



Weethalle Public School

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term 2 Week 11

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The last week of Term 2 has finally come! An 11 week term has certainly resulted in some very tired children and staff over recent weeks. I believe everyone will really appreciate the upcoming two week break.

COLONIAL DAY

Our whole school visit to Barellan Central School last Tuesday to participate in their Colonial Day was an amazing experience for all students. It was a very informative day that totally engaged the students because of the very professional nature of the cast of characters and the way they involved so many of the students. Our students were commended on their excellent behaviour. View photos on our school website.



WELL DONE!!

To all students who received 100% Attendance Certificates for this term. It is so important to be at school to maximise learning. Well done to: Emily Jolly, Brook-Lyn Johnston, Rhys Studholme, Carla Jolly, Dylan McKenzie, Jackson Healy, Brendan McKenzie, Katelyn Jolly, Boyd McKenzie, Alana McKenzie, Lizzie Rutledge, Jaimee Studholme and Tye Studholme

SMALL SCHOOLS CARNIVAL

The Primary Class will be attending the Griffith Small Schools Carnival today. Results will be outlined in our next newsletter. We wish all participating students the best of luck. We know you will represent yourself and our school with great pride and sportsmanship.

WORK EXPERIENCE

This week we welcome Katelyn Karsten to our school. She is a Year 10 student from Wade High School in Griffith who will be doing her Work Experience in the K/1/2 classroom. We hope Katelyn enjoys her time with us. She has certainly chosen an extremely busy week with many amazing things happening.

INTERNSHIP

On Tuesday, Lauren Irvine, a CSU Wagga pre-service teacher will visit the primary classroom for the day. She will be doing her internship at Weethalle Public School during Term 3. We look forward to having Lauren join us and fully develop her teaching skills and knowledge before finally entering the teaching profession in Term 4.

SCHOOL DISCO

At 3.30pm on Tuesday afternoon, the SRC Disco will be held in the school library and computer room. Students are welcome to come dressed as their favourite movie, book or television character. The cost of entry into the disco will be a gold coin donation. It is guaranteed to be a fun afternoon of games, dancing and prizegiving. The SRC will also be selling food and drinks as outlined in the flyer sent home last week. Thank you to Miss Mac for her organisation of this much anticipated event.

NAIDOC WEEK

On Wednesday we will be holding our Aboriginal Cultural Day to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Last year was a huge success and I hope we have lots more parents and community members join us for the activities and a shared lunch. Students will be split into 5 multi-age groups and rotate around a series of activities each run by an experienced indigenous expert. Personnel from both DET Griffith - Alison Johnstone, Aboriginal Education Consultant and Raelene Fox, the Griffith local Artist, Aboriginal Home School Liason Officer, Carolyn Webb and the West Wyalong Land Council - LeeAnne Hampton, CEO Louise Davies, Marg Warner, Amy and an Aboriginal dance group will join us.

Children will be involved in Aboriginal dancing, Indigenous games, cooking traditional "Johnny Cakes", face painting, cultural slideshow sessions and painting of a mural on the boys toilet block to match the one painted on the girls block last year.

We will all share in a BBQ lunch of Kanga banger, marinated kangaroo meat, kangaroo meat kebabs and a few regular sausage sandwiches. Everyone will receive a fruit box as well. Students must bring their own recess.

Please encourage the wider community to also join us in our celebration of NAIDOC WEEK. Everyone is encouraged to wear clothing in the Aboriginal colours of Red, Black and/or Yellow. All students will receive a special "Koori Kids" pack containing a respect band, a ruler, a pencil and a rubber. All aspects of this day are made possible as a result of funding we received and the generosity of staff from DET Griffith and the West Wyalong Land Council.

INTERVIEWS

On Thursday, we look forward to meeting parents to discuss their child's progress this semester. Parent/Teacher interviews are an important part of the ongoing communication process in our School. Staff are always available to discuss any concerns or issues as they arise so please make alternate arrangements if Thursday is not suitable.

GREASE

Friday is the last day of term 2 and the whole school will be attending a special performance of 'GREASE' at the Roxy Theatre, Leeton. This will be a reward and celebration of the wonderful student achievements for this semester. As a

school community we would like to acknowledge the excellent work that has taken place and praise the efforts of all students. Drought assistance funding has enabled the school to cover all costs involved (both the coach and the tickets). Students are still to bring their own recess, lunch and drink.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Shai-yane MacKelllar whose artwork titled "Sparkle Works" has been selected for inclusion in the full colour, hardbound volume of the book "State of the Art". Shai-yane is in the running to win some amazing prizes. Final results will be announced on Wednesday 14th July. We wish her the very best of luck in the Art Competition.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Weethalle Public School 2009 ASR result has been viewed on our School Website with very positive comments. If you cannot access the internet at home and would like a hard copy, please do not hesitate to contact the school for your printed copy.

FINALLY.....as term 2 draws to a close, may I take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for your exceptional support in so many ways. There are so many things that are not possible without your assistance. Enjoy the next two weeks break, free from the routines of school. Relax and have a safe and happy break.

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle

TERM 3

Staff return - Monday 19th July

Students return - Tuesday 20th July

PERMISSION NOTE - 'GREASE'

I give permission for my child/ren.....to
travel by Heffer's Coach to "Grease" at the Roxy Theatre in Leeton on Friday
2nd July, 2010

I understand that the children will return to school in time for afternoon
buses.

Your child will require recess, lunch & a drink

Signed:.....

Dated:.....