Term 3, Week 7
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Weethalle Public School News

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PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Laci Mayall who has now completed her 2015 Premiers Reading Challenge. All reading logs must be entered online by the end of the week. We only have a few more students to finish. Get reading and help us achieve 100% completion. The Reading Challenge finishes on Friday 28^{th} August.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Well done to Sammy, Bella, Leah and Alice who received certificates for participating in the Small Schools Public Speaking competition. They did a great job and learned how to improve their performance in the future from the feedback they received.



NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN results last week. If any parents would like to discuss their child's results please don't hesitate to contact me.

CULTURAL DAY

Students and staff enjoyed joining in with Rankin's Springs, Beckom and Binya in a Cultural Day at Rankin's Springs on Friday. We participated in a variety of cultural games, activities and information sessions. A great day of fun learning was had by all.





BOOK WEEK

On Wednesday at 10:30 am students will be involved in a Book character parade, presenting a small piece of information about their character.

Mrs. Wilson has also organised a book fair and colouring competition for students. Families and community may purchase books/posters or donate to the school. This will be available until Thursday she has also organised a guessing competition 3 guesses for \$1. There will be a morning tea following these book week celebrations. We would love you all to come and join us on Wednesday.

STAFFING

Both Miss Tye and I will be attending Leadership coaching training in Griffith this week. I will be attending on Monday and Tuesday and Miss Tye will be attending Wednesday and Thursday. We will be learning about the difference between coaching and mentoring, practicing the skills and coaching with emotional intelligence.

Sue Ruffles, Principal Support Leadership will be visiting WPS on Thursday, she is supporting our instructional rounds program and our school strategic directions.

RIVERINA GIRLS CRICKET

Trials will be held on Monday 7 September at 10am - 2pm at the Lavington Cricket Oval nets. Please contact the school if you are interested. Nominations close Monday 31st August.

PSSA CARNIVAL

Good luck to Alice Worthington, Sammy Rutledge, Leah Caldow, Lucinda McCarten, Lizzie Rutledge and Nicole Caldow who will be competing at the Riverina PSSA Athletics carnival next Monday 31 August. We look forward to hearing how they go.

Lizzie-100m, 200m, PP5 Relay

Nicole-800m, discus, long jump, high jump, PP5 relay

Sammy- high jump, long jump, PP5 relay

Leah- discus

Alice 800m, 100m

Lucinda- PP5 relay

INSTRUCTIONAL ROUNDS

Our small schools network project has been a 10 week program focused on building our students capacity and skills in developing resilience, perseverance and reflective learning habits. We have been using consistent language to ensure we share our learning intentions with our students- "we are learning to" (WALT) and "what I am looking for" (WILF) to demonstrate they have understood the skill/concepts, students will then be able to effectively reflect on their actual learning.

CLASS NEWS

Years 4/5/6

ENGLISH - Continue revising and practising reading fluency, planning class speeches using assessment criteria to help remember the things we have been learning and presenting topic speeches to the class.

MATHS - Focus on graphing and data. Students will be using appropriate method to collect data and constructing, interpreting and evaluating data

displays, including line and column graphs, dot plots and two-way tables.

K-3 News

Shared Reading: Scary Creatures: Dinosaurs

- Did Dinosaurs Fly?
- How Fast Were Dinosaurs?

Writing: This week we will write a recount about the Rankins Springs Cultural Day and we will finish publishing our narratives from last week.

Maths: Money

Science: This week's lesson is called 'Finding Food'. We will be looking at the features of ferns and environments in which this prehistoric food source could be found.

Creative Arts: Dinosaur Silhouettes

PE & Sport: Throwing and Catching skills and games

Super Spellers: Luke Anderson, Mikayla Caldow, Sophie Davey, Thomas Sinca, Sophie Luelf, Molly McCarten and Alice Worthington

Our HABIT OF MIND (How2Learn) AWARD this week goes to:

Sammy Rutledge for Taking the time to think about things more deeply and concisely.



ASSEMBLY

On Friday we will be having a whole school assembly. We will be starting at 2:20 pm this week as both classes will be performing items. We look forward to all parents and community members joining us in celebrating the many achievements of the students at Weethalle PS.

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.

P & C MEETING

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

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

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Thursday 3rd September- Pyjama day

Friday 11th September - Rankins Springs Round Robin

CANTEEN ROSTER

28th August Tia

4th September Simone

11th September Sarah

18th September Tia