

Term 3, Week 5
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Weethalle Public School News

Empowering learners for their future

I can't believe we are almost half way through term 3 already!!!

Congratulations to Lizzie Rutledge, Hayley Jolly and Cruz Skinner who have now completed their Reading Challenge. With only a few more students to finish we are looking like matching last year's 100% completion rate. A reminder that reading logs must be returned before the end of August.

Fitness Groups -
Monday and
Wednesday Morning.



DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the students who attended and what a great effort. WPS won the Handicap Trophy and the Small Schools team tied with Griffith East for the Overall Trophy. Sammy Rutledge and Alice Worthington tied for Junior Girls Champion. Nicole Caldow was Senior Girls Champion.

What an amazing result from such a small school.



WELL DONE

Brett Johnston is competing in the State Rugby Union carnival next week. He is a proud member of the Riverina team. He was very excited about competing and we wish him all the best.

ICAS

On Tuesday, Molly, Lizzie and Jemma will be participating in the ICAS Maths test. It is fantastic to see our students challenge themselves.

PAUL STAFFORD

Also on Tuesday years 4/5/6 resume videoconference writing workshops with children's author and Weethalle Public School friend, Paul Stafford.

OVERLAND MINISTRY

We will also be visited by the Overland Ministry on Tuesday. This is an inter-denominational group representing mainstream churches and has visited our school in the past. If you do not wish your child to attend this presentation, please let the school know.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

On Thursday morning, students in years 3 and 4 will be participating in the Smalls Schools Public Speaking competition. This is done via videoconference. The students will be preparing their 2 minutes speeches this week.

MATHS DAY

On Friday this week, we are hosting a Small Schools Maths Day. Students, staff and parents from Rankins Springs PS, Beckom PS, Tallimba PS, Binya PS and Naradhan PS will join us here at Weethalle for a fun-filled day of hands-on, practical maths activities. Students will be organised into small groups (4-6 students) with stage appropriate peers, each supported by an adult. They will start the day with a warm up maths relay before rotating around a series of targeted stage based maths activities. There will be over 100 students attending and so any available adults will be very much appreciated.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help. Please come and join us and enjoy the opportunity to see different ways maths can engage students.

Encourage family and friends in the community to share in the fun also. We are all looking forward to our Maths Day on Friday.

HOW TO LEARN

Last week at Phase 2 of HOW2LEARN training, we looked at how the brain learns; understanding how different parts of the brain works to support learning and memory; how we can structure experiences to maximise learning for everyone and that attention is an essential ingredient for powerful learning and recognise how distractions impact on our capacity to learn. We also learned about "Stretching Your Learning Habits". We had to consider the type of education that students need to receive in school to enable them to deal with the challenges of 21st Century living. We developed a deeper knowledge of the habits by recognising the importance of each in the lives of all learners. We built resources that can be used to support understanding of where and when each habit would be used in an educational setting. Staff are teaching these habits and dispositions and looking for evidence of them in the classroom.

HABIT OF MIND AWARD - Lizzie Rutledge for always being totally absorbed in her learning, focusing her attention on whatever she is doing.



CANTEEN FRIDAY

THERE WILL BE A BBQ FOR LUNCH ON FRIDAY. SAUSAGE SANDWICH \$2 AND RISSOLE SANDWICHES \$3. NO NORMAL CANTEEN LUNCH. CANTEEN WILL STILL OPERATE FOR RECESS, DRINKS AND SNACKS.

CLASS NEWS

Years 3/4/5/6

English – Vocabulary extension and the comprehension strategies of scanning and summarising will be priorities in this weeks English lessons.

Maths – Multiplication and division will be the focus this week with Stage 3 revising the order of operation (+, -, ×, ÷). They will investigate and establish the order of operations using real-life contexts and perform calculations involving grouping symbols.

K-3 News

Shared Reading: *Birds, Birds and More Birds* by Matt Cosgrove & *Scary Creatures: Dinosaurs*

Grammar: Abstract Nouns

Writing: Narratives

Maths: Addition & Subtraction

Science: This week's lesson is called 'Open Wide'. We will be looking at how animals have different types of teeth to eat different types of food

Creative Arts: This week we continue creating our show entries

Week 3 Super Spellers: Sophie Davey, Thomas Sinca, Sophie Luelf and Molly McCarten

Week 4 Super Spellers: Riley Cattle and Sophie Luelf

Mrs. Wilson's News

K-3 students will be focusing on local/national history in the unit: Community and Remembrance.

4-6 will be focusing on physical sciences in the Circuits and Switches (Primary Connections).

BOOK FAIR - During Book Week in August, the school will be holding a Book Fair. There will be a Book Character Parade on Wednesday 26th August at 10.30am. This will be followed by a morning tea.

GARDEN - The garden beds are ready for planting. Any donations of horse manure and mulch would be greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

Thursday 13th August - Years 3 & 4 Public Speaking Competition via video conference.

Friday 14th August - Maths Day at Weethalle PS

Friday 21st August - Cultural Day at Rankins Springs PS

Tuesday 25th August - "I am Jack" Griffith Regional Theatre Years 4-6

Wednesday 26th August - Book Character Parade and Morning Tea

Friday 28th August - Assembly Primary

Monday 31st August - Riverina Athletics

Friday 11th September - Rankins Springs Round Robin

CANTEEN ROSTER

14 th August	Tia and parent helpers for Maths Day (recess only and BBQ lunch)
21 st August	Candice
28 th August	Tia
4 th September	Simone
11 th September	Sarah
18 th September	Tia

We are seeking more parent helpers for the canteen roster, currently we only have 5 volunteers. If no one else is able to assist, it may be necessary to only have the canteen open fortnightly or even monthly. Please ring the school, if you can help.

West Wyalong Little Athletics

2015/2016 Season

Final Registrations

will be taken from 2:30pm to 4:30pm on

Monday, 10th August

in the canteen at McAlister Oval (Recreation Ground).

Please ensure children are registered before competition

begins on Monday, 17 August 2015 at 4pm.

The season will run until early December.

New registrations require ID please.

Cost:

Tiny Tots (3 – 4)	\$55
Under 6 – 17	\$65 for the first child
	\$60 for all additional children excluding Tots

Enquiries to phone Shannon on 0428 720 788



Sporting Challenge – Morning Fitness Groups

The infants class celebrated 100 days of learning

