

## Calendar

Friday	23 September	Farrer Open Day
Monday	10 October	First Day Term 4
Thursday	13 October	Wholsome Collective Walcha Preschool
10:00 am to 12:30 pm		

## New School Visitor Check in

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# Yarrowitch Public School Newsletter

**Term 3 Week 10**

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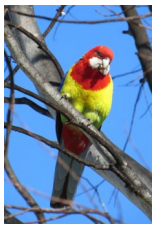
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Term 3 has been a very busy time for the school. The boys have been enjoying excursions to Niangala, Thalgarrah and book week dress up during week 6. The end of the term is fast approaching with only a few days left until the school holidays. We hope everyone has a safe holidays with their families and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 10th October.





## Birds in our Environment



Over the last three weeks we have been studying birds in our playground and on our morning walk to the river. Daily the boys have been identifying the birds and charting the numbers and then graphed the results. The boys identified 18 different species of birds: Willy Wagtails, Yellow Rump Thornbill, Magpies, Swallows, Crested Pigeons, Eastern Rosellas, Crimson Rosellas, Fantails, Peewees, Red Browed Finch, Grey Shrike Thrush, Bowerbirds, Silvereyes, Kookaburras, Falcon, Wattlebird, Fairy Wren and White face Heron. There were a couple of species of birds we could not identify. The boys noticed on cold, overcast days there weren't as many birds. The boys researched their favourite bird and did an information report on them. Jet chose the Kookaburra whilst Harley researched a falcon. The boys also completed a chart of interesting facts they have learnt about the birds they have identified. In STEM the boys designed and made their own feeders and hung them around the playground. We were delighted to witness 2 Bowerbirds and a Thrush enjoying peanut butter and seeds on the different feeders. One Wednesday on our way to Walcha Central to do Sport we dropped into the Apsley Falls to chart the birds, we found it extremely hard as it was cold, overcast and about to rain. We could hear plenty of different bird calls but the birds were way up in high trees. We saw some Crimson Rosellas, Thornbills, Magpies, a Crow, Swallow, Currawong and one Robin Red Breast. When we got into town, we did the riverbank walk which was more prolific with bird life. We saw Ducks, Coots, Plovers, Ibis, 2 different types of Cormorants, Swallows, Galahs, Crows, Willy Wagtails, Kookaburras, Magpies, Corellas and a few other birds we could not identify. The boys have really enjoyed the bird unit and now can identify birds in our environment.



During week 8, the boys took part in R U OK Day. This day, in conjunction with Life Education focusses on the idea of checking in with your mates. The boys watched a video which we discussed and then took part in some activities that helped them think about what a good friend looks like (their actions), sounds like (their words) and feels like (how do they make you feel).

## Child Protection

This term, the boys learnt about the importance of feeling and being safe through activities and lessons from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The focus areas this year were Empathy, Bullying and Internet Basics. In each lesson, the boys watched a video and had to answer a series of questions such as, 'How you feel, what to do and who to tell'. We had some great discussions, especially about being safe online.

## Book Week

On Thursday 25th August the boys dressed up for Book Week as their favourite characters. Harley dressed up as Ned Kelly and Jet dressed up as Ben out of Gangster Granny. The boys had a great day and look fabulous in their costumes.



## Cultural Day at Niangala School

On the 31st August 2022 Jet, Mrs Wellings and I travelled to Niangala School to enjoy a day of music, art and fun!

During our first session we had 2 people come down from NECOM to help us with our singing skills. We learnt about the 3 positions of A (standing up), B (sitting up straight on the edge of a chair) and C (which was relaxing on a chair). We also learnt how to breathe properly. We sang the 'Hello Song' which was saying hello in different languages, the action song Father Abraham which was really fun, and a song written by Justine Clarke called Thunderbolt's Way- Bail Up! This song was about the bushranger, Captain Thunderbolt. At recess time Niangala, Woolbrook and Yarrowitch kids ate together and then played bullrush on the tennis courts. I enjoyed playing this and catching up with kids from the other schools. It was fun to have lots of kids to play with.

