

Term 3, Week 6

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Weethalle Public School News

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PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Sammy Rutledge who has now completed her 2015 Premiers Reading Challenge. We only have 5 more students to return their reading logs for Weethalle PS to achieve 100% completion. The Reading Challenge finishes on Friday 28th August.



MATHS DAY

What an awesome action-packed day we had on Friday at our Maths Day. Weethalle PS was a vibrant, learning environment for 109 children and 37 adults from our small schools network. They joined in a fun day of stage based maths activities with peers from Weethalle PS, Tallimba PS, Rankins Springs PS, Binya PS, Beekom PS and Naradhan PS. The smiling faces and appreciative, positive comments were reward enough for the day. It was a huge success, both in terms of learning opportunities and the social interactions throughout the day. Thank you so much to all our wonderful parents who helped make our Maths Day such a success. Your support was very much appreciated. We could not have done such a great job without your support. A special thank you to Tia and Sam for the cooking the BBQ. What a great job you both did. Thank you!!!!

PRINCIPALS MEETING

At our Principal's Network meeting with Director Brad Russell in Griffith on Monday, we engaged in extensive professional learning around various aspects of schools accountability and responsibility.

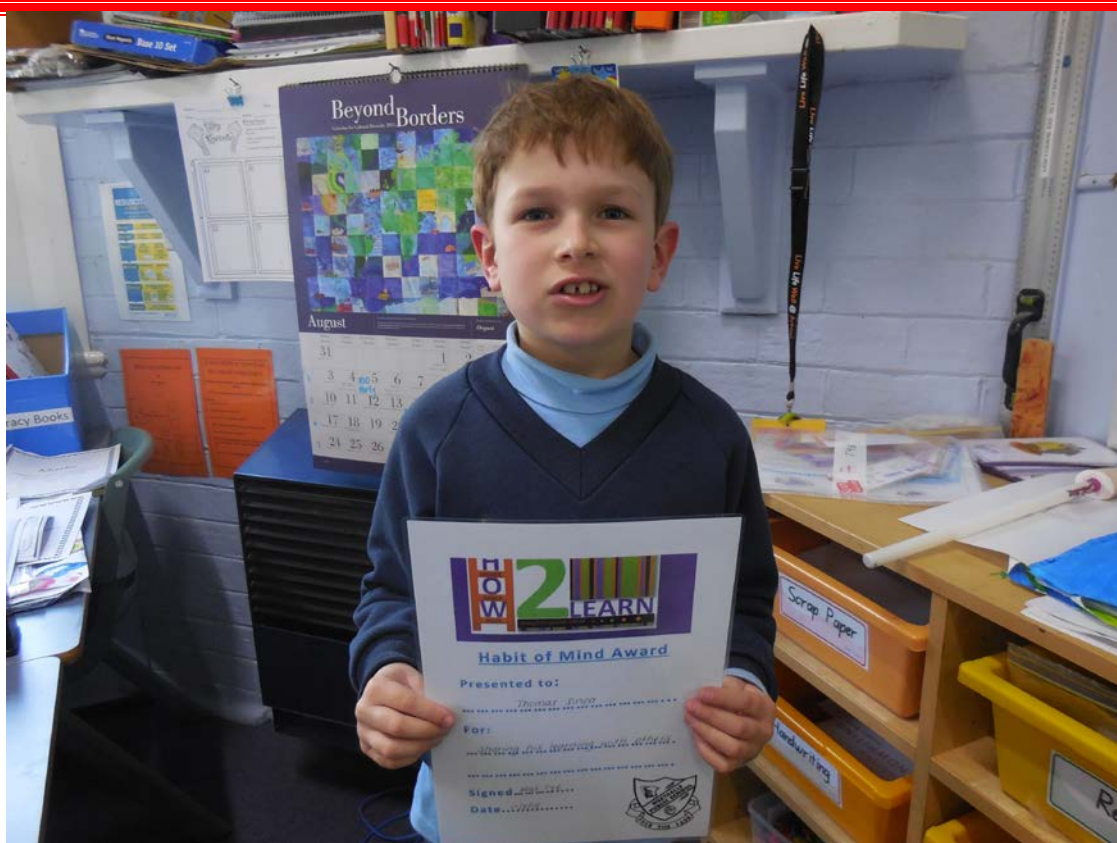
CULTURAL DAY

All students K-6 will be attending a Cultural Day at Rankins Springs on Friday. Some activities will be - basket weaving; dancing; making of Didges (Yidaki) and lots more. The school will be covering the cost of the bus. Students can take a packed lunch or attached is a pre-order form for the canteen. This canteen order form needs to be return tomorrow please. Please sign and return the attached permission note by Thursday 20th August.

