

Term 1, Week 7

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# Weethalle Public School News

Empowering learners for their future

Last week was a busy one of Professional Learning where I gained valuable, updated information on the Department reform agenda and received training in a variety of issues faced by Principals in schools. The networking and professional dialogue provided relevant support to all Principals in successfully fulfilling their roles. This week is one of solid Classroom workshops.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Special congratulations to **Jemma Luelf** who was selected in the Riverina Tennis Team to play at the NSW State Trials in April. What a fantastic achievement. Well Done Jemma!!!!

## **The week ahead.....**

**Wednesday** - Students will be completing their online "Tell Them From Me" student surveys. (unless a note has been returned withholding permission).

**Thursday** - we will be receiving a visit by the Taronga Zoomobile (9.30 to 11am). Rankins Springs Public School and Tallimba Public School have been invited to join us. This is always an enjoyable experience for all students. Any parents or community members are more than welcome to join in and share in the fun.

Wendy Hughes, Learning Assistance Support will also be visiting our school on Wednesday. She will be providing support to staff and those students in need of her assistance.

**Friday** - Miss Tye will be taking a Personal Leave day and Mrs. Sedola will be teaching K-3.

### **CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING.....**

commencing this week. Students are asked to bring their joggers on Mondays and Thursdays so that fitness levels can be gradually improved in preparation for our school cross country in term 2.

### **READING CHALLENGE**

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now open. Reading logs and book lists will be sent home with students this week. Please encourage your child to read books from this list and record them on the individual student logs provided. Last year, 100% of Weethalle Public School students completed the challenge. This was the first time ever!!! This year we are hoping to equal this awesome record.

### **LIFE ED VAN**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, all students will visit the Life Education Van and participate in age appropriate lessons and activities. The school will be covering all costs associated with this visit. Please sign and return the attached permission note asap. Students will be able to bring some money to purchase goods from the Life Education Van.

### **PARENTS**

Any parent interested in being on a school grounds beautification committee are asked to contact the office. Any ideas or suggestions for improvement will be seriously considered by the committee.

*Keep smiling and be happy..... Cheryl*

## **CLASS NEWS**

**Years 4/5/6.....**



This week in English we will be reviewing the key reading comprehension strategies of activating prior knowledge, self monitoring, predicting, questioning and visualising. In our writing we will be focusing on the use of correct punctuation, including direct speech. We continue our VC Workshops with Paul

Stafford. In Maths, we will be learning about patterns and algebra. 7 times tables and their division facts will be also reviewed (or learnt this week). We continue our History Unit on Gallipoli and the Anzac Legend.



**Super Spellers** - Nicole Caldwell, Bella Worthington, Bethany Ball, Leah Caldwell and Lucinda McCarten

**Mrs. Glyde**

**Years K/1/2/3**

### **Tell Them From Me Student Surveys**

On Wednesday, students will be completing the Tell Them From Me Survey. The surveys are completed online and individual responses will not be able to be identified. The school will be given the data after the surveys are completed which will help us better understand the experiences and views of students at our school. If you do not want your child to participate, the consent form that was sent out with last week's newsletter needs to be returned by Wednesday. We look forward to using the data to help us improve the learning outcomes of our students.

### **K-3 News**

**Premier's Reading Challenge:** Now that we have started the Premier's Reading Challenge, I will put in the newsletter each week any books we read in class and they can be added to student's lists. So far we have read:

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle (K-2)
- Grandpa and Thomas and the Green Umbrella by Pamela Allen (K-2)

- Amy and Louis by Libby Gleeson (K-2)
- Columbia Sneezes by Janeen Brian (K-2)

This week we'll try to read some off the 3-4 list as all students in our class can add them to their list. K-2 need to read 30 books and 3-4 needs to read 20 books to complete the challenge.

