptures in order to highlight the importance of road safety in the Wundowie community. A huge thank you to Mrs Hockin, Mrs Green and Mrs Branson for all of your hard work with the restoration and to our students for their wonderful efforts with the painting.

There are a few updates for staffing in Term 4:

- Mrs Tenielle Greer will be returning on Mondays and Tuesdays to run InitialLit-1 and take the Year 1/2 class for Science, Health and Physical Education.
- Ms Trish Marchetti will be remaining on leave and will be returning in 2026. Ms Shauna Egan will continue full-time in the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary classroom for Term 4 with Mrs Jean Hale continuing to provide DOTT coverage on the Wednesday.
- Miss Michaela Pitt will remain with us on Thursdays and Fridays where she will continue to run InitialLit-1 and take the Year 1/2 class for Technology and the Year 3/4 class for Science, Technology and Indonesian.

Thank you for a wonderful Term 3. I wish all students and families a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

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NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY

Wundowie Primary School celebrated NAIDOC Week with a vibrant Community Day, honouring Aboriginal culture and heritage. Students and families enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Boyd Kickett with leaders and community volunteers showcasing traditional and contemporary foods. The day was filled with engaging cultural activities, storytelling, art, and music, all led by respected community members. It was a powerful and meaningful opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate together.



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CROSS COUNTRY

Students from Wundowie Primary School recently joined their peers at Wooroloo Primary School for an exciting cross country event. With great sportsmanship and plenty of school spirit, students from both schools gave it their all, running through a scenic course and cheering each other on. It was a fantastic day of friendly competition, community connection, and active fun!



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WASTE SORTED & CLEAN INCURSION

Our school recently hosted an engaging Waste Sorted and Clean Incursion, where students learned the importance of proper waste disposal and how to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Through hands-on activities and interactive presentations, students discovered how their everyday choices impact the environment. The incursion inspired a strong sense of environmental responsibility and gave students practical tools to keep their school—and the planet—clean and green!



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BOOK FAIR

Thank you kindly to the Wundowie Primary School Community for all your support for our Scholastic Book Fair. We all loved seeing everyone's imaginations at work with all the wonderful costumes to celebrate the theme for this year "Book an Adventure".

With the generous support of our community, we were able to purchase some new books for our library. We have a lovely new collection of storybooks, non-fiction titles, novels and graphic novels.

We were also very fortunate to have some very generous new book donations from Eileen Buckley, Jasmine Etherington and Bobbi-Jo Wise.

Keep an eye out for our exciting new books.



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WUNDOWIE PRIMARY SCHOOL 75TH CELEBRATIONS

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended and supported our school anniversary celebration. Your presence made the event truly special, and we are grateful for the memories we created together. Thank you for being a part of our journey and helping us celebrate this important milestone!



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WACCSO ART

Well done to our students whose artworks were selected for display in the WACSSO Art Competition. Our school achieved equal first place! Thank you to Mrs Karen Ward and our marvellous P&C for organising the display.



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Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)

👉 The PBS team has been working tirelessly once again, and our incredible students have truly risen to the occasion! By consistently upholding the Wundowie Primary School expectations, they've earned hundreds of tokens—an outstanding reflection of their dedication and enthusiasm. Well done, everyone!

We're excited to share some recent developments in our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) journey at Wundowie Primary School!

🌟 **Refreshing Our Behaviour Matrix** Our PBS team has been working on updating the Behaviour Matrix to ensure it clearly reflects the expectations we hold across all areas of the school. This helps students understand what positive behaviour looks like in different settings and supports consistency across classrooms and playgrounds.

🎯 **New Token Milestone Rewards** Our students continue to impress us with their commitment to positive behaviour! To celebrate their efforts, we've introduced new reward milestones at 800, 900, and 1000 tokens. These incentives are designed to keep motivation high and acknowledge the fantastic choices our students are making every day.

💬 **Well-being Insights** We've recently reviewed the results of our Social and Emotional Well-being survey. These insights are helping us better understand how our students are feeling and where we can provide extra support to ensure every child feels safe, valued, and connected.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to create a safe and encouraging environment for all our students!



