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Weethalle Public School News

Empowering learners for their future

SMALL SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to our year 3 and 4 students: Jack Anderson, Zara Hugg, Sophie Luelf and Molly McCarten who competed in the Small Schools Public Speaking competition. This was the very first time for all students. They prepared great speeches and presented them beautifully.

They received great feedback which was positive and helpful. I was extremely proud of them all.

They had 3 topics to choose from.

Jack chose topic 1: When I grow up

Sophie and Zara chose topic 2: What sport should be included in the Olympic Games that are not already part of the Games?

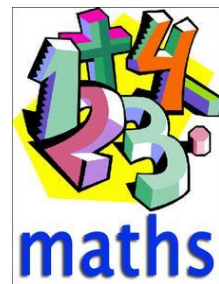
Molly chose topic 3: Do you think that the Olympics are important, or have there been too many negative things in recent history?

Their speeches are attached to this newsletter.



MATHS DAY

This week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week and we will be celebrating with our Small Schools Maths Day on Wednesday. Students and staff from Rankins Springs PS, Tallimba PS, Naradhan PS, Binya PS and Beckom PS will be joining us for the day. There will be 100 students here. We still need volunteers to support a small group of students through a series of stage based maths activities. Thank you to those parents who have already agreed to help out. There will be a special Canteen menu for the day. Thank you Simone!



SASS Recognition Week

It is also SASS Recognition Week and I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work done by Lynne Helyar, Deborah Castle and Stephanie Healy. Their professionalism and dedication has contributed enormously to the successful teaching and learning environment we have here at Weethalle Public School.

RANKINS SPRINGS VISIT

On Tuesday, the staff and students from Rankins Springs PS will be joining us for the day. They will be using our library for their classroom routines as they have a scheduled black out at their school for the whole day. They had a touch football session organised and so will be including our students in the expert coaching from CRL. I know they will be made very welcome.

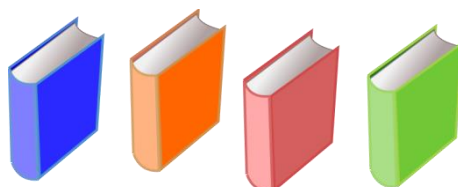


PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

After our Maths Day on Wednesday I will be holding an information afternoon for parents and community members, on personalised learning and the use of the Literacy and Numeracy continuums in student learning. Afternoon tea will be provided. The school counsellor, Nicola Johnson will also be visiting on Wednesday and will be following up with students she has previously been working with.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Miss Clark will be attending L3 training at Hanwood PS on Thursday. Mrs McIntyre will be continuing with the K-2 learning routines.



RIVERINA ATHLETICS

Good luck to Molly McCarten, Leah Caldwell, Lily McCarten and Monte McIntyre, who will be competing in the small schools relay at the Riverina Athletics Carnival in Albury on Friday. Good luck to Leah who is also competing in the discuss and high jump. We wish you all the best.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

There will be a SRC meeting on Thursday where students will discuss school issues and fundraisers. They will do a report for next week's newsletter.

2017 KINDER TRANSITION

The 2017 Kinders Transition Program will be held weekly during term 4. Enrolment applications are available from the office.

Please contact the school for a form and to give notice of your child's intent to attend the transition program. A timetable will be distributed to those participating.

PEER SUPPORT

During Peer Support this week the children will look at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They will also explore the skills of friendship, specifically those of co-operating and listening. During the week encourage your child to show how they are interested in the person they are talking to by being an active listener.

HOW2 Learn

Habit of Mind Award

Monte McIntyre for connecting new ideas to things he knows already and enjoying sharing with others.



GAME AGAINST TEACHERS

During lunch on Friday, the school had their whole school reward for receiving 1500 Dojo Points. We played handball - teachers v students. It was very exciting all round. The teachers

performed very well but were definitely defeated by the students. Congratulations to all the students. Sportsmanship and fun were displayed by all.



