



# Weethalle Public School

*Empowering learners for their future*

## PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term 1 Week 9

21<sup>st</sup> March, 2011

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Who can believe it is week 9 already?? Last Tuesday's writing workshop with author Paul Stafford was again an extremely valuable and productive learning experience. Students gained the skills and knowledge to write two pieces of quality persuasive writing. One topic was "Schools should/should not be banned" and the other was "Internal Combustion Engines are good/bad"

Read a couple of students worksamples to see the quality of work they produced in a limited time. A whole day of writing was mentally exhausting for some students. I was so proud of the effort they put it!!

### AFL DAY

Last weeks AFL skills development session with Kane Malone was very much enjoyed by both infants and primary students. It is very beneficial to assist AFL skill development with the West Wyalong Gala Day coming up on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April.



## **TRAINING SESSIONS**

After school today, I will be involved in the final training session on persuasive writing via Video Conference. It has been very worthwhile training that I am happy to do out of school hours. It enables me to put into classroom practise the acquired skills without disrupting normal routines.

## **SCRIPTURE**

There will be **NO** Scripture lessons for the next 3 weeks as Reverend Ron will be away.

## **BER VISIT**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, David Chandler OAM, the lead investigator with the Building the Education Revolution Implementation Taskforce, will be visiting our school. He will be here from 10.50am to 12.15pm and would like to inspect the project site and discuss the implementation of the project at our school. He is happy for me to invite any members of the school community who would have useful input into our conversation. We will host a morning tea for those interested. A plate would be very much appreciated.

## **ASSEMBLY**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, the infants class will host our school assembly. We look forward to many supportive parents, grandparents and community members joining us. The staff and students love to have a large appreciative audience to share their great pride in our school and the achievement of our students.

## **YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE**

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March, I will be travelling by bus to Sydney with all the Year 6 students to attend the Young Leaders Conference. We leave Barellan on Sunday at 7.30am and return Monday night. This a very hectic 2 days but an experience the Year 6 students truly appreciate. Thank you to Leanne Hanlon for joining me to assist with supervision. It is very much appreciated.

## **INTERVIEW DAY**

As I mentioned last week, we are holding three way conferences between students, teachers and parents, on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, which is the last week of

Term 1. If you would like an interview to discuss your child's Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) please contact the office. Emily and I will both be available on this day.

## **FUN RUN**

Handed out today were student sponsorship forms and parent information for our School Fun Run/Cross Country which will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May (week 2), children do not have to get sponsors. It is an individual choice. We will be commencing training on Monday and Thursday mornings so your child may like to bring their joggers on those days.

## **PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE**

Students have been busy borrowing library books from the Premier's Reading Challenge list, so please keep encouraging their reading and write their books read on their Reading Log. Mrs. Studholme has read "The Bears Lunch" by Pamela Allen and "Castles" by Allan Baillie to the infants class so students should add those books to their individual list. Happy Reading everyone!!!!

*Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle*

*ON CANTEEN THIS WEEK  
CARRIE AND LEANNE*

## **P&C NEWS**

*"Many hands makes light work" John Heywood*

## **P&C EXECUTIVE**

As noted in the last newsletter the P & C executive for 2011 is:

President - Lindsay Jolly t.69756242

Vice President - Meegan McCarten t. 69661361

Secretary - Georgie Luelf t.69756217

Treasurer - Stephanie Healy t. 69756128

A big THANKYOU to the outgoing members: Brian Johnston for his work as President of the P&C for the past 3 years, and Michelle Jolly in her role as Treasurer for 2 years and working tirelessly as canteen manager. The contribution you have both made to the school is invaluable. We all know that volunteer work is thankless with most of your time and effort going unrecognized - it is really appreciated.

If anyone has any questions or queries throughout the year don't hesitate to contact any of the committee members. We are looking forward to a year with many parents being involved, coming to meetings and making a contribution to the school.