Expectations Matrix

	Settings				
	All settings	In Lessons	Technology	Outside	Toilets
	- We use kind words - We keep our whole bodies to ourselves - We speak respectfully to others - We ask permission to use other people's property and school equipment and return it in the same condition - We use good manners - We follow the transition procedure	- We put our hands up and wait to be asked - We use whole body listening - We keep quiet so others can learn	- We follow the technology agreement that we signed - We ask permission before we take photos or videos of others	- We look after plants and animals - We play games fairly - We include others	- We give others privacy - We use a quiet voice - We leave toilets clean
	- We follow directions the first time we are asked - We are truthful - We share equipment and play areas - We use appropriate voice levels - We use equipment properly - We help pack away all equipment - We leave our personal items at home	- We walk inside - We participate in all parts of the lesson - We ask for help when we need it	- We keep passwords and personal information private - We print only when instructed - We carry equipment carefully - We use appropriate sites	- We follow the waste procedure - We stay in the school boundaries - We follow the rules of the play area - We walk in covered areas, on pathways and on ramps - We wear a school hat - We walk our wheels on the school grounds and place them in the bike rack	- We wash our hands with soap and water - We flush the toilet - We walk inside - We use the toilet properly - We use the taps properly
	- We greet others - We offer to help others - We approach school activities with a positive attitude - We have a go at all school activities - We keep trying, even when it is hard	- We stay on task - We contribute to classroom discussions and ask relevant questions	We try different ways to solve problems	- We follow the eating procedure - We encourage and cheer for others during sporting activities	

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☀ Term 3 Focus Behaviours

This term, our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) focus was on reinforcing key behaviours that help create a respectful, safe, and supportive learning environment. Our students are encouraged to:

- 🗣 **Use good manners** – Showing kindness and respect in the way we speak and act.
- 🎮 **Play games fairly** – Following rules, taking turns, and including others.
- 🧘 **Keep our whole body to ourselves** – Respecting personal space and keeping hands and feet to ourselves.
- 💻 **Use appropriate websites** – Making safe and responsible choices online.
- 💪 **Keep trying even if it is hard** – Showing resilience and a positive attitude towards learning.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these behaviours at home. Together, we're helping our students grow into respectful, responsible, and resilient learners!

🎉 Whole School Rewards – Term 3 Highlights

Our students have been working hard to follow the Wundowie Primary School expectations, and their efforts have truly paid off! Thanks to their positive behaviour, we've celebrated two exciting whole school rewards this term:

- 🏠 **Week 4 – Pyjama Day** We reached 600 tokens, and students enjoyed a cozy day at school in their favourite pyjamas. It was a fun and relaxing way to celebrate their fantastic behaviour!
- 🍞 ✨ **Week 7 – Fairy Bread Fun** After reaching 700 tokens, we treated students to a colourful and delicious Fairy Bread celebration. Smiles all around as we recognised their continued commitment to kindness, fairness, and perseverance.



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We're incredibly proud of our students and the amazing effort they've shown this term! Their commitment to positive behaviour has been inspiring—and the excitement is building.

Now, we're just about to hit **800 tokens**! Depending on which school expectation stands out most, one of these exciting rewards is ready to be revealed. The countdown is on!

-  *We Are Respectful* – Milo and Marshmallows
-  *We Are Responsible* – Crazy Hair Day
-  *We Strive to Be Our Best* – Make your own playdoh

Classroom based Rewards

Room 9-Bring a Teddy to school



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About Karen Young

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Karen is the founder of 'Hey Sigmund', an internationally popular online resource that provides contemporary, research-driven information on anxiety and the neurodevelopment of children. She has written six books, including the bestselling 'Hey Warrior' and 'Hey Awesome', which creatively assist children to understand and manage anxiety.

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Thurs 30 Oct 2025 | 12 - 2pm
Bridgeley Community Centre
91/93 Wellington St E, Northam
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