



Weethalle Public School

Empowering learners for their future

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 2 Week 3

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Congratulations to all the award winners at last weeks assembly. They were very well deserved.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations also to Kaysey MacKellar who has now completed her 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge. It is a very exciting time at the school with lots of students being very close to finishing. Keep up the reading and remember to borrow library books from the Reading list if you have run out.

NAPLAN

This week is a very busy one, especially for our year 3 and year 5 students who will be doing their NAPLAN assessments

*Tuesday 14th May - Language Convention and Writing

*Wednesday 15th May - Reading

***Thursday 16th May - Numeracy**

For more information on NAPLAN including FAQ's, and parent brochure and past results, go to: www.nap.edu.au/. Best wishes to all our students and remember not to stress about these assessments. Parents are encouraged to help their children stay relaxed and not focus too much attention on NAPLAN. This will just put pressure on them and could affect their performance on the day.

CROSS COUNTRY

All students will be participating in our annual school fun run/cross country on Friday. They have been training for this event and improving their fitness every day. This first age group will commence at 2pm following some whole school stretches. We look forward to having lots of parents and community members joining us on the day. Whether you are encouraging the students, manning checkpoints or helping in any number of ways, your attendance is always greatly valued by both the students and staff. Students always put in 110% effort and run their hardest with a support group of spectators. The District Cross Country will then be held in Griffith on Friday 31st May. All students in years 3-6 are expected to attend. Please sign the attached permission note and return to school asap.

TRAINING DAY

Also on Friday Mrs. Wilson will be attending PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Refresher training in Griffith. This will train an additional staff member and assist in our ongoing school implementation of PBL.

EXCITING NEWS

It was very exciting to have our school chooks arrive and settle into their new home. It was even more exciting for the students to collect eggs straight away. We have decided to do some cooking with the eggs and some of the veggies from our garden - perhaps cook some spinach quiche??? Students have been collecting food scraps during fruit break, recess and lunch to feed the chooks. Thank you to Justin and Natalie McCarten and girls for looking after the chooks until the chookyard was finished and the weather cooled down. It was very much appreciated.

NETBALL

Any girls interested in joining the Griffith Small Schools netball team please contact the school. There will be a Gala Day on 21st June (week 8). I will pass any names on to the organising school.

EARN AND LEARN

We now have a box at the main Woolworths store in Griffith. You can simply drop your stickers in there after you have gone through the checkout. You can also drop them in the box at school. Thank you to those who have started collecting for us. We really do appreciate it. Please encourage any family, friends or community members to collect for us also.

INSIGHTS

Our Insights article this week is titled "Are your expectations harmful or healthy?" There is no doubt that many parents underestimate the impact of their expectations on kids. It's quite natural to want your kids to do and perform at their best, however not every child will respond positively to parent expectations.

YEAR 5

If you are thinking of applying for opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2014 you can apply online now at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Paper copies are also available from the school. Applications close on Friday 17th May, 2013 (this Friday).

VOLUNTEERS

Parents or community members who would like to assist the students at our school are asked to contact staff or the office. We would love to welcome you into the classroom. Any time you can spare would benefit the students and be very much appreciated.

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle

P & C MEETING TONIGHT AT 7.30PM
Agenda - Working bee to finish fencing
Biggest morning tea

PERMISSION NOTE YEARS 3 -6

I give permission for my child/ren.....to
participate in the District Cross Country to be held in Griffith on
Friday 31st May, 2013.

I understand that travel will be by private vehicle.

My child/ren will be travelling with.....

Signed:..... Dated:.....