



Weethalle Public School

Empowering learners for their future

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome back!!! It's great to be at school after 2 "relaxing" weeks with family and friends. We all look forward to a productive term 4.

It is wonderful to experience the enthusiasm displayed by both staff and students as they return refreshed and ready for learning. I hope all parents enjoyed their time at home, free from all school routine.

AUTHOR VISIT

We start this week with an exciting visit by well-known children's author Paul Stafford, who will be conducting writing workshops with our students on both Wednesday and Thursday. Having attended Paul's writing workshops in the past, I can vouch for the fact that he is a truly talented and inspirational author and teacher, who has an amazing gift when it comes to getting children to create high quality writing. This is a fantastic opportunity to reinforce our school focus on writing which has resulted in recent improvement in student outcomes in this area.

Parents are very welcome to attend at any stage over these days to join in or just observe the workshops in progress. A selection of Paul Stafford books will be available for \$13 or \$15, if students would like to purchase

them. Weethalle Public School is very lucky to be able to take advantage of such an inspirational author who is in great demand for such workshops. This visit has been made possible through CAP (Country Area Program) funds which our school receives.

SAD FAREWELL

Miss Irvin's last day of term 3 (and her internship) was a very enjoyable one, with students organising a "surprise" party for her in the afternoon. We were all sad that her time with us had come to an end but she will return in her capacity as a casual teacher in the future . I would like to thank her for the kind donation of a book for our school library.

While Miss Irvin was on my class, I was able to complete a number of projects including the development of a whole School Assessment and Reporting Policy and a schedule for the completion of K-6 school assessment tasks and activities. I also completed an online leadership training course entitled "Leading Change in Schools:The Emotional Dimension", which dealt with emotional intelligence aspects of change processes. With 2 weeks long service leave included, Term 3 was an extremely productive and rewarding one for me personally which will continue to benefit our whole school community.

MAINTENANCE COMPLETED

The end of Term 3 also saw a number of projects completed, including the painting, carpeting and installation of new blinds throughout the school. Such improvements have positively affected the learning environment of our students making them even more proud of our great little school. The school also invested in 4 apple Ipads which will be integrated into the teaching and learning programs at our school.

EXCURSION

Week 2 will be the primary excursion to Borambola. All students must be at school on Monday 18th October by 7.30am ready for the bus to leave at 8am SHARP!!! Please ensure all clothing is clearly marked.

KINDER ORIENTATION

Our first kinder orientation day will also be Monday 18th October. As only the infants children will be at school, it will be a quieter place for our new kinder students. A reminder for parents that 2011 Enrolment forms are available from the office if you don't already have one. Please return completed forms as soon as possible so that numbers can be finalised for 2011. Our 5 full days orientation program will give our new students a chance to experience the whole school routine with different days of the week and including all full-time & casual staff. We are all looking forward to them joining us.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION PROGRAM

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

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Thank you so much to all our wonderful students, parents and community members who have been collecting vouchers for the Coles Sports for Schools Program. They are slowly building up and will help us purchase valuable items of sports equipment. Students love to bring in the vouchers and put them in the box at the front office. This initiative closes at the end of the month so I hope we are able to collect many more vouchers over the

next few weeks and contribute towards some much appreciated sports equipment. The SRC will be given the task of selecting what they feel would be best value for our vouchers.

NO MATHS CLUB

Due to other commitments there will be NO MATHS CLUB this Tuesday afternoon. There will be some disappointed students and staff but remember "Mathletics" can be accessed from home at any time.

PEER SUPPORT

We will start our Peer Support sessions this week with the whole school working in their Peer Support groups. Year 5 and 6 students will run the sessions on Fridays. Session 1 is about getting to know everyone, setting rules for working well together and beginning to look at friendship. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week, as it will help them at both home and at school.

I look forward to our final term of 2010. If you have any concerns, no matter how large or small, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle