



Weethalle Public School

Empowering learners for their future

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term 2 Week 9

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CONGRATULATIONS to Shai-yane MacKellar, Dylan McKenzie, Kelsey Hanlon, Ky Hanlon and Natalie Caldow who have now completed their 2010 Premiers Reading Challenge. Excitement is building as more of our students finish this challenge. We are aiming at improving on our whole school completion rate of the previous 2 years.

GOOD LUCK to Mia and Hannah McCarten who are competing at the Riverina Regional Cross Country carnival today. They have both been training hard and will represent themselves and our school with great pride and sportsmanship. We wish them well and look forward to hearing of their achievements.

FAREWELL MR ARCHIBALD

This week is Mr. Archibald's last week with us. He will be missed by our whole school but the infants class in particular. He has enjoyed developing his teaching skills and it is wonderful to see his confidence improve as relationships build. He will have a full teaching load this week before heading back to CSU Wagga to continue his studies. Thank you to Miss



Mac for her supervision of Mr. Archibald during his prac. It is very rewarding to be part of the mentoring program of our future Public Education teachers and a positive experience for all those involved.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Miss Mac has a very busy week of professional learning, attending OH & S Training on Tuesday and Wednesday, and her third day of Best Start assessment training on Friday. The skills and knowledge she receives will further benefit our school when she returns. Professional learning is an integral component of our School Plan, especially our Literacy and Numeracy targets. Research strongly supports the fact that it is the quality of the teacher that has the greatest impact on the improvement of student outcomes.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our School athletics carnival will be held on Thursday at the Showground/ Sport and Rec Ground due to the grounds work that is still in process at school. I apologise for any inconvenience this causes but hope everyone works together to ensure we have a successful and enjoyable day. We look forward to seeing lots of parents and community members join us to support and encourage all students as they participate in their athletic events. Participation and sportsmanship have always been a strong focus at our carnivals. We will be commencing at approximately 9.30am with the 800m events. Please have your children there at normal school time.

The P & C will be cooking a BBQ with Steak Sandwiches \$3; Sausage Sandwiches \$1.50 and fruit boxes \$1 for lunch. Please bring your own recess. After the carnival, staff will be participating in a video conference with Mr Michael Carr-Gregg, I would like to extend an invitation to any interested parents or community members who would like to join us in this learning opportunity. The video conference will commence at 3.30pm sharp in the primary classroom.

ASSEMBLY

On Friday, Mr. Archibald and the infants class will be hosting our school assembly which will commence at 2.40pm. We look forward to seeing you all there to help us celebrate the success of students at Weethalle Public School.

Our students love your support and always love the opportunity to perform in front of such as appreciative audience.

THANK YOU

A special Thank You to Kelly MacKellar, for her donation to our library of a beautiful book "Glacier Boy National Park Alaska" personally signed by the author. The staff and the students in her infants scripture class were also recipients of a small memento of her trip to Canada and Alaska. We all appreciate your generosity.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

My attendance at last weeks Low SES National Partnership meeting reinforced the importance of this funding to our school over the next 4 years. We need to maximise the use of the school's total resources and transform the way schooling takes place to ensure improved student outcomes. There are high expectations of significant and sustainable improvements in student learning outcomes. There is a stronger accountability for the expenditure of funds with the focus on building sustainability. Strategies are incorporated into our School Plan which can be viewed on our school website. The thinking and attitudes of students, staff, parents and the wider community form part of this transformation. "Research underpinning the Reforms" is a paper that lists the "levers of change" as quality teaching, leading learning, parents and community engagement and professional learning. These are important aspects of our journey with National Partnership over the next 3 ½ years. We are very privileged to have this unique opportunity to help our students.

LOST PROPERTY

I would like to remind students and parents that the lost property box located in the office, is steadily growing. If you are missing any items of clothing, please check the box. It is important to ensure all items have your child's name on it so they can be returned promptly.

COLONIAL DAY

The whole school will be travelling by coach to Barellan Central School next Tuesday 22nd June. We will be participating in a "Colonial Day" of activities with students from Barellan and Binya. Please sign the attached permission note and return asap.

END OF TERM APPROACHING

As term 2 is quickly coming to an end we have all been busy with assessments and reports, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for their support of our beautiful little school. Our students and staff are very lucky to benefit from the many positive relationships that exist in our community. A strong and supportive partnership between the school, the home and the wider community is invaluable. Thank you all for the many way you help Weethalle Public School.

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle

PERMISSION NOTE BARELLAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

I give permission for my child/ren.....to travel by bus to Barellan Central School on Tuesday 22nd June, 2010 to participate in a "Colonial Day"

Signed:.....

Dated:.....