

Term 3, Week 10

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Weethalle Public School News

Empowering learners for their future

This is the last week of Term 3. Where has the time gone!

STATE CRICKET

Congratulations to Jemma Luelf who has been selected in the Riverina Girls Cricket Team and will now compete at State. What a fantastic effort!

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. So this week, please send in your Sticker Sheets and any loose stickers you may have. When lodged, we will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. Thank you all again for your support.

ROUND ROBIN





Congratulations to all those wonderful students and their parents who attended the Rankins Springs Round Robin on Friday. Everyone had a fantastic time. The soccer and netball team won all but their last game of soccer against Binya. Well done.

PRIMARY EXCURSION

At last week's P & C Meeting, the P & C agreed to donate \$1500 towards the cost of the bus to Borambola for the primary excursion. We are very lucky to have such a supportive P & C and our students have benefited greatly. Thank you very much. Final numbers will be sent in this week so if you haven't paid the

\$100 per student already, please do so ASAP (Wednesday at the latest). Payment and paperwork must be finalised before the end of term.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Miss Tye is attending Online Collaboration Training in Wagga on Monday and Tuesday. Mrs McIntyre will be teaching her class.

On Thursday, I will be conducting Focus on Reading Training for our Small Schools Network. Teachers from Rankins Springs, Tallimba, and Beckom will join Miss Tye and Mrs Wilson for training here at Weethalle Public School. Teachers have requested a demonstration lesson to observe some of the strategies I implement in my classroom. This will happen first thing in the morning with module 3 training following throughout the day.

Mrs Castle will be on leave on Wednesday.

CLASS NEWS

K-3

Congratulations to everyone for working so hard all term. It has been a very busy term with lots of interruptions and we have all done well to manage our distractions and stay focused on our learning! Have a happy and safe holiday and I'll see you all next term.

Shared Reading: *The Magic School Bus: In the Time of the Dinosaurs* by Joanna Cole

Writing: This week we are researching a dinosaur we have selected and using the information to create a 'Wanted' poster

Maths: Position

Science: This week's lesson is called 'Like a Palaeontologist'. Students will be sharing what they know about how living things have a variety of external features and live in different places where their needs are met, and to reflect on their learning during the unit.

Creative Arts: Paper Plate Dinosaur

PE & Sport: Throwing and Catching skills & Rugby League Clinic

Super Spellers – Henry Luelf, Chloe Bischard, Riley Cattle, Sophie Davey, Thomas Sinca, Jack Anderson, Sophie Luelf, Molly McCarten and Alice Worthington.

YEARS 4, 5, 6

English/HSIE – This week we finish up our integrated unit on “Refugees” which has been an incredibly relevant topic recently. Students excitedly discussed aspects of the topic, especially making connections with events in the news surrounding the Syrian crisis. Students will be completing their research report on a well-known Australian immigrant. They will be assessed on their final multimodal presentation (the choice is up to the individual) and also a short speech on the person they have chosen. They will be receiving feedback from classmates, as well as myself, based on a set marking criteria (negotiated by the class).

Maths – This week the students will be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages, recognising them as different representations of the same value. They will have to recall commonly used equivalent percentages, decimals and fractions. Stage 3 students will investigate and calculate percentage discounts and sale prices after a discount. They will also calculate common percentages of quantities.

HOW2LEARN – HABIT OF MIND AWARD

Presented to Sophie Luelf for her resilience and persistence when learning new skills.



MINIMISING DISRUPTIONS

In an attempt to reduce the interruption to quality teaching and learning time, Weethalle Public School is seeking feedback from the school community. This was discussed at the P & C meeting and it was decided that input from parents would be considered when reducing our involvement in activities next year.

Early Term 4, I will put out a list of activities/events for your consideration for 2016 - things you definitely want your child to be involved in and those which you feel have little or no value when it comes to student learning. So put your thinking caps on over the holiday break and let's work together to focus on the important issue of improving student learning outcomes. The school will consider all opinions and then make the final decision.

END OF TERM

Term 3 finishes on Friday with both students and staff returning on **Tuesday 6th October**. There is no Staff Development Day at the beginning of Term 4. Have a safe and happy holiday break, and hopefully everyone will have a chance to get over all those nasty bugs that have been making everyone so sick.

Thank you everyone for the support you have given myself, the staff and the students at Weethalle Public School. So many people help in many different ways. Your help and support is always appreciated.

Relax and enjoy the 2 week break with your family and friends.

Keep smiling and be happy.....Cheryle

School jacket size 8 for sale \$20 – Please contact Natalie McCarten or the school

P & C NEWS

Next Meeting: 7th October at 3:10pm. All welcome

Agenda:

- Thoughts on having a School Fete in Term 4
- Cubby house for school playground
- Discussion on the need to reduce the number of events/activities which our school takes part in for 2016. Eg, Round Robin, cultural days etc. What do parents want to keep or get rid of?

Please come and have your say.

ATTACHED TO THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

- Griffith Little Athletics flyer
Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday 6 October - Term 4 commences
- 26-29 October - Primary Excursion to Borambola

CANTEEN ROSTER

18th September – Tia