

Term 4, Week 1

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# Weethalle Public School News

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I hope everyone has had a restful break and is ready for a busy term 4 of learning.

## ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a 100% Attendance Award for Term 3. Well done: Riley Cattle, Xavier McIntyre, Monte McIntyre and Tyler Parker (absent from photo).



## **OFFICE STAFFING**

Brenda Heaslip has taken long service leave for the remainder of the year. We wish her all the best as she spends this extra time with her family and friends. We will miss her smiling face at school. Vicki McKenzie will replace her in the office during weeks 1, 2 and 3 until Lynne Helyar returns to Weethalle Public School for the remainder of the year. Parents will remember Lynne who replaced Brenda in Term 4 last year.

## **WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY**

On Wednesday, during my release, I will be updating Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) procedures with assistance from Jenny Cox, WHS support from Griffith District Office. We will be ensuring WPS meets current legislative requirements.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Peter and Justin McCarten for taking down the shade cloth over our playground equipment so it could be repaired over the holidays. Thank you also to Ian and Stuart Luelf for reinstalling the shade cloth ready for the start of school.

## **HOT WEATHER**

With the heat set to continue, please ensure your child has a water bottle which can be taken into the classroom. Regular sips of water help prevent dehydration. "No Hat, No Play" will be enforced so make your child responsible for having their hat in their school bag.

## **NEW KINDER PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm there will be an information session in the infants classroom for parents of kinders enrolled for 2016. These sessions will provide parents with information about our transition program commencing in Week 2.

## HOW2LEARN - HABIT OF MIND AWARD

Congratulations to Brett Johnston for perserverance in solving complex multi-step maths problems. He never gives up. Well done Brett.



## CLASS NEWS

### K-3

**Literacy/Science:** This term, we will be learning about eggs and lifecycles in an integrated English and Science Unit of Learning. This first sequence in the unit is 'Hatching Chickens'. We will be starting the incubation process to hatch some of our own chickens and also watching some videos of chickens hatching.

On Tuesday afternoon, we are combining with the Infants class at Beckom Public School via VC for a discussion about what we already know about chickens. We will be collaborating with Beckom at different stages of the Unit to enhance student discussion and reflect on what we are learning.

**Maths:** This week we are learning about Ordinal Numbers and Patterns

**Creative Arts:** Painting for book covers

**PE & Sport:** Balancing Skills

## **YEARS 4, 5, 6**

**English** - Grammar and punctuation will be the focus on various revision activities. Students will finish giving presentations on their Australian refugee/immigrant from last term's unit.

**Maths** - Students will gather and organise data, display data using tables and graphs, and interpret the results. They will also be undertaking activities to help them understand averages, mean and different types of graphs.

**PDHPE** - Child protection lessons will be conducted throughout the term. If you do not want your child included, please notify the school.

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

**School jacket size 8 for sale \$20 - Please contact Natalie McCarten or the school**

## **P & C NEWS**

**Next Meeting:** Tomorrow, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 3:10pm. All welcome

### **Agenda:**

- Thoughts on having a School Fete in Term 4
- Cubby house for school playground
- Discussion on the need to reduce the number of events/activities which our school takes part in for 2016. Eg, Round Robin, cultural days etc. What do parents want to keep or get rid of?

Please come and have your say.

## **ATTACHED TO THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER**

- Holland Park Pool Information
- Touch Football Information
- Barellan Junior Tennis Information

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 26-29 October - Primary Excursion to Borambola
- Presentation Night - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015
- Intensive Swimming - 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015

## **TERM 4 CANTEEN ROSTER**

9 October - Narelle

16 October - Sarah

23 October - Candice

30 October - Simone

6 November - Meegan

13 November - Jen

20 November - Tia \*

27 November - Sheryll

4 December - Tia \*

11 December - Tia \*

18 December - Tia \*

\*Any volunteers would be appreciated

If dates do not suit please contact Tia.

## **Touch Football - West Wyalong**

The competition runs on Thursday evenings from 15th October 2015 until 17th March 2016.

There are general byes during part of January due to the hot weather and school holidays.

The juniors need to be aged 10 to 14 throughout the entire season.

The cost for a junior is \$25 per player.

Juniors will be put into teams by the committee.

The last few years the teams have been mixed, but this will depend on the number of juniors registering.

All registrations and money are due by Thursday 8th October.

Registrations can be made online by going to [www.westwyalongtouch.sportingpulse.net](http://www.westwyalongtouch.sportingpulse.net)  
Please scroll down the page for the junior registrations link.

Bank details are on the page so that registration fees can be paid directly into the Touch Football account.

*Belinda Duncan*

## **Barellan Junior Tennis**

Any parents who are interested in their children playing in the Barellan Junior Tennis Competition in Term 4 2015 and Term 1 2016, please call/text Julie Kenny on 0448 553225 for more information.