**Shared Reading:** *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst

**Grammar:** Adjectives

**Writing:** Descriptions

**Maths:** 2D Space

**COGS:** Nutrition and Food Groups (PDHPE)

**Sport:** Running, Skipping and Throwing

**Super Spellers:** Luke Anderson, Chloe Bischard, Thomas Sinca, Jack Anderson and Molly McCarten



**Miss Tye**

### PBL

Staff have been busy finalising PBL. Positive Behaviour for Learning is a whole school program that actively promotes positive behaviour and is currently used in many NSW School. All staff are looking forward to implementing this positive program.

**Mrs. Wilson**

### SENIOR CITIZENS MORNING TEA

We will be holding a special morning tea for all our Senior Citizens on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Could all families please bring a plate for morning tea.

## **CANTEEN NEWS TERM 1**

### **Roster:**

13<sup>th</sup> March - Meegan and Georgie

20<sup>th</sup> March - Simone

27<sup>th</sup> March - Tia and Sam

If for any reason these dates don't suit you, please arrange to swap with someone.

Thank you to everyone who is helping to keep our canteen open each Friday.

### **URGENT!!!!!!!**

**P & C AGM will be held after the Assembly this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, commencing at 3.10pm. All positions are vacant.**

**Please attend this very important meeting.**

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Riverina Swimming Carnival

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - P & C AGM commencing at 3.10pm

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Life Education Van

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Seniors Morning Tea

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 6 Young Leaders Conference - Sydney

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Easter Activities and End of Term

## **Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> March @ Weethalle Club**

Help local schoolboy Damian Johnston make it to South Africa for a NSW schoolboys Rugby Union Tour in April.

Fundraiser Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March at Weethalle Country Club starts at 6.30pm come join in the fun bare foot bowls, raffles and heaps more.



## **ICAS**

Science	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	\$8.00
Writing	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	\$17.00
Spelling	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June	\$11.00
English	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> June	\$8.00
Mathematics	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> April	\$8.00

I would like my child entered in the following competitions

Name of Child..... Amount enclosed \$.....

Parents signature..... Dated:.....

Please make cheques payable to Weethalle Public School

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## **LIFE EDUCATION VAN PERMISSION NOTE**

I give permission for my child/ren.....to attend the Life Education Van at Weethalle Public School on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

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



# In the Footsteps of the First Australian Light Horse Regiment



## History Talk

31<sup>st</sup> March 2015@ 11am

Council Chambers

Booking essential for catering

For further information or to book, please  
contact the library on 6979 0272



## Mark Southwood Coaching Clinic

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

\$130 per player 4 days 9.30am – 3pm

Tots program 5 – 7 yrs \$70 ½ day 9.30-12.30

Sibling discounts

Canteen available for recess & lunch

Names must be in by Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Enquiries & names to

Sandy Jewell 69 722806 Chris Haworth 0429720475

## **West Wyalong Junior Tennis**

3 Saturdays of Social Tennis

7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March

9 – 11am

Everyone welcome

## **West Wyalong Junior Rugby**

Registration Afternoon and First Training:

Wednesday 25th March from 4.30pm.

## **Farewell for Peter & Barbara Luelf**

The Rankins Springs Branch of the ICPA in conjunction with the Rankins Springs Community (Progress Assoc) will be having a gathering at the Conapaira Hotel on Thursday 19th March from 6pm to farewell Peter & Barbara.

Buffet dinner will be organised by the Hotel, or even if you could come down for a drink to wish them all the best in their retirement. For catering purposes you will have to RSVP by Monday 16th March to Andrea Finch 69661220, or Meegan McCarten 69661361.

For ICPA members we will be having a brief meeting before the dinner, to report on our trip to State Conference in Broken Hill last week and to discuss one important piece of business which will need to be discussed. So if you could be there right on 6pm that would be great.

mence at 5.30pm.

## **Public speaking**

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child's next speech a success.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/public-speaking-in-primary-school>

## **Science starters**

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life's mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/10-scientific-facts-your-child-needs-to-know>