



# Weethalle Public School

Empowering learners for their future

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## ***PRINCIPALS REPORT.....***

After such a hectic week last week, it is wonderful to have an uninterrupted week of learning at school.

## **BOOK WEEK/JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Friday afternoon's Jump Rope for Heart was enthusiastically enjoyed by all students as was the half time fruit and drink break. Anyone who hasn't returned their sponsorship form and money must do so by Tuesday as everything will be sent away to the Heart Foundation on Wednesday. No late payments will be accepted.



### **PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE**

The Premiers Reading Challenge finishes on 1<sup>st</sup> September. All completed reading logs need to be returned to school by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August to allow time to be entered online. We are only 2 students short of our 75% completion target. Please help us reach it. There are students who are very close.

### **TRENT BARRETT SHIELD**

Good luck to Tye Studholme, Will Luelf and Ky Hanlon who will be travelling to Wagga on Wednesday to play in the Riverina finals of the Trent Barrett Shield. The boys are thoroughly enjoying being part of the Griffith Small Schools rugby league team. We are very proud of their efforts and sportsmanship and wish them well as they take on the winners of the Wagga area. Play hard, have fun, make friends and enjoy the opportunity to be part of the team.

### **GOOD LUCK**

Good luck also to all our students who are travelling to Wagga on Friday to participate in the Riverina PSSA Athletics Carnival. I know you will represent yourself and our school with great pride. Best of luck to Nicole Caldow, Lizzie Rutledge, Kelsey Hanlon, Mia McCarten, Natalie Caldow and Brendan McKenzie.

### **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

Our school assembly this Friday will be hosted by the Primary class. We look forward to you joining us in celebrating the many successes and achievements of our students. Assembly will commence at 2.40pm.

### **SCHOOL HATS**

This week, staff will be strictly enforcing the NO HAT NO PLAY policy. That means school hats NOT CAPS. There are school hats available for sale. If there is a legitimate reason for your child not having a school

hat, please feel free to send in an explanatory note. Your child is responsible for ensuring their hat is in their bag at all times. Uniforms will be strongly encouraged, with class competitions to find the school champion each week. Pride in our uniform and our school has been a little neglected by some students at times, and we will be attempting to correct this issue. I would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

### **SURVEYS**

As part of our annual School Self Evaluation process, surveys will be sent home to give parents the opportunity to provide feedback for school improvement. This year, we will be evaluating School Management and English as well the Quality of School Life. A letter of explanation is attached. Surveys must be returned by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September, to enable time to collate and analyse feedback responses.

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS.....**

\*Round Robin - Rankins Springs 9<sup>th</sup> September

\*School Photos 21<sup>st</sup> September

\*Maths Day 22<sup>nd</sup> September

## **Curriculum changes delayed in NSW**

The implementation of national curriculum changes in English, maths, science and history for K-10 students will be delayed for NSW schools. The NSW education minister, Adrian Piccoli said more time was needed to ensure high standards were maintained.

NSW schools can begin the planning phase for the new national curriculum by 2013, with the curriculum moving to the classroom teaching phase from 2014.

## **Free app for homework and study**

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