



Weethalle Public School

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term 2 Week 4

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Week 4 is another busy one for students and staff alike. Miss Mac will be involved in professional learning in Griffith on Monday and Tuesday where she will receive her term 2 training in Accelerated Literacy (AL). Having attended mine in Wagga last week, I can guarantee the practical value of these two days. AL has renewed my passion and enthusiasm for teaching literacy and classroom results so far reinforce our decision to operate this program at Weethalle Public School. Improvement in student literacy outcomes is our goal, and data is required by the region at the end of the year, to ascertain the impact of AL across Riverina regional schools.

Especially important this week are the year 3 and 5 student NAPLAN tests. Despite all the media and political controversy surrounding whether or not schools were going to administer these tests, Weethalle Public School was unaffected. Staff believe that the information received from these assessments was far too valuable. Individual student progress, school progress and student growth data will be available. Tuesday, students sit the Language Conventions and Writing tests; Wednesday is the Reading test and Thursday is the Numeracy test. Students have had a number of practises to familiarise themselves with the format. It is important that they remain relaxed and not have undue pressure put on them. They have all been working well and we wish them all the best.

All staff will be participating in a Video Conference after school from 3.30 - 4.30pm. This will be refresher training, for use of Interactive Whiteboard and video conference equipment. It is great to have access to this training to ensure we fully utilise these resources.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday, all primary students (and any interested 8 year olds) will be participating in the District Cross Country at Griffith (the venue is the Lake Wyangan Picnic Area). There will be a briefing assembly at 9.45am, walk the course - 10am and first race 10.45am. Mrs. Natalie McCarten will be the teacher in charge on the day. Everyone has been training well and I know they will do their best and represent themselves and our school with great pride and sportsmanship. Good luck everyone. Sorry I can't be there with you.

LEARNING INNOVATIONS REFERENCE GROUP

As the Riverina Primary Principals representative, I am required to attend a Learning Innovations Reference Group meeting in Sydney on Friday. I regretfully will not be able to attend our first District Cross Country as part of the Riverina Region but know they will be well supported.

WHAT A GREAT EFFORT!!

Our School fun run/cross country was a huge success with students raising an astounding \$1,191.55 of which we get 50%. We will be putting this towards more sports and sandpit equipment as requested by the SRC. This is a huge effort from a school our size. Congratulations everyone.

HATS PLEASE

Hats are to be worn all year round so please ensure your child has it in their school bag. Sunscreen is available for use at school but students still need to wear a hat. We are a "Sunsafe School" and take sun protection seriously.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the whole school community, I'd like to take this opportunity to send a huge thank you to Mr. and Mrs. McGuigan (Crystals mum and dad) for all the wonderful "volunteer" work they did around our school. Having originally planned to have a brief holiday with Crystal and help her run the P & C Trivia Night, they ended up doing a huge amount of "handyman" work around the school. We are all so very appreciative of such generosity and kindness.

Words don't seem enough for all the fantastic things they did while they were here. *Thank you so much!!!*

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle

CANTEEN

Due to the Cross Country this Friday, canteen will be held on **THURSDAY** this week and not on Friday.

ASSEMBLY

Due to the Cross Country the next assembly will be held Friday 21ST May this will be run by the Infants Class.

K/1/2 HOMEWORK

In this weeks homework, K/1/2 students have been given a peach coloured sheet with our Accelerated Literacy text on it. It would be fantastic if students could read this each night or at least 2 nights a week. Many thank for you assistance.

LIBRARY

Every Wednesday. Premier's Reading Challenge books are available for borrowing. Happy reading.