



Weethalle Public School

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

As this is the last week of term 3 I would like to extend a huge thank you to the students, staff and parents of Weethalle Public School for helping make our school such a fantastic place to be. You all contribute in your own special way, and that effort is appreciated.

NAPLAN RESULTS

To our year 3 and 5 students, who received their NAPLAN results this week, congratulations on your achievements. After analysing the school data, a number of trends are apparent. Taking into account a 3 year average (from 2008-2010), our school is continuing its impressive growth in numeracy. The gap has closed between our results and that of both Riverina and State students. Trend data, indicates our year 3 students have now scored above both Riverina and State, starting below both 3 years ago. Year



5 students are now at or above Riverina students for numeracy, starting well below this point.

Our school writing focus has also produced significant results. The growth in both Year 3 and Year 5 is outstanding, both groups having previously been well below both Riverina and State. Year 3 trends place our students just above those of other Riverina Students while Year 5 students are achieving above both Riverina and State figures. Year 5 Reading trends show our school results also above both Riverina and State.

Punctuation and Grammar, has been identified as an area of concern for both year 3 and year 5. We are below both Riverina and State in this area and therefore need to take corrective action to improve our student outcomes.

I will be providing more detailed analysis of our SMART data at our next P & C Meeting but welcome individual parents who may wish to discuss their child or our schools progress in any areas of NAPLAN. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

FAREWELL MISS IRVIN

This week see's Miss Lauren Irvin complete her Internship period with us. She has been an amazing pre-service teacher, working with the primary class during term 3. Her enthusiasm, commitment and dedication to all aspects of education at Weethalle Public School has been

of great benefit. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Irvin for the many wonderful contributions she has made during her time with us. We wish her all the best in her future career and know she will be a fantastic teacher wherever she ends up. We have arranged a special morning tea for her on Friday and hope you can join us (could parents please provide a plate for morning tea). Canteen will operate as normal.



MOODLE TRAINING

Our 2 day CAP "Moodle" training last week was a huge success with all staff involved impressed by all they had learned and excited about using their new skills in the classroom. Visiting staff were particularly impressed with our school. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the lovely morning tea and lunch provided on both days by our wonderful P & C. Thank you to all those parents, who contributed food and to Stephanie and Meegan in particular for being there to set up and clean up after everyone. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. It was fantastic to have such a full staffroom, a busy carpark and our computer room so completely utilised by staff members from Weethalle, Tallimba, Greenthorpe and Cootamundra.

RANKINS SPRINGS ROUND ROBIN

Wednesday is the Rankins Springs Round Robin. All students need to arrive by 10am in time for warm-ups and group organisation. This year all events will be held at the Sport and Rec Ground. A canteen will be operating on the day.

PREMIERS SPELLING BEE

On Thursday, Ky Hanlon, Jasmin Bishop, Kelsey Hanlon and Brendan McKenzie will be representing Weethalle Public School at the regional final of the Premiers Spelling Bee. It will be held at Lake Wyangan Public School. The junior competition will be held from 12.30 - 2.30pm. I know they have been busy learning their words. This is a new experience for Ky and Jasmin who are a little nervous about participating for their first time. We wish you all the very best and know you will do your best. Enjoy the opportunity, Good Luck Ky, Jasmin, Kelsey and Brendan.



Unfortunately I will be unable to attend as my Term 3 PARS with Geoff Pellizzer and the principals from Tallimba, Wyalong and West Wyalong, was rescheduled for that day after being postponed Week 8 due to "wet roads".

I will be doing my last Middle School lessons and then participating in our combined PARS (Principals Assessment) at West Wyalong High School.

PEER SUPPORT

On Tuesday 21st September, I will be running Peer Support Leaders training for year 5 and 6 students in preparation for our Peer Support program running next term.

END OF TERM

Friday will be the last day of Term 3. Term 4 begins Monday 11 October for both students and staff.

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday break and take the opportunity to enjoy some quality time with your family and friends. Next term is sure to be another busy one so rest up and return refreshed, please stay safe.

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle

Attached to this Newsletter:

*Bland Creek Sustainable Lifestyles Expo 2010 West Wyalong

*Bland Shire Council "Spring Vacation Care Program"

*Borambola excursion information - *Medical and consent form to be returned tomorrow (Tuesday).*

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION PROGRAM

In 2010, we will be offering 5 full days transition for those students who have enrolled at Weethalle Public School for Kindergarten 2011.

This program will commence week 2.

Week 2 - Monday 18th October

Week 3 - Tuesday 26th October

Week 4 - Wednesday 3rd November

Week 5 - Thursday 11th November

Week 6 - Friday 19th November

For more information about this program or for Kindergarten enrolment forms, please contact the school office.



West Wyalong Little A's

Change to Program

Friday 24.9.10 – Program 3 events (hurdles)
1.10.10 – Skills Afternoon
8.10.10 – Program 1 events (starting time 4.30pm)
There will not be a bye in the school holidays.

WANTED

Second hand Spikes & Little A's Club Singlets

If you have grown out of your athletic spikes or no longer need your Little A's singlet, we can sell it for you. Just drop items into canteen.

P&C NEWS

TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER

The P&C is holding a Tea Towel fundraiser. Just to let you know we will be getting the children to draw a picture of themselves to go on the tea towel. In order to have these ready for fourth term and available as Christmas presents, we will get students to draw them tomorrow. Order forms will be in newsletter at the beginning of next term.



THANKYOU

Thank you to everyone that contributed & helped Steph & Michelle for the catering on Wednesday & Thursday of last week.

BATTERY DRIVE

The battery drive fundraiser is underway!!!!
Batteries can be dropped at Ag'n'Vet or Fishers Garage.
Any queries contact Brian 0428 410116 or 69756150.

SCHOOL JACKETS

The P&C has had an enquiry regarding school jackets for parents. If anyone is interested in purchasing adult sized school jackets (with Weethalle Public School emblem embroidered on) please contact Michelle. These would be available for \$40 sizes range from M (mens size 16), L, XL, 2XL & 3XL (mens size 24). If there is enough interest some will be purchased.

Michelle Jolly ph. 69756242 or 0427 756242

Dear Weethalle School Community,

I would love to thank all Weethalle Public School staff and students for welcoming me into the school community for the past 10 weeks. I cannot believe how quickly the time has flown! I have loved every moment of my time here. As a community you must be so proud of the young people in this school!

A big thank you to Cheryle - It is a huge thing to hand over your class to an unknown university student. Thank you for the faith you had in me to allow me to have this invaluable opportunity. Your support is so greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the parents - It is a huge thing to trust and support an intern teaching your children. I appreciate how welcome I have been made to feel and the words of encouragement you have passed on.

And lastly the STUDENTS! Thank you for being such wonderful kids! It has been such a pleasure working with you for the last 10 weeks. I have learnt so much from you and will carry many positive memories with me into my career. I wish you all the best for the rest of the year!

I have been lucky enough to receive support from the George Alexander Foundation in the form of a Scholarship. This has been so helpful in attaining resources for this 10 week period as well as paying the petrol bill every week! Additionally, the Wagga Wagga Teachers College Alumni generously awarded me a scholarship which also aided in expenses over this time. Both of these groups do great things for rural university students whose passion lies in rural areas. Without their support, I would not have been able to complete this extraordinary placement.

Best wishes and I hope to see you again in the future!

Lauren Irvin