



# Weethalle Public School

*Empowering learners for their future*

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## **AUSSIE OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Brook-Lyn Johnston our new Aussie of the Month from the primary class. She received this award for her hardworking dedication to her own learning and also to her willingness to assist others whenever she can. Brook-Lyn received her badge, certificate and Principals Pencil at assembly this morning. Well done!! (Be sure to read her profile page)

## **PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE**

At last weeks Riverina Primary Principals Conference held in Griffith, I had the opportunity to hear important messages from key note speakers like Dr. Adam Fraser whose philosophy of "The Art of Flow" is a real time solution to stress and burnout that doesn't involve having to take time out of adding another task to an already full to do list. At the heart of flow we find the key to getting more done for a longer period of time, whilst reducing stress levels, preventing burnout and keeping our teams engaged. Professor Margaret Wu spoke on the analysis of assessment data, in particular NAPLAN. Kevin Sheedy used his football experiences to highlight the need for leadership to be innovative and to challenge the norm for continual improvement. The attendance and support of our Regional Director Colin Parker, our Riverina School

Education Directors and the Primary Principals from throughout the Riverina made this conference an extremely valuable experience for all.

### **VIDEO CONFERENCE**

On Monday afternoon, staff will engage in mobile technology training via video conference. These professional learning opportunities enable staff to continue to build their skills and knowledge for the benefit of improving our student learning opportunities without having to travel or interrupt valuable class time. I appreciate our dedicated staff who are so willing to participate in such training.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Kelsey Hanlon and Jemma Luelf have now completed their Premiers Reading Challenge. Well Done Girls!!!

A reminder that the challenge finishes at the end of this month. I strongly urge those students who have not yet finished, to read enthusiastically for the next couple of weeks and help Weethalle Public School reach it's 2011 target of 75% completion. We are so close..... Happy reading!!!

### **ICAS TEST**

Brook-Lyn Johnston, Carla Jolly, Will Luelf, Ky Hanlon and Kelsey Hanlon will be challenging themselves in the Mathematics Test tomorrow (Tuesday). We wish them all the best.

### **PRIMARY CLASS**

The primary class will be travelling with Mrs. Studholme by bus to Coolamon on Wednesday to visit the Museum and the Up-to-date store. This visit will provide significance and background information supporting the comprehension strategies she utilises on Wednesdays specifically relating to our current AL text "Photographs in the Mud". This week, I will also be sharing photos from my experience along the Kokoda Track.

Please make sure all permission notes are returned to school by tomorrow.

### **TRAINING DAY**

Also on Wednesday afternoon Miss McMeekin will continue with her L3 Literacy training in West Wyalong while Mrs. Studholme and I will go to Griffith after school to attend the Term 3 Teaching and Learning Forum workshops.

### **TRENT BARRATT SHIELD**

On Thursday, Tye Studholme, Will Luelf and Ky Hanlon will be participating in the Trent Barratt Shield as part of the Griffith Small Schools rugby league team. The boys have been very enthusiastic about this opportunity, travelling to



Griffith for weekly trainings. They are very excited about playing on Thursday. I know they will thoroughly enjoy the games and will display great sportsmanship at all times. Play hard and have fun boys.

### **ZONE ATHLETICS**

Good Luck to all our students who will be travelling to Griffith to participate in the Zone Athletics Carnival. I know you will represent yourself and our school with great pride.

### **SCHOOL COUNSELLOR**

Jean Morreau will be visiting on Friday. If you have any concerns with your child, please contact the school to request an appointment. Jean will follow up with ongoing issues and concerns.

## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

Also on Friday, the infants class will be hosting our school assembly. This will commence at 2.40pm and we would like to see you all there to celebrate the many outstanding achievements of students from our wonderful little school.

## **COLES VOUCHERS**

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. Woolworths dockets and McCain barcodes. Boxes are located in the front office. Please encourage family, friends and community to help us earn valuable resources for our students.

## **P&C NEWS**

There will be a P&C meeting after assembly this Friday afternoon @ 3.15pm. We look forward to seeing lots of parents there. Please give any points for discussion to another member of the committee or executive.

Agenda:

- working bees
- landscaping update
- school jumpers

**ATTENTION :**

***DRUM MUSTER AT WEETHALLE TIP TOMORROW  
(Tuesday) starting at 9am.***

### **Little A's Registrations**

**Saturday, 20 August, 9.00am – 12.00pm**

in front of Tennis Courts on Creswell Street.

(N.B. Change of location)

**Please ensure children are registered before competition begins.**

<b>Tiny Tots</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
<b>Under 6 – 17</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b> for the first child
	<b>\$ 55.00</b> for all additional children excluding Tots

**Competition** to begin 26/8/11 until 9/12/11

**Uniforms** (singlet tops) are available for purchase \$ 28.00

For more information Phone 6972 1593

## AUSSIE OF THE MONTH



NAME: Brook-Lyn Johnston

Birthday: 10<sup>TH</sup> March

Class: 4th

Teacher: Mrs. Glyde

Favourite Colour: Pink

Favourite Subject: Art & Maths

Favourite Hobby: Art

I feel happy when: Everyone is nice to me