### **WORKING BEE - THIS SUNDAY**

**\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> March @ 9.30am \*\*\*\*\***

The P & C will be having a working bee this Sunday to get the school grounds in order. **There is a lot of work to be done - PLEASE CAN ALL FAMILIES COME.** The more helpers we get there the quicker all will be finished - hopefully then it could be done in the morning to be finished by lunchtime.

**Please can you bring: chainsaws, shovels, garden tools etc**

For more information & advise that you will be able to help please ring Lindsay.

### **CATERING - CLEARING SALE**

**\*\*\*\* WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL \*\*\*\***

The P & C combined with the Hall Committee will be running the BBQ for the Maloney's Clearing Sale on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April (same day as AFL/netball gala day). Lunch will include BBQ, sandwiches & slice/cakes. **Please can all families help for this day either by helping at the sale (from 9.00am) or by making food to be sold on the day.**

### **EASTER RAFFLE**

Once again this year the P&C will hold a continuous Easter raffle at the Easter Hat Parade day on the last day of term (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April). Please can each family provide an item to be included in the raffle (ie. easter egg/s or easter related item). These can be given to a member of the committee or left at the school office. Tickets will be available with next weeks newsletter.

## OUR DAY WITH AN AUTHOR.....

Today we will be discussing whether school should or should not be banned and I'm going to tell you all why.

It is expensive to send your kids to school because you have to pay for school uniforms and school uniforms only have to be used at school, also all the materials for the classroom such as pens, pencils, pencilcases, glue, scissors, rulers etc, and so instead of paying for all that we would buy lollies with that money.

The Government could save money and convert it into more important things like research, hospitals, librarys, shops and sports ovals/stadiums. It could also be better for the economy because a family could get alot more money for food.

You could be at home helping your Mum or Dad. That way more jobs could be finished and it could build our teamwork and we wouldn't fight as much. If students didn't go to school they could babysit and that way mum could go and relax or do other jobs that needed to be done.

So that it why school should be banned.....FOREVER!!!!

By Brendan McKenzie

In my opinion I think that it was a good thing that the invention of the Internal Combustion Engine was invented because it was proved helpful.

If there weren't any emergencies services more people would die from accidents. Ambulances, firetrucks and careflight planes and helicopters all need engines to run. The people that have accidents need to get to the hospital quickly.

Its a good thing that the Internal Combustion Engine was invented because there'd be no transport. Cars, buses, trucks and motor bikes all run on engines. People couldn't travel large distances to work. People would be poorer because they'd be unemployed.

It there wasn't any lawnmowers or whipper snippers you wouldn't be able to cut your grass. If the grass is too long you wouldn't be able to go where you want to go because you might get lost. If you cut the grass with scissors it'll take ages to cut.

I believe that these are some of the reasons that Internal Combustion Engine is good.

By Will Luelf

Today we are talking about why school should/shouldn't be banned. In my opinion we should have school and I am going to tell you why.

School is a great way to get fit. You would be doing Athletics and Swimming Carnivals, PE and lunch and recess playtime. You would also be taking care of your diet or for health reasons.

Without school, children will become fat, stupid and lazy if they sit on the lounge all day. Older children will watch and learn violence. TV will be running all day and wasting money while they could be doing something active.

Teenagers would be able to deal with drugs more often. They would have more time to do terrible things. Police would be working fullstop and people will be getting away with murder or theft.

That is why school is too important to be banned.

By Kelsey Hanlon

I believe that school is way too important that it should not be banned!!

If you were to go to school you would get a better job when you are older. You would be smart and know much more. You would earn more money by not getting fired because you won't be dumb.

If you went to school you would have friends, but if you didn't you would have none. You wouldn't be able to look forward to your birthday because you wouldn't have any friends to celebrate it with.

If you didn't go to school your Mum and Dad would get frustrated with you. You would get annoyed with your brothers and sisters and get in trouble. If you went to school you wouldn't have enough time to fight with them because you would have to show your teacher that you are a nice loving brother or sister.

That is why I think school is too important to be banned!!!

By Mia McCarten