



Weethalle Public School

Empowering learners for their future

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

How great it is to be back after my short period of Long Service Leave. My trip of Sabah (formerly British North Borneo) was an extremely challenging but satisfying experience. It was a very emotional experience, following in the footsteps of WWII POW'S. I completed the Sandakan - Ranau POW Death March where all but 6 soldiers out of 2,500 perished. I visited an Orangatang Rehabilitation Centre, climbed Mr. Kinabalu, a world heritage listed area over twice the height of Mt. Kosciuszko, went white water rafting and generally enjoyed the cultural diversity of this beautiful South East Asian country. I certainly received a beautiful warm welcome back and felt very much appreciated. It is fantastic to be back.

MATHS DAY

Last Friday's Small Schools Maths Day was the highlight of Literacy and Numeracy Week. Students, staff and parents, from Rankins Springs, Tallimba and Weethalle came together to engage in a fun day of stage based hand on maths games and activities. It was once again a huge success with all those present making numerous positive comments. It is such a great pleasure to see our students so enthusiastically engaged in interesting and

challenging activities with peers from other schools. I was particularly impressed with the perseverance displayed by students who just had to solve the problem or challenge. A new initiative this year was the multi-aged challenge of constructing a chair (with specific design criteria) capable of holding the weight of a soft toy dog. All group constructions were successful in satisfying the criteria and achieved the desired outcome. Thank you to all the students for their terrific behaviour and application to the tasks, and to all the staff and parents who assisted on the day. It would not have been possible without your help.



RIVERINA REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all our students who attended the Riverina Regional Athletics carnival in Albury on Friday, especially **Mia McCarten** who came 1st in the 11 year girl Long Jump and 800m, thus qualifying for **STATE!!!!**

Well Done to Kelsey Hanlon who competed in the High Jump and Discus and also to our PP5 relay team who came fourth in the finals, narrowly missing out on qualifying for state. What a great effort everyone!!!

CAP DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Thursday, I will be in Wagga attending a CAP Development Day. We will be receiving specific training on CAP initiatives and planning and

accountabilities for 2011 Funds. We are very lucky to have access to CAP funds which enables our students greater access to resources and programs otherwise not possible.

PARS

On Friday afternoon I will be at Tallimba Public School where Geoff Pellizzer will be conducting a group PARS visit with the Principals from Tallimba, Wyalong, West Wyalong and Weethalle. We will be discussing the progress made in implementing the school plan, Best Start monitoring and follow up strategies, current reading levels for all K-2 students, our annual evaluation process, school assessment and current transition strategies. It will be a very busy but productive meeting, always much valued by both Geoff and the respective Principals.

ASSEMBLY

Also on Friday, the infants class will be hosting this weeks assembly. Miss Mac and Miss Healy (our 1st year prac student) and Miss Irvin look forward to seeing many of you there to help us celebrate students achievements. The assembly will commence at 2.40pm.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Our school has decided to register for the Coles Sports for Schools Program. For every \$10 spent at Coles supermarkets, Coles online, Bi-Lo, and Pick'n'Pay from 2nd September to the 31st October 2010 will earn 1 Coles Sports for Schools vouchers worth 1 point. Vouchers are provided with the receipt at point of purchase. It's simple, collect more vouchers, get more gear. Students can collect vouchers from family, friends, and neighbours (and teachers) and drop them into the voucher collection box located in the office. There are over 300 items of sporting equipment up for grabs. Please collect these vouchers and bring them into school to help us get extra sports gear for our students.

EXCURSION

A reminder that the primary excursion to Borambola is fast approaching. Final payment needs to be received by Monday 20th September which is Week 10 (the last week of term) if you have paid your deposit in full the final payment due is \$100 per child. This will enable final numbers to be sent, and all the necessary information will then be sent home with the students attending. I ask for your co-operation in prompt payment.

SRC

The SRC raised \$23 for the cancer foundation following their Footy Colours Day last week. Well done - every little bit helps. These funds are definitely going to a good cause.

P & C MEETING

Don't forget tonight's P & C Meeting which will commence at 7pm sharp!! I look forward to seeing you there. Everyone's contribution is appreciated and goes towards supporting the school and your children's education. We all want what is best for our students.

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle

P & C NEWS

******* DON'T FORGET *******

MEETING TONIGHT @ 7pm

Agenda:

- School jackets
- Paving location/cost/timing
- School magazine
- Lunches from Roadhouse
- Riverina District Inclusion
- Shade cloth - cost
- NSWPSA information dispersal dissatisfaction
- Catering for WPS function

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.

***** DRESS YELLOW FOR DAFFODIL DAY *****



This Friday - 10th September

P&C has decided to support the Cancer Council 'Daffodil Day' fundraiser this year. Everyone can get involved by dressing yellow for the day and make a gold coin donation for Daffodil Day.

SCHOOL JACKETS - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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.

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