



Weethalle Public School

Empowering learners for their future

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term 1 Week 4

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What an awesome first week we have had!! It was wonderful to be greeted by lots of cuddles and smiling faces from students who were so obviously happy to be back at school.

BETTER BUDDIES PROGRAM

As part of a Better Buddies program Year 5 students Dylan McKenzie, Carla Jolly and Jasmin Bishop have taken on the role of "big buddies" to our new kinder students, Will Studholme, Leah Caldow and Sammy Rutledge. They have taken on the responsibility of ensuring our kinders have a smooth transition to school and were very happy to help out. Will, Leah and Sammy know who they can turn to for assistance and support of any kind.

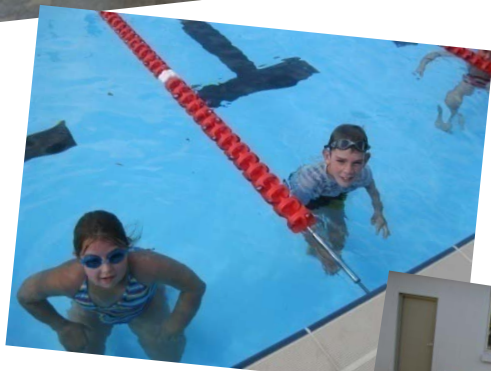


TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The absolute highlight of the week was our first ever Twilight Swimming Carnival. 100% of our students were in attendance and each and everyone of them gave 110% in every event they participated in. They all showed true grit and determination to perform to the best of their ability, many participating in events and distances they had never attempted before. Fantastic

sportsmanship was displayed all evening. I was so extremely proud of everyone. Well done!!! Thank you so much to all the parents and community members who helped make this event such a huge success, either by taking the students to West Wyalong, helping with various jobs on the night and especially by supporting everyone. We couldn't do it without you.

Congratulations to the Emus who were narrow winners on the night. Unfortunately there was a recording error made on the night which affected the result of the Senior Girls Championship. Our sincere apologise to Natalie Caldwell who will also be receiving a medal.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AGE CHAMPIONS

Minor girls - Lily McCarten

Minor Boys - Harrison McKinnon

Junior Girls - Hannah McCarten

Junior Boys - Ky Hanlon

11 years girls - Carla Jolly

11 years boys - Dylan McKenzie

Senior Girls - Kelsey Hanlon/Natalie Caldwell

Senior Boys - Brendan McKenzie

We would like everyone's views on whether we should hold a Twilight Swimming Carnival next year. Please either give Brenda a ring in the office or write a note and let us know.

YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

As in previous years, I will be travelling with our Year 6 students to attend the Young Leaders Conference in Sydney. Attached to this newsletter are the necessary parent information sheet, medical note and permission note for the year 6 students. Please return notes asap.

NSW PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Last year Mia, Shai-yane, Kelsey and Natalie were invited by the Premiers Department to attend the Presentation of Awards for the 2010 NSW Premiers Reading Challenge. We were sent a CD of photos which each girl will receive.

This was a very memorable trip for these students. We will be starting the 2011 Challenge in March, so we hope even more students will become involved.

This will be the 4th year our school has been involved and who knows, we may have other students invited this year!!! What a great incentive to complete the challenge!!!!



STAFF MEETING

At last weeks staff meeting, we discussed the possibility of having an "Aussie of the Month" to recognise a student who has achieved something special. This can be in any number of school areas and will be decided in consultation with all staff members - permanent, temporary and casual. They will receive a badge which they can wear for 4 weeks as well as a special Principals Award Certificate and pencil. This award will be made every 2 weeks, therefore having 2 students recognised each month. A profile and photo of each student will be proudly displayed outside the office.

NEWSLETTERS

Thank you all those parents who provided us with their email address and their preference for receiving our school newsletter. If you haven't replied, please do so asap. When everyone has returned their preference we will send newsletters by email to those who request it.

"MAROON FOR A DAY"

This is an initiative of Michael Coutts-Trotter, the Director General of Education and Training. This Thursday 17th February, students are asked to bring a donation and wear something maroon. All money raised will go towards assisting Queensland public schools affected by the floods.

COLES VOUCHERS

A huge thank you to all those wonderful people who helped us collect the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. We have 2,620 points and were able to select.

1 x Bucket of Frisbees (class sets)

2 x Junior tennis rackets

1 x Waffle hat

(total 2,615 points)

The students will definitely benefit from your generosity.

BUSY DAY

On Wednesday, we have 3 special visitors coming to our school to discuss various aspects of student learning. Jean Morreau the School Counsellor, Tony

Smith - Learning Support and Anne-Maree Moore - CAP Consultant. What a busy day that will be!!!!

PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE

On Thursday and Friday, I will be attending the Riverina Principals Conference in Wagga and Mrs. McIntyre will be teaching the primary class.

HOME READING

Home reading will commence this week. Reading logs are to be signed and returned every week. Staff have decided that a maximum of 5 points or nights will be recorded by the teacher each time it is returned, regardless of how many nights have been filled in. We want to encourage regular reading and checking by staff, not mass signing. Please remind your child to return their logs regularly.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Studholme will be teaching Library this year. She will have the primary on Wednesday and Infants on Thursday.

CANTEEN HELPERS

In order to keep the canteen open every Friday we require helpers. Please ring either Michelle or Brenda at school to put your name on the roster. Please indicate how often you are able to work even if it is once a term it will assist us in keeping the canteen going for our children. Any help you can give would be much appreciated. If there are not enough helpers the canteen may not open every week.

SCHOOL BIZ

Are your details up to date?

Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

If your child is absent from school

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please tell your child's teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence within seven days.

Wednesday 2 March is P&C day

'Try a little Kindness' is a day for our school community to officially recognise and celebrate the contribution made by our local P&C association.

Primary school

Reminder: If your child has any allergy, medical condition or special needs, talk to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Reading with children is fun and one of the best ways to help prepare them for school.

Tip: Try not to let television intrude on reading time - set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.

A reminder that if you have any concerns or issues you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact me. No concern is too small. A strong supportive and positive partnership between the school and home is best for all student outcomes.

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle

P&C NEWS

MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held after school on Friday 11th March @ 3.15pm. This is the Annual General Meeting that will include the election of office bearers. The general meeting will discuss plans for the year. Please mark the date in your calendar.

THANKYOU - SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A big thankyou to Michelle & Vicki Jolly for their work in cooking BBQ for the P&C at the swimming carnival - they both did a wonderful job.

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Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
2	31 Jan	1 Feb	2 Feb	3 Feb	4 Feb SDD	5 6 Feb
3	7 Feb Students return	8 Feb Kindergarten Start	9 Feb	10 Feb Swimming Carnival	11 Feb Staff only	12 13 Feb
4	14 Feb Small School Swimming Carnival	15 Feb	16 Feb School Counsellor	17 Feb Maroon for a day	18 Feb	19 20 Feb
5	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb	24 Feb Zone Swimming	25 Feb	26 27 Feb
6	28 Feb	1 March	2 March	3 March	4 March Clean up Australia Day	5 6 Mar
7	7 March	8 March	9 March ARL Skills	10 March Life Ed. Van	11 March	12 13 Mar
8	14 March	15 March	16 March Paul Stafford - Author & Counsellor	17 March	18 March	19 20 Mar
9	21 March	22 March	23 March	24 March	25 March	26 27 Mar
10	28 March Young Leaders Conference	29 March	30 March	31 March	1 April	2 3 Apr
11	4	5	6	7	8	