



Weethalle Public School

Empowering learners for their future

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SASS RECOGNITION WEEK

Last week was SASS Recognition Week. This is a time to recognise and appreciate the valuable contribution that the School Administrative and Support Staff make to our school. These dedicated people provide valuable support in a multitude of ways, to the teaching staff, allowing them to focus on the core business of teaching and learning. Our SASS personnel include our office staff, our school learning support officers, our general assistants and our cleaner. Without their ongoing support and commitment, the students would not receive the education they deserve. Well done and thanks to this team.

To acknowledge the contribution the SASS make towards our school students were asked about these people and what they do for our school.

MRS HEASLIP

K/1/2

- She puts bandaids on us when we are hurt
- She gives us stingoes
- She calls the ambulance
- She gives us ice packs
- She rings our Mum if we are sick
- She organises everything

3/4/5/6

- She sorts out all the paperwork
- She answers the phone
- She calls our Mum when we are sick
- She is a very nice lady
- She writes the newsletters for us and writes our names on them
- She tries her hardest just for us

MR MACKELLAR

K/1/2	3/4/5/6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He works in the garden• He mows the lawn• He builds around the school• He digs holes and gives us vegies• He pumps up balls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He fixes things• He puts things up in our room• He's a very hard working handyman• He comes in and helps is plant vegies and fruit in the garden• He is always very friendly• He gets rid of dangerous stuff and fixes leaks• He puts up fences

MRS HEALY

K/1/2	3/4/5/6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• She cleans our school• She plants flowers• She mows the lawn• She cleans the seats• She waters plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• She mows the lawns so we can play• She's the handy woman!• She does all the gardens• She's nice to have a chat to• She'll get help from local people• She is very safe• She makes our school look beautiful

MRS MCKENZIE

K/1/2	3/4/5/6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• She takes some of our students• She helps Miss Mac and all teachers• She helps with maths• She helps us	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• She's a lovely reading teacher• She helps Miss Mac• She helps all the Infants• She comes in just for us to learn• She is a friendly staff member

MRS WHITEMAN

K/1/2	3/4/5/6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• She cleans everything everyday• She cleans our tables• She vacuums• She mops toilet floors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• She cleans the classrooms and carpets and desks after our terrible mess• We thank her for cleaning the toilets• She's a very kind lady• She cleans our bubblers• She tidies everything up just for us

RIVERINA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Mia and Kelsey who have the opportunity to attend the Riverina Athletics Carnival in Albury on Friday 3rd September, 2010. We wish the girls the best of luck for the carnival.

SHIRLEY FULLER VIDEO CONFERENCE

Thank you to the parents who attended the Shirley Fuller video conference on Thursday. The session was very informative with Shirley discussing the various levels of being a reader and a writer. Shirley then suggested strategies for assisting your child/ren to further develop their reading and writing skills, even for children who are proficient readers and writers. If you were unable to attend the video conference but would like a copy of the handout please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations again to all students who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2010. For students who have not yet handed in their Reading Logs they are due on to school by Friday 27th August. This will ensure that all entries can be entered before the cut off date.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Congratulations to all students who raised money for the Heart Foundation in Jump Rope for Heart. In total students raised \$656.10. What great support for a needy cause.

TEACHING AND LEARNING FORUMS

On Wednesday afternoon, after school, Mrs Studholme, Miss Irvin and myself will be travelling to Griffith High School to participate in some professional development. During the afternoon and evening we will each be attending two sessions from 4:30pm until 7:30pm. In the past these forums have been very informative, they are also an amazing opportunity for teachers to up-skill without having to take time out of teaching.

JAEMIE BENNETT VISIT

Today Jaemie Bennet, CAP consultant, visited our school. During his time with us Jaemie attended two video conferences being run in the school. The first video conference related to the Infants class topic "Collie's Garden Party" and related to minibeasts and the second video conference, which the whole school attended, explored weather and pressure. Both video conferences were very informative and we would like to thank Jaemie for visiting our school to attend these opportunities.

VICKI HUTTON VISIT

Tomorrow Vicki Hutton, Drug Education Consultant - Riverina, will be visiting our school. During her visit Vicki will be looking at my drug education program and checking the school's drug education resources are up to date. This is a follow-up meeting to the Early Stage 1/Stage 1 Drug Education professional development I completed during last term.

MERIT SELECTION TRAINING

On Thursday, 2nd September parents, community members and staff have the opportunity to attend merit selection training at school from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Merit selection is designed to train both teachers and community representatives in the policies and procedures relating to forming and participating in Merit Selection panels for positions within DET.

Persons trained in Merit Selection will be able to sit on panels as requested to fill vacant positions in schools.

BOOK CLUB

Book club brochures were sent home last week. The orders will be due back at school next Monday 30th August.

SHOW ENTRIES

Thank you to the people who assisted in setting up the school display at the show. Hopefully many of you had the opportunity to see our students amazing work. Congratulations to all students who entered into the events.

LUNCHES

Due to OH & S regulations we are unable to heat up children's food at lunch times and add boiling water to cups of noodles. We encourage children to always bring a healthy lunch from home.

For your calendar

Monday 23rd August	Jaemie Bennett (CAP consultant) visit
Tuesday 24th August	Vicki Hutton (Drug education consultant) visit
Friday 27th August	Premier's Reading Challenge Logs due in Mini/mod league/league tag gala day
Friday 3rd September	Small schools maths day Riverina Athletics Carnival Footy colours day
Friday 10th September	Assembly P&C meeting Daffodil day
Wednesday 22nd September	Rankins Springs gala day
Thursday 23rd September	Premiers Spelling Bee
Have a great week.....Miss Mac	

P & C NEWS

*** DRESS YELLOW FOR DAFFODIL DAY ***



CHANGE OF DATE: FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

As noted in last weeks newsletter the P&C has decided to support the Cancer Council 'Daffodil Day' fundraiser this year. Everyone can get involved by dressing yellow for the day (Friday 10th September) and make a gold coin donation for Daffodil Day.

The date was changed from actual Daffodil Day (Friday 27th August) as many students at the school will be participating in the Rugby League / League Tag Gala day in West Wyalong.

BATTERY DRIVE FUNDRAISER

The P&C will be having a battery drive as a fundraiser this term. If anyone has some old batteries or would like more information please ring Brian Johnston 0428 410116 or 69756150.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The P&C will be compiling a school magazine this year that will be available for students at the end of fourth term. If anyone has some ideas for this please contact Georgie Luelf ph. 69756217.

SCHOOL JACKETS - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The P&C has had an enquiry regarding school jackets for parents. If anyone is interested in purchasing adult sized school jackets (with Weethalle Public School emblem embroidered on) please contact Michelle. These would be available for \$40 sizes range from M (mens size 16), L, XL, 2XL & 3XL (mens size 24). If there is enough interest some will be purchased.

Michelle Jolly ph. 69756242 or 0427 756242

CONGRATULATIONS & THANKYOU

Well done to all students that contributed work to the show - it was a highlight in the pavillion. Congratulations to all of the prize winners. Thanks to Mrs Sedola & Miss Mac for organising a fabulous display. Thanks also to parents for helping children enter events separate to the schoolwork.

SCHOOL DISPLAY AT THE SHOW - WHAT A GREAT EFFORT!!