After this we went into class and did art with Alexis from NERAM. We learnt the skills of weaving. We started by watching a video of an Aboriginal woman who was talking about weaving landscapes. We then started weaving our own landscapes using materials such as wool, raffia, ribbon and printed fabric strips. I was weaving a picture near the sea with a sun in the sky. Jet also did a beach scene with sea, sand and sky. After our weaving lesson we all had lunch together and the kids all played on the play gym. I had a fun day and look forward to finishing off my weaving project at school.

By Harley Smith



## My Taster Day to Walcha Central School

By Jet Smith 2/9/22

For my Taster Day I went to Walcha Central School for the whole day. When I got there I saw Rachel and Taupia and I went to the soccer field to look for my friend Bentley but he was not playing soccer. Then he came up behind me and 'pinch punch' me so it turns out there was this new trend going on where if someone did not have their fingers crossed you can get "pinch punched" so I crossed my fingers in my pockets. Mary-Jane came to me and asked where Harley was so I told her that he was at school and then she left so I asked Bentley where was Steven, he told me that he thought that a soccer ball was his son. I was very confused but then the bell went.

Some kids were still playing but all the older kids went to the TLC room. I did not know where to go and one of Rachel's friends came to me and asked if I knew where all the kids went but I did not know so we asked one of the teachers and then she told us where to go. Once we got there some of the older kids were already there so I sat down with Rachel and her friend then once all the kids got there we all were sitting at the steps then the teacher came in and put us in groups.

I was in group 3, Steven was in group 1 and Rachel was in group 2. First we went to the wood workshop where all the year 7 to 12 were, we had a nail hitting competition the girls had to verse each other and the boys had to verse each other. The winner of the girls and the winner of the boys versed each other and the boys won.

After that we went to music room and played the piano. We were asked questions about Japanese music. At 10:50 we went out to morning tea. After morning tea we went to the hall and participated in a variety of activities, my favourite activity was the jigsaw puzzle. We went out to lunch at 1.00.

After lunch we went back to the hall and joined our group and we enjoyed doing quizzes and riddles. My favourite riddle was : What can't you get on top of but you can go underneath?

Our answer was a bird but it was incorrect. The correct answer was duck. At the end of the day I went on a bus all the way back to Yarrowitch. It was a really fun day I particularly liked when we did the challenges and catching up with my friends.



## Creative Arts



## The Trip to Thalgarrah

I heard the rocks crunch as we walked over them and the leaves rustling in the trees. I saw a fast-flowing river rushing past the paddocks.

We arrived at Thalgarrah on a beautiful, sunny Thursday morning ready for adventure and learning.

Harley and I grabbed our bucket, nets and viewing tray then we set off to the river. We put water into the bucket, picked up our nets and caught some mini beasts from the river. We poured the water and mini beasts into our viewing tray and looked at what types of mini beasts we had found. Harley and I found Water mites, Caddisfly larva, Mayfly nymph, Waterboatman and Stonefly nymph.

After this we walked back to the playground to have recess and a play.

After recess we took our minibeasts to the lab and looked at them closely through a microscope. Some of the details we saw were the head, eyes, mouth, legs and feelers.

After this we went into another classroom to observe the characteristics and behaviour of Yabbies. One of the activities was to observe whether or not the yabbies wanted to go under the shelter. We did this for five minutes.

After lunch and a play, we all went inside and looked at, held and had a talk about mealworms. We put some of the mealworms on the carpet. Then Mr McKenzie brought out a Bearded Dragon for us to pat and to eat the mealworms.

Last of all, Sophie the Diamond Python was brought out for us to pat and for her to have a slither around on the floor in a contained area.

Harley and I had a great day, and we were very tired by the end of the day.

By Jet Smith



