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## Weethalle Public School News

Empowering learners for their future

#### EDUCATION WEEK

What an awesome Education Week we had, celebrating the quality teaching and learning that occurs here at Weethalle Public School. Thank you to all those wonderful parents, grandparents and community members who joined us for the Open Classrooms, the school Spelling Bee and the Community Luncheon. There were so many positive comments around these events, with everyone thoroughly enjoying the opportunities to celebrate student learning. Thank you especially to Stephanie Healy and Sarah Lees for the fantastic catering on behalf of the hall committee. One student comment was "the food was just like Master Chef". The students did a great job serving, cleaning up and providing the entertainment at the Community Luncheon. Enjoy the photos attached to this newsletter.

#### SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Spelling Bee winners and runners up Junior - Molly McCarten (Winner), Zara Hugg (RU)

Senior - Phoebe Skillin (Winner), Chelsea Hugg (RU)

These girls will now represent Weethalle Public School at the Regional Spelling Bee final in Griffith on Thursday 15 September.

#### EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS

Special Education Week awards were also presented to students, parents and staff. Congratulations to our parents Narelle Cattle and Mel Hugg; and staff



Stephanie Healy for their ongoing commitment and support to our school. Your outstanding support is very much appreciated by students and staff. Congratulations to our well deserved student award winners also - Leah Caldow, Molly McCarten, Sophie Luelf, Laci Mayall, Luke Anderson and Ellie Voltz.





#### PRINCIPALS MEETING

On Tuesday at 2.00 pm, a Principal colleague and I will be at West Wyalong Public School with Director David Lamb, to discuss progress in regard to our PDP's (Professional Development Plans). All Principals and teachers are required to engage this process.

#### GRIFFITH ZONE ATHLETICS

On Thursday, we have students attending the Griffith Zone Athletics carnival, as part of the Small Schools team. Good luck Sophie Luelf (Discus), Molly McCarten (100m, Long Jump, Relay), Leah Caldow (800m, Discus, High Jump), Long Jump, Shot Put) Lily McCarten (800m, Long Jump) Monte McIntyre (Shot Put).

#### PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Sophie Luelf who has now completed her 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). Well done. The PRC closes on Friday 19 August, so encourage your children to return their completed Reading Logs by then. Not long to go now.

#### TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY

The Touch Football Gala Day which was to be held on Friday 12 August has been cancelled due to insufficient entries.

#### PEER SUPPORT

We are commencing Peer Support lessons this week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Peer Support leaders facilitate a small group of students who work together through a number of structured activities. We are working on a module called **Keeping Friends** helping us to explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know each other agreeing on how they will work together and interact co-operatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session. An information brochure is attached.

#### HABIT OF MIND AWARD

Luke Anderson for noticing details and making comparisons between different stages of the learning process.



#### Class News

#### Year 3 - 6

**English** - Reflecting on ideas and opinions about characters, settings and events and justifying a point of view. Composing texts in different media and technologies.

Maths - Three-dimensional space-making, comparing, sketching and naming 3Dobjects including prisms, pyramids, cylinders, cones and spheres, and describing their features.

**Science** - Planning and implementing a design process, selecting a range of tools, equipment, materials and techniques to produce solutions that address specific design criteria.

Creative Arts - Weethalle Show items.

#### 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL







#### SHOW CRAFT

We need donations of empty milk bottles for our show craft. Final day for collection is this Wednesday 10 August.





#### BOOK WEEK AND PARADE

The Book Week Fair and Parade will be held on Friday 19 August at the school.

Everyone welcome.

#### TERM 3 DATES

Thursday 11 August - Griffith Zone Athletics
Tuesday 16 August - Trent Barratt Shield Years 3 & 4
Thursday 18 August - Year 5 Riverina Environmental
Education Centre
Sunday 21 August - 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Weethalle Show
Friday 19 August - Book Fair & Parade
Friday 19 August - Premiers Reading Challenge closes

Wednesday 31 August - Maths Day









# Lily McCarten Director's Award



#### **Education Week**





### West Wyalong Little Athletics 2016/2016 Season

Registrations will ONLY be taken from 4pm to 6pm on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> August and Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August in the canteen at McAlister Oval (Recreation Ground).

Please ensure children are registered on either of these dates only.

No late registrations will be accepted.

There will be NO TRIALLING this year.

New registrations need to bring a BIRTH CERTIFICATE or BLUE BOOK to register.

Competition begins Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 4pm. Presentation Day will be Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

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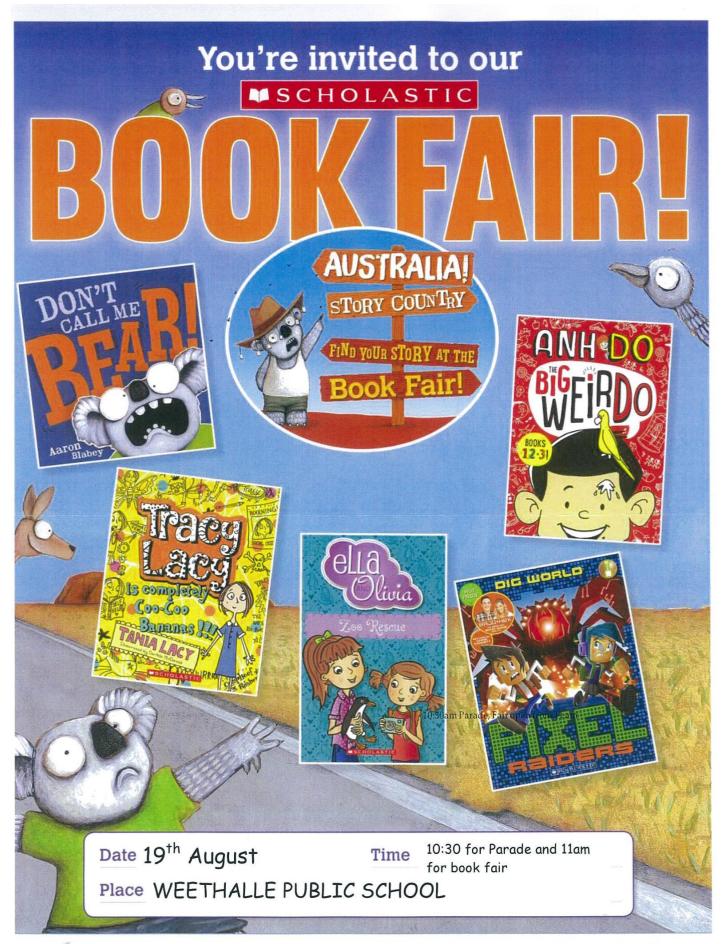
Tiny Tots (3 – 4) \$55

Under 6 – 17 \$65 for the first child

\$60 for all additional children excluding Tots

Enquiries to phone Belinda on 0408 000 956









# CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3

29th July—Candice Davey
5th August—Sarah Anderson
12th August—Narelle Cattle
19th August—Mel Hugg
26th August— Meegan McCarten
2nd September—Natalie McCarten
9th September— Bre Mayall
16th September—Vicki Jolly
23rd September—Simone Hall

If you are unable to do your rostered day please swap with someone & if unable please contact Simone on 0429126651

