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Weethalle Public School News

Empowering learners for their future!

What a fantastic week we had last week culminating in our extremely successful celebration Harmony Day: multicultural cooking activities and whole school assembly. Thank you to all those wonderful parents and community members who joined us and helped make the day so special. Special thanks to those who organised the small group cooking activities. Your assistance and generosity was greatly appreciated by us all. Diane Studholme and Sam Bell whose group participated in cooking food from Turkey; Candice Davey, Simone Hall and Mel Hugg – Italy; Brenda McKinnon – Australia; Kelly and Justin MacKellar – China; Miss Tye – Mexico and my group was Thailand. Our shared lunch enabled the whole school community to sample a variety of foods from around the world and contributed to the theme of “We all Belong”, with it’s focus of acceptance and tolerance of cultural and racial difference.



Miss Tye’s class item of “You’ve got a friend in me” at our assembly was performed beautifully with the Harmony Day theme in mind. Congratulations to all those worthy recipients of awards at our school assembly. Thank you to all those parents and community members who supported the celebration of student achievements at our school. The large appreciative audience at our assembly contributed to the great pride our students feel in the recognition of their wonderful learning and the opportunity for performance.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance is a school focus as it impacts on student learning outcomes. Our School Improvement Plan targets absences and we are striving to annually reduce the number of Unexplained Absences. Schools are required to report attendance trends as part of departmental accountability data. This is just a friendly reminder if your child is away to send in a note explaining why they were not at school. Be sure to include the date of the absence and your child's name with the explanation. This should be done first day back so as not to forget. If no notification is received within 2 weeks it is marked in the roll as "Unexplained".

TOUCH FOOTY

2014 Griffith Zone PSSA Boys/Girls Touch Trials will be held on Wednesday 2nd April at Ted Scobie Oval. If your child is interested contact the school and a permission note will be sent home.

MULTILIT

Our school is running a program called MULTILIT (Making Up Lost Time in Literacy). The program assists students who are experiencing difficulty grasping reading strategies to improve their reading.

To successfully run the program we need parents and/or community members who are willing to volunteer to come to school and read with students.

If you are interested and able to assist, even if it's only for one hour each week, I will hold a training and information afternoon at school next week at a time convenient to those interested.

If you have questions about the program, please contact me at school. Without parent and/or community helpers this program cannot be fully implemented.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Well done also to Harrison McKinnon and Monte McIntyre who played in the Griffith Small Schools Trent Barratt Shield Rugby League gala day last Wednesday. The boys enjoyed playing in the team. Thank you to Brenda McKinnon who agreed to coach/manage the team.

Well done also to Tye Studholme who trialled last week for the District PSSA Open Rugby League Team.

NAPLAN

Attached to this newsletter is a "Letter to Parents" about the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014. The NAPLAN tests for students in Years 3,5,7 and 9 will be conducted from 13-15 May, 2014. Please ensure these dates are kept free of commitments/appointments.

HEADPHONES

Could all children please bring in their own set of headphones to use when using the computers. These can be purchased cheaply at the Reject Shop, Big W etc.

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle

Girls uniforms for sale – please contact Brenda in the office

4 pair Size 10 navy Shorts (2 new and 2 very good condition)	\$5
2 pair size 8 shorts very good condition	\$5
4 white t.shirts with collars 2 new and 2 very good condition	\$5
4 white short sleeve blouses very good condition	\$5
1 summer dress size 8 very good condition	\$10

Also various boys uniforms and sport shirts.

