

Term 4, Week 4

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# Weethalle Public School News

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## ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all the award winners at last weeks assembly.



## DAY FOR DANIEL & AUTHOR VISIT



Students had a great day on Friday, coming dressed in Red in support of a Day for Daniel and learning all about keeping safe. The SRC raised \$18.00.

They also had a lot of fun with local author Lynn Ward who entertained everyone with reading and activities around her books.

They also gained some wonderful skills during a variety of writing

workshops. It is absolutely fabulous to be able to utilise the expertise of someone like Lynn. We will all remember her activities as we read her books. The school has purchased her two books, Sally Snickers' Knickers and The Big Beet and look forward to her third book which will be released soon.



## **SCHOOL COUNSELLOR**

Our School Counsellor, Nicola Johnston visited our school today and continues to provide support for students. If you have any concerns with your children and feel the counsellor may be able to assist, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

## **P & C MEETING**

Don't forget the P & C Meeting this afternoon at 3.10 pm. (straight after school).



## **"FASHIONS ON THE FIELD"**

On Tuesday, the SRC are holding a "Fashions on the Field" day to coincide with the Melbourne Cup. For a gold coin donation, students and staff are encouraged to come dressed in their best Race Day clothes (and hat). There will be a prize for the Best Dressed Girl and the Best Dressed Boy on the day.

## **PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup will be held again on Wednesday. It is always a lovely day, especially seeing our current students interacting with and joining in activities with our future students.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL ROUNDS**

On Wednesday, Miss Clark and I will be travelling to Tallimba PS and Beckom PS to participate in classroom observations as part of our Instructional Rounds group. Staff from Rankins Springs PS and Binya PS will also be observing lessons. On Thursday, staff from Beckom PS and Tallimba PS will then do lesson observations at Binya PS, Rankins Springs PS and Weethalle PS. All staff will be concentrating on observing evidence based on our current focus questions.

These are:

Do students understand the purpose of what they are learning? Is that helping them be more reflective? Was any evidence of reflective learning habits noticed?

All five schools will then meet at Binya PS on Thursday at 3.45 pm to debrief on our findings and decide on our next level of work.

## **AUTHOR VISIT**

Publisher author Oliver Phammavanh will be visiting our school and working with students on their writing skills. Thank you must go to the Bland Shire Library for organising this school visit.



## SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Information about applying for year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2018 is now available. If you are interested please contact the school. Parents must apply online at the following link: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement) and should read the instructions carefully. If you have no internet access at home you are more than welcome to use a school computer. Applications must be submitted online by 14 November, 2016.

## FOUND

Found at the Hall's Fash N Treasure market day a gardening book, DVD and some soap. They were left at the school stall. Contact the school if you know who they may belong to.



## ICAS MATHS COMPETITION

Congratulations to Sophie Luelf, who received a Distinction in the ICAS Mathematics test. Her score was in the top 4% of Year 3 participants in Australia. What a

fantastic result Sophie.

Congratulations also to Leah Caldwell and Molly McCarten who received Participation Awards.



## HOW2Learn

### Habit of Mind Award

Congratulations to Darby Cattle - For displaying perseverance when learning something new.

## NSW PRIMARY SYLLABUSES

This week all families will receive a copy of the Parents Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses. This is a BOSTES booklet to help parents understand their child's progress through primary school. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss anything in this booklet.

## K/1/2

**Heath:** We will be looking farm safety as well as fire hazards and safety plans.

**History:** We will be exploring the effects changing technology has on people's lives over time

**Maths:** Lady Bugs will be making two equal parts as halves and Butterflies will be representing halves, quarters and eighths.

Our news topic for this week is: Favourite sport/sportsperson.



## Years 3 – 6

**English** - Students will understand, interpret and experiment with the use of imagery eg similes, metaphors, personification and sound devices such as alliteration. They will then have to reread and edit their own and others writing using agreed criteria and explain editing choices.

**Maths** - Patterns and Algebra. Students will analyse and create geometric and number patterns, construct and complete number sentences, and locate points on the Cartesian plane. Create a variety of patterns using whole numbers, fractions or decimals.

**History** - Construct a presentation on researched information about a significant war in which Australia has been involved.

**Science** - Robotics constructions to complete robot builds. Then partners will be designing package to safely transport their robots.

**No PEER SUPPORT due to Author visit on Thursday.**



## TERM 4 DATES

Tuesday 1 November -	SRC "Fashions on the fields"
Thursday 3 November -	Oliver Phammavanh Author visit
Tuesday 15 November -	School Counsellor/Seniors High Tea
Friday 18 November -	Assembly
Tuesday 29 November -	School Counsellor
Wednesday 7 December -	Presentation Night
Monday 12- Friday 16 December -	Swimming Program
Tuesday 13 December -	School Counsellor

## 10 WAYS TO PROMOTE GOOD MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING IN KIDS

- 1 MODEL GOOD **MENTAL HEALTH HABITS**
- 2 MAKE SURE THEY GET **ENOUGH SLEEP**
- 3 **ENCOURAGE** KIDS TO EXERCISE
- 4 GIVE THEM **CREATIVE** OUTLETS
- 5 PROVIDE A **SPACE** OF THEIR OWN
- 6 **TALK** ABOUT THEIR TROUBLES
- 7 HELP THEM TO **RELAX**
- 8 HAVE TWO **ROUTINES** - WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND
- 9 FOSTER **VOLUNTEERING** AND **HELPLESSNESS**
- 10 BRING **FUN AND PLAYFULNESS** INTO THEIR LIVES



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## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4, 2016

14th October—Rankin Springs Round Robin

21st October—Natalie McCarten

28th October—Meegan McCarten

4th November—Simone Hall

11th November—Narelle Cattle

18th November—Sarah Anderson

25th November—Candice Davey

2nd December—Vicki Jolly

9th December—Bre Mayall

16th December—Mel Hugg



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