



Weethalle Public School

Empowering learners for their future

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term 1 Week 7

7th March, 2011

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CONGRATULATIONS to our 2011 SRC Representatives Year 5 and 6 students are automatic members, other elected students are Year 4 - Brook-Lyn Johnston, Year 3 - Will Luelf and Infants - Harry Crampton. The first SRC meeting will be held at lunchtime on Wednesday, where an executive will be elected and ideas from the student body will be discussed.

Back: Kelsey, Mia, Natalie, Georgia, Jack

Front: Shai-yane, Harry, Carla, Dylan, Brook-Lyn, Brendan (missing Will)

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Our schools Clean Up Australia Day on Friday was enthusiastically enjoyed by everyone. We started by cleaning up in and around our school grounds before heading out into the streets of Weethalle. The community certainly appreciates the effort of our students as they demonstrate great pride in their community. The amount and type of rubbish picked up provided a basis for interesting discussion. The future is definitely in good hands if our students are anything to go by. Thank you to Kay McKenzie who joined us for



the morning; to Vicki Jolly for providing extra gloves and bags left over from last year; and to all the parents who assisted by providing gloves for their children. Well done everyone!!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all parents and community members to help out the students at our school by volunteering a little of their time. Both the infants and primary classes would appreciate assistance with listening to students read. All students need regular practise in reading aloud and discussing their understanding of what has been read. Please contact the school if you would like to help.

TRAINING SESSION

On Wednesday after school, I will be conducting a parent training session on how to help your child with reading. This will enable parents to develop more skills and feel more confident in assisting their children at home. It will also support parents in helping others at school if they do have some spare time during the week. I am more than happy to repeat this training on another day if there are people who are unable to attend on Wednesday. I look forward to seeing you then.

VIDEO CONFERENCE TRAINING

This afternoon, Mrs. Studholme and I will be involved in video conference training on Persuasive Writing. This is the second of three interactive sessions to enhance teacher skills in this specific area of literacy. I appreciate Mrs. Studholme's ongoing commitment to our school and students by attending this additional training.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day is celebrated around the world on 8th March each year. It is a time to recognise the contributions and achievements of women and to highlight the issues many women still face simply because of their gender. We will be acknowledging and celebrating International Women's Day by displaying student designed posters at Weethalle Public School.

ARL DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Wednesday at 9.25am all students will participate in rugby league skills as part of their regular morning fitness. The AFL development officer, David Stevens will be organising this session for our students. It is fantastic to have such experts visit our school and share their skills, knowledge and passion with students and staff.

ASSEMBLY

The primary class will be hosting our school assembly on Friday commencing at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing many smiling faces there to support our students and join us in celebrating their many achievements and successes.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

This weeks, students will be able to commence the 2011 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. Everyone will receive their booklist and personal Reading Log and be encouraged to participate immediately. This challenge can be done in conjunction with our regular home reading program. There will again be incentives received by those finishing the challenge. The all expenses paid trip to attend the awards ceremony in Sydney received by Kelsey, Natalie, Shai-yane and Mia last year will still be fresh in the minds of everyone. Please encourage your children to be part of this important initiative. The love of reading is one of the most important gifts we can give our children.

P & C MEETING

After assembly on Friday, there will be a P & C Meeting. Please take this opportunity to be part of supporting the school, the staff and it's students in a number of very positive ways.

A SAD FAREWELL

We farewelled Jasmin and Lana Bishop and their family on Friday as they leave Weethalle to join their father in Cobar. The children shared a cake and were presented with cards from their classmates. We are very sad to loose the girls but know they will make new friends. They have promised to write when they settle in and we look forward to hearing from them.

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle

P & C NEWS

******* ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING *******

THIS FRIDAY

Friday 11th March @3.15pm (after assembly)

Agenda:

- **Election of Office bearers**
- **Presentation of Financial statement**
- **Constitution**
- **Voting on the introduction of Rules/By-laws for Weethalle P&C Association:**
 1. These rules are made under the constitution of Weethalle Public School Parents and Citizens' Association.
 2. The association is formed for the benefit of the pupils of the school, which will:
 - (a) Participate as much as possible in the activities of the school and communicate with all members of the school community;
 - (b) Co-operate in the activities of the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of New South Wales, and Regional Councils; and
 - (c) Promote the interests of public education
 3. The financial year of the association will close on 31 January each year.
 4. The annual general meeting of the association will be held in February of each year, in conjunction with and preceding the ordinary general meeting for that month. The agenda of the annual general meeting shall include setting the membership fee of the association for the ensuing year.
 5. No person will serve more than three consecutive years in the same position.
 6. Any person eligible for membership may become a member or renew membership by paying the required membership fee of \$2.00 to the Treasurer, or nominee of the Treasurer, after any general meeting. Membership will remain current until the close of the annual general meeting in the following year. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining an up-to-date register of membership.
 7. If a meeting for which due notice has been given does not achieve a quorum within 30 minutes of the advertised starting time the Secretary will, or in the absence of a Secretary remaining members of the Executive will call a further meeting and failing that any five members of the association may call a further meeting with a lapse of not more than 28 days of term time to carry on the business of the association.
 8. In the absence of the Secretary the remaining members of the Executive or any five members of the association may call any meeting that is required, giving due notice of the business proposed for their meeting.
 9. The association may confer the honour of Life Membership on a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the work of the association. Life members may attend and speak at meetings but are not entitled to vote or to hold office unless they are also ordinary members in terms of Rule 4 in these rules.

GENERAL MEETING

(After AGM)

Agenda:

- **Murder Mystery Night**
- **Fundraising 2011**
- **Canteen**
- **Easter raffle**
- **Pavers**

Jen & Natalie are on canteen

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