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Weethalle Public School News

Empowering learners for their future



DAY FOR DANIEL

BORAMBOLA EXURSION

Last week on the 3-6 excursion to Borambola, Miss Littlehales and I were very impressed at how all the students tried their very best at all activities. They challenged themselves and achieved even more than they thought possible.

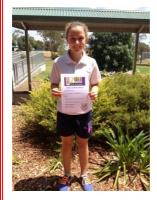
Activities such as archery, kayaking, rock climbing, flying fox and BMX bike riding were extremely popular. The "Mud Run" was also popular with Gus (our group leader) filming our groups of students for a promotion video for Borambola, which will be put on their website soon. We were the first group to officially complete this activity. Great groupwork.

We have an awesome group of students and I am very proud of them all!

HOW 2 LEARN

Staff have been engaging in professional learning for HOW2LEARN, helping students develop a repertoire of effective dispositions and habits for learning. This means that students will be <u>ready</u>, <u>willing</u> and able to face the constant challenges of learning. We want students who are inclined to want to learn, to question, to find out more, as well as to have grit and determination required to stick with their learning.

Students will be learning about and using the superhero of "Reflectiveness Strategex". Strategex uses clever strategies to remember important things about what they are learning. They can look at things from different angles and can draw out the main ideas from what they have learned. They will use this to make decisions about what to think and do next.



HABIT OF MIND AWARD

Habit of Mind Award was presented to Lucinda McCarten for always taking the time to think about things deeply and concisely. (This is always evident in the classroom and the playground and also on the excursion).

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

On Monday and Tuesday, I will be in Narrandera for the completion of my HOW2LEARN training. Mrs Wilson will be at Tullibigeal for her learning and support teachers network meeting on Wednesday. Also on Wednesday I have a meeting with Brad Russell and other principals to discuss our Professional Development Plans. This will be in Leeton at 11.00 am.

HOW TO MAKE A COMPLAINT

Anyone can make a complaint. Ideally, most complaints should be resolved informally.

It is best to discuss your concerns with your child's teacher first. Make an appropriate time to meet with them or phone the school and ask for an appointment with the teacher.

If you are not happy with the result, or if you do not feel it is appropriate to talk to them, phone and make an appointment to discuss your concerns with the principal.

You may bring a friend or relative to be your support. If you need an interpreter, we can arrange that - just ask beforehand.

If your complaint is about the principal you will need to contact the school education director in your area. Ask the school office staff at your school for their name and number.

If your complaint cannot be resolved in an informal way, we may ask you to put it in writing. It is important that you include specific details of the situation and tell us what you would like to happen as a result of your complaint. We can help you to put your complaint in writing, if you require it.

Alternatively a complaint form may be used. Complete the form and send it to the principal, or the school director in your area.

Keep Smiling & Be Happy Cheryle

CLASS NEWS

<u>K-3</u>

Literacy/Science: Lifecycle of an Echnida and researching egg laying creatures

Shared Reading: Banjo Bounces Back, Bear Hunt and Belinda

Maths: This week we will be focusing on fractions
Creative Arts: "Chicken Little" artwork and dance
PE & Sport: Balancing activites and Hotshots tennis

Personal Development: Beach safety

News: "I wish I was a

4/5/6 NEWS

English - focus for this week is inferential meaning, to help students comprehend a variety of texts and practicing questioning techniques.

Maths – focus will be the measurement strand of area. They will be converting units to help estimated calculate area and solving problems involving area.

Creative Arts - appreciation of famous works and creating their version.

PDHPE - Child Protection and Hot Shots tennis.

Super Spellers – Week 3

Tyler Parker, Lily McCarten, Monte McIntyre, Jemma Luelf, Lucinda McCarten, Brett Johnston, Bethany Ball, Nicole Caldow, Leah Caldow, Phoebe Skillin

LIBRARY BORROWING DAYS

K - 3 Thursday

4 - 6 Wednesday



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Presentation Night Tuesday 8th December 2015
- Intensive Swimming 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th December 2015

WANTED

Looking for a size 6/8 girl's summer uniform dress if anyone has any they are willing to sell or giveaway. Contact Kylie Parker 0448 004742.

TERM 4 CANTEEN ROSTER

6 November - Meegan

13 November - Jen

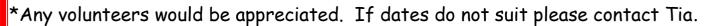
20 November - Tia *

27 November - Sheryll

4 December - Tia *

11 December - Tia *

18 December - Tia *





Melissa's Swim School - 0401 735251 2015/2016 Swimming Lesson Dates



Block 1 - 7/8/14/15 November 2015 Block 2 - 5/6/12/13 December 2015 Block 3 - 4/5/6/7 January 2016... Block 4 - 30/31 Jan/6/7 Feb 2016

To register please contact me on Facebook or email mjs152@bigpond.net.au

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades
 with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6
 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students
 through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at
 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

SELECTIVE SCHOOLS 2017

Applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2017 are now open. An information booklet is available at school. Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement before 16 November 2015.

VOLUNTEER AWARD - YOUTH & OPEN CATEGORIES



Sport and Recreation are again holding the *Central West Winter Sport Volunteer Award*. It's the end of the winter sporting season, but it's not too late to recognise the efforts of the outstanding volunteers who keep sport going in our communities. The Award has separate categories for both open and youth (25years and under) to recognise the importance of all aged volunteers in grassroot sports.

In 150 words or less tell us how your volunteer is worthy of being nominated. All nominees will receive a certificate, with the winner and runner up being awarded \$250 & \$100 (respectively) to spend on approved sports development programs. It's a great way to say thank you to a coach, committee member, official or manager. It's a simple process that won't take long, but will make the nominee feel valued as a volunteer.

Nominations can be made online via the Sport and Recreation website sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/volunteeraward or call 6362 6623.

Nominations close Friday 6th November 2015.

SQUAD TRAINING started on Monday 19th October, 2015.

What better way to stay refreshed while exercising the whole body in the heat.

Not sure what squad you would be in? Don't worry, come down and see the coaches, and we will do a quick assessment and pop you in the right squad program for you.

All squad members will required their own goggles, flippers and kick board this season. (If you are new, for your first session you will be able to borrow flippers and kickboard) Eyeline merchandise will be able for purchase from the kiosk.

Specific details on each squad level is attached in the flyer.

Looking forward to seeing all our squad members returning for what looks to be a great swimming season.

Thank you.

Regards,

Melissa Westaway Mob:0438 697 099

Holland Park Pool Waterslide



OPENING IN NOVEMBER



Waterslide will opened on Saturday and Sunday from 1pm – 5pm in November*

\$2.70 per person; unlimited use

What a great day out for the whole family!

WaterSkills and LTS 1on1 will be starting soon. We are taking names of interested people.

Learning to swim at an early age not only increases physical development, but also dramatically improves concentration & coordination.

Contact Reception for more information on our programs and squads

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* subject to weather conditions