



Weethalle Public School

Empowering learners for their future

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term 1 Week 8

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What a great response we had to our request for helpers at our school working bee on Thursday and Friday. It is amazing to see the landscaping and grounds work done over those couple of days. I am so impressed by what you all achieved and so very proud of the progress being made. Many parents found themselves doing jobs they were not expecting to do and so learned a few new skills. All

those extra hands provided valuable assistance to our landscape team.

I feel very excited about this whole project and am genuinely so very, very appreciative of the help you have provided. I realise everyone helps in so many different ways whenever they can but I would especially like to thank the following people for providing much needed labour during the long days of the working bee: Stephanie Healy, Ian Luelf, Tracy Johnston, Michelle Jolly, Meegan McCarten, Natalie McCarten, Jen Rutledge, Simone Maloney, Greg Healy, Paul McKinnon, Tim McKenzie and Bryan Studholme. Thank you also to Greg and Stephanie & Justin and Natalie for their very generous donation of hay and pea straw. Congratulations to you all for the fabulous effort.

We have a wonderful school community and it makes me so proud to see the results of our great partnership. Fantastic things can be achieved when we all work together for the good of our students and our school. Well done on a great effort!!

After singing the praises of our parents, I now need to ask for additional assistance. Peter Starr has asked for another working bee on Wednesday to finish up a few of the grounds improvement work started last week. If you have any spare time on Wednesday, and would like to contribute to our landscaping work, please join us at school. Remember to bring your hats and sunscreen, although we do have plenty here at school. A reminder also to please sign the Visitors Register in the office. We had lots of people sign in on Thursday and Friday for the working bees and assembly. Thank you so much for your co-operation.

YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

As you are reading this newsletter, I will be travelling back from the Young Leaders Conference in Sydney on a bus with our Year 6 students, Chloe, Boyd and Katelyn. They are all very excited about the trip and appreciate the opportunity provided to them. They are looking forward to sharing their thoughts on this experience in next

weeks newsletter. They will put the leadership lessons they have learnt to good use when they return to school.

PARS VISIT

Wednesday will be a very busy day at Weethalle Public School. Not only will there be a working bee happening, but I will be having my Term 1 PARS with Geoff Pellizzer School Education Director. This is always a great opportunity for me to share with Geoff, the many aspects of leading and managing our school. He appreciates the chance to visit schools and discuss a great variety of topics. This visit will cover things such as our School Plan, Annual School Report and my teaching program. He likes the opportunity to meet and talk to parents, students and staff also to get a real feel of what is going on in the school. He will be here in the morning and I look forward to showing him our grounds improvement so far!!

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Also on Wednesday is the Parents Information Session on Accelerated Literacy. I have discussed this program at the P & C Meeting but Claire Crawford, the Literacy Consultant and Accelerated Literacy Co-Ordinator from Wagga will provide more detailed information. This session will begin at 3.30pm following with an afternoon tea for parents.

TRAINING DAY

On Thursday and Friday, I will be in Wagga attending training in the "Team Leadership for School Improvement Program". This is a mandatory component of the National Partnership funding we will be receiving for the next 4 years. It is a series of professional learning modules that made connections between students, teachers, leaders and whole school learning.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day will be celebrated on Friday. All students may come to school dressed in the costume of another country or dressed in orange, the colour representing Harmony Day. Students are also asked to bring a little information or fact about the country they have chosen. We hope this will be a fun day, celebrating multiculturalism in Australian society. We are all different in so many ways and need to appreciate and embrace these differences. Tolerance and acceptance are values we all need to practise.



Our Assembly last week was very well attended with the large crowd being entertained by the primary class.



Mia and Natalie, with assistance from other students, choreographed the dance the class performed. I was very proud of the whole class for the way they co-operated and worked together to get the item ready in such a short time frame. Congratulations to all those students who received their well deserved awards.



CRAZY HAIR DAY



What a great success with with students and staff raising \$64.40 for the Leukaemia Foundation. The huge variety of Hair styles and colours was very impressive. Miss Mac "volunteered" to have her hair done by the students. Chloe and Carla did a great job with the

white and purple sprays. Mon MacKellar and I had ours done last year, so we thought it fair Miss Mac had a turn this year!! ***We are so proud of you!!!!*** We took lots of great photos of this day.

ICAS TESTING

Anyone still wishing to be involved in the 2010 ICAS tests please return your permission note and money to school ASAP.

RENOVATIONS

"Decor Outdoor" from Griffith will be beginning our much anticipated building projects on Tuesday 30th March, the last week of term. They will be working on the covered area in front of the canteen first. Hopefully, the admin/staffroom area refurbishment will be done over the school holidays. No guarantees that it will be finished then. Here's crossing our fingers though! I am currently very excited and so happy with the improvements that are occurring at our school.

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle

NETBALL WEST WYALONG

Junior Netball will be commencing on Saturday 20th March, 2010

5-7rs Funnett

8-10yrs Netta

11yrs plus Netball

Please register your child's name with

Julie Barby 02 69723458(leave a message) or

juliebarby@hotmail.com before 18th March

Are you turning 11 or 12 this year?

Do you love netball?

We will be offering a Development Squad to all 11 and 12 year olds this year.

WHEN: Monday afternoon 5pm to 6pm

WHERE: At the Netball Courts, West Wyalong

WHY: To develop players skills in preparation for carnivals and future representative opportunities

BEGINS: Monday 22nd March 2010

For more information contact Kim Broomby 63472152 or Raylene Spackman 0400313980