

Term 2, Week 9

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Weethalle Public School News

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2016 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Henry Luelf who has now completed his 2016 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. I know there are quite a few students who have almost finished. Don't forget to borrow PRC books from the library, especially with the holidays fast approaching.

NEW DIRECTOR - DAVID LAMB

Last week we had a special visit from our new Director, Mr David Lamb. He enjoyed meeting staff and students at our school and seeing what a fantastic school we have. The students loved his tour of their fairy garden.

SMALL SCHOOLS NETWORK

On Wednesday staff from our small schools network will be visiting to undertake classroom observations. They will be spending time in both the infants and primary classrooms. The observers will be concentrating their attention on gathering data on our Focus questions. For Round 2, these are:

- Is there evidence of students successfully using effective feedback to achieve the learning intention of the lesson?
- Was any evidence of reflective learning habits noticed?

On Thursday, Miss Clark and I will be travelling to Beckom and Binya to observe the learning in their classroom. We will join teams from Tallimba and Rankins Springs. At the conclusion of the day, all staff from Weethalle, Rankins Springs, Tallimba, Beckom and Binya will meet at Binya PS to debrief the findings of these Instructional Rounds observations. We will then decide on the next level of work required for our group. This will form the basis of learning for our next round of observations. Improvement in classroom practice and student learning is the focus of our Instructional Rounds teams.

Involvement in this project has been valuable professional learning.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our school Athletics Carnival which was scheduled for tomorrow is cancelled.

ASSEMBLY

On Friday, we will host our final Term 2 assembly. It will start at 2.30pm.

PRIMARY PRINCIPAL'S ASSOCIATION

I will be attending a Primary Principals Association (PPA) meeting in Leeton on Friday. Miss Clark will have K-6 as normal with support from Mrs Castle.

HABIT OF MIND AWARD



Molly McCarten for demonstrating absorption in her learning. She finds being absorbed satisfying and rewarding and likes the feeling of being stretched in her learning.

Well done Molly. Keep exercising that learning muscle.

TRENT BARRETT SHIELD

Any Year 3 and 4 students who would like to play in the small schools team for the Trent Barrett Shield in Griffith on Tuesday 16 August, please contact the school for a permission note. The girls will play League Tag and the boys will play Rugby League.

SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

All students in Years 3-6, plus any 8 years old who would like to participate in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival in Griffith on Tuesday 28 June, please sign and return the attached permission note asap.

SRC MINI FETE

The SRC mini fete will be held on Thursday 30 June from 11.00am - 2.00pm.

Please keep this date free and join in on this popular fundraising day. What a great way to finish the term.



SYDNEY EXCURSION

A reminder to all year 3-6 students that final payment and signed forms (medical, permission, behaviour contract) for the Sydney Excursion need to be returned by this **Thursday 23 June**. Any family who has difficulty should contact the school so arrangements can be made. Thank you to the P & C who have subsidised this wonderful excursion. Thank you to those families who have already returned all notes and money.



Keep smiling and be happy
Cheryle



Class News

Yr 3-6

English - Writing well structured paragraphs that are linked to lesson success criteria and individual student writing goals. Spelling bee activities.

Maths - Describing and using fractions, decimals and percentages to solve number problems.

Science - Identifying why camels were used for exploration of Central Australia and which structural features help camels survive in desert environment.

History - Looking at the nature of convict or colonial presence, aspects of daily life of inhabitants and how the environment changed.

PDHPE - Identifying the influences on peoples food choices and how these choices affect health and well being.

HOW2Learn K-6

"Building Resourcefulness" - being ready, willing and able to learn in different ways. We will be specifically looking at **questioning**. When you use this learning muscle, you are not afraid of not knowing; are curious about things and people; like to get below the surface of things and come up with your own conclusion; often wonder why; and play with ideas, asking "How come?" and "What if?".

WEEK 8 Premiers Reading Challenge Books:

Lets Get a Pup - By Bob Graham

Oscar's Half Birthday - By Bob Graham

Just a reminder that only on Mondays K/1/2 will have the apple slinkies.

Please bring fruit already cut up on the remaining days.



This week's news topic is 'My Friends'.

This week in Science we are looking at the features, behaviour and habitats of small animals. Chloe has brought in 8 tadpoles, so we will also look at the lifecycle of a frog.

The floodwaters may affect the plans we have for this week, we will have to wait and see. The students have enjoyed sharing their experiences with each other and have many insightful things to share about all the water.



LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books need to be returned to the School Library by **Friday 1 July**.

There won't be any more borrowing this term as we are changing over to our new Library operating program.

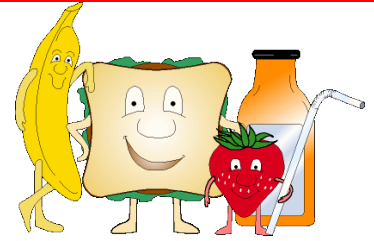
TERM 2 DATES

Friday 24 June - Assembly

Tuesday 28 June - Small Schools Athletics

Thursday 30 June - SRC Mini Fete

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 - 2016



24 June Bree Mayall
1 July Simone Hall

If you are unable to do the day you are rostered on, please swap with someone else. If you are unable to find someone, give me a call on 0429 126 651.

Simone Hall

P & C NEWS

Thankyou to those people that attended our last meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday **27 July at 5.00 pm.**



NRL Holiday Clinic FUN / FITNESS / FRIENDS

Choose any of the venues & Come along this School Holidays to enjoy an awesome Rugby League Experience

EW Moore oval Griffith. Monday 4th July. 10am - 1pm

Ron Crow Oval West Wyalong Wednesday 6th July 10am - 1pm

Leeton High School Ovals Leeton. Friday July 8th. 10am - 1pm

Cost - \$40 (Includes NRL Footy pack as seen above)

Age - Girls and Boys aged 5 to 12

To register -

1. <http://www.playnrl.com/programs/>
2. Type the chosen region into the search panel
3. Click on the Clinic
4. Follow the link for more details.

For more information or assistance please contact:

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NRL Game Development Officer South West NSW: 0429 600 130