FAREWELL

We farewelled Miss Clarke on Friday, presenting her with a Weethalle PS pen as a memento of her 5 weeks prac with us. She loved her time at our school and we all loved having her. She now heads to Leeton for another 5 week placement in a Pre-School. We wish her all the best in her future teaching career.

Our **HABIT OF MIND** (How2Learn) **AWARD** this week goes to: **Thomas Sinca** for sharing his learning with others.



SRC

At last week's SRC meeting the students decided to hold a pyjama day and a Mini Fete. Funds raised will go towards the Cubby House and Fairy Garden; and the Year 5 Enviro Champions project is planting various shrubs and grasses on the banks around the school grounds. They are very excited about these events and looking forward to organising and participating.

EXCURSION

An information package on the excursion to Borambola will be sent home with students in years 3-6 this week. The payment of \$100 must be received by the end of term so that arrangements can be finalised. Thank you to those families who have already paid in full.

I AM JACK

On Tuesday 25th August, years 4/5/6 will be travelling by bus to Griffith to see a production of "I am Jack" at the Griffith Regional Theatre. Please sign the attached permission note and return asap.

BOOK WEEK

As part of Book Week celebrations, Mrs. Wilson has organised a Book Fair and Character Parade next Wednesday 26th August. The Parade will be held at

10.30am and will be followed by morning tea. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could provide a plate for morning tea. Books will be available for purchase or donation throughout the week. We will be holding a guessing competition - 3 tickets for \$1. Proceeds will go to the cubbyhouse and fairy garden

INSTRUCTIONAL ROUNDS

Our small schools network have been looking at Professional Learning around improving teaching techniques and strategies, enabling students to be more successful learners. We are participating in Instructional Rounds, which has been adapted from the medical profession. In medicine, the power of social learning is harnessed to develop a culture of shared practice during training at all points in the profession. Groups of doctors observe together, discuss the evidence for diagnosis and after thorough analysis of the evidence, discuss a possible treatment plan. Educational research agrees this model helps us to establish a rich and powerful shared professional practice.

Through the successful application of a leadership grant, our network is committed to implementing this structure across the challenging environment of small isolated, rural schools. A mentor, Anne Marie Furney (SCHMIC - School Mentoring Improvement and Coaching) is being used to facilitate our knowledge, understanding and skills. We have set our agreed student learning focus and established data to be identified. Two staff members from each school, (Weethalle, Tallimba, Beckom, Rankins Springs and Binya) will be involved. The observational rounds is in week 8. Teachers will be observing the learning in both Miss Tye and my classrooms on Tuesday 1st September.

CLASS NEWS

Years 4/5/6

ENGLISH - Persuasive writing techniques, preparing for and presenting 2 minute speeches to the class. Students will be using assessment rubrics and success criteria to guide the feedback and self-assessment of individual speeches.

Continue practising summarising which is an important skill to help when researching, gathering and presenting information. They will be finding key words and phrases and writing shortened versions of text.

MATHS - using formal written algorithms to record addition and subtraction calculations involving two-,three-,four- and five digit numbers. They will also be posing addition and subtraction problems and applying appropriate strategies to solve them. Students will also be solving problems involving money.

PASSION PROJECT/GENIUS HOUR occurs each Thursday afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock. This is a time for student directed learning where students get to follow topics of interest.

K-3 News

Shared Reading: *Scary Creatures: Dinosaurs*

Writing: This week we will use our planning we did on our story maps to write our narratives.

Maths: Addition, Subtraction and Money

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 will finish off our show entries

Super Spellers: Luke Anderson, Mikayla Caldow, Riley Cattle, Sophie Davey, Thomas Sinca and Sophie Luelf

P & C MEETING

There will be a P & C Meeting at school on Wednesday 9th September at 3.10pm
Everyone is most welcome to come along.

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

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

21st August Candice (no canteen)

28th August Tia

4th September Simone

11th September Sarah

18th September Tia

PERMISSION NOTE - CULTURAL DAY

I give permission for my child/ren.....to travel by Fishers Bus to Rankins Springs for a Cultural Day on Friday 21st August, 2015.

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

PERMISSION NOTE - primary only

I give permission for my child/ren.....to travel by Kelly's Coaches to the Griffith Regional Theatre to watch "I am Jack" on Tuesday 25th August, 2015.

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