Class News

Year 3 - 6

English - Spelling and reading comprehension activities.

Maths - "Data" students will be collecting categorical and numerical data through observation or by conducting surveys. They will be constructing and analyzing column and line graphs.

Science - Students will be provided with hands-on, shared experiences of the properties of packaging materials. They will explore the properties of materials used to make packages and discuss the environmental impact of the materials used to make packages.

Creative Arts - Music will be this weeks focus.

HOW2Learn - "Imagining" When you use this learning muscle, you picture how things might look, sound, feel and be. You let your mind explore and play with possibilities and ideas. You build up stories around objects, facts, theories or other stimuli. You rehearse things in your mind before doing them for real. As pupils wonder, they rely less on 'right' answers from the teacher and develop more interdependence and perserverance.

PDHPE - Peer Support - Keeping Friends/Soccer for sport.

TERM 3 DATES

Wednesday 31 August -	Maths Day - WPS
Friday 2 September -	Riverina Athletics
Wednesday 7 September -	Scientific Superstars
	Robotics Day - WPS
Monday 12 September -	Carnival of the Animals
	Griffith Theatre
Saturday 10 September -	Local Government Election
Thursday 15 September -	Regional Spelling Bee Griffith
Friday 16 September -	Rankins Springs Round Robin

WEETHALLE P & C NEWS

Our Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall is getting close!

SATURDAY 10 September from 8.00 am to 1.00 pm

If you can help on the day for an hour ... it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact **NARELLE CATTLE FOR A TIME**.

Don't forget to leave your donations for the **CAKE STALL** at School on

**FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER. PLEASE PUT A PRICE LABEL ON YOUR
CAKES/SLICES/BISCUITS.**

Thank you.

Our next meeting is:
Wednesday 26 October 2016
3.10 pm



WEETHALLE PUBLIC SCHOOL MATHS DAY

31ST AUGUST 2016

CANTEEN MENU

Lunch Only

Pies	\$3.00
Sausage Rolls	\$2.00
Hot Dogs	\$2.00

Drinks & Snacks available throughout the day.

Fruit Box	\$1.00
Milk Breaka	\$1.50
Tea/Coffee/Milo	\$1.50
Red Rock chips	\$1.00
Assorted Lolly Bags	50 cents—
\$1.00	

**Lunch orders can be written on lunch bags and given to
the
Canteen on arrival at Weethalle Public School.**

(only Lunch needs to be pre-ordered on the day)

SMALL SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING DAY 24/8/2016

STUDENT'S SPEECHES

SOPHIE LUELF - What sport should be included in the Olympic Games that are not already part of the Games?

Hello my name is Sophie. Today I am going to talk about the Olympic Games.

I strongly believe that cricket should be included in the Olympic Games. Who doesn't like cricket, it is an Aussie tradition. Australians are really good at cricket. So we might end up getting another gold, silver or bronze medal and wouldn't that be good?

There are test match games, T20 games and one day games. I think we should play T20 games because it only takes 20 overs. 10 for one team and 10 for the other. T20 games are also more exciting, because more runs are scored and more wickets are taken and more sixes are hit and that's what everybody wants to see, right?

Lots of countries play cricket, such as Australia, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, India and England.

Having cricket as an Olympic sport might encourage other people to try a new sport and give people from other countries a chance to get in the Olympic Team. So the more people that play the better.

You can play cricket anywhere, your back yard, at the beach, on the street and many other places. You don't even need to spend much money at all. Some people just play with a stick and a stone on the street. You can also play cricket inside, but only with a soft ball and some sort of bat so mum doesn't bananas!

As I've already told you cricket should be in the Olympic Games. So why not give it a try?

Let's get cricket in the Olympic Games sooner rather than later! Thank you.

MOLLY McCARTEN - Do you think that the Olympics are important, or have there been too many negative things (use of performance-enhancing drugs, corrupt judges) in recent history?

Today I am going to tell you why I think that the Olympics are very important. The Olympic Games bring people from lots of different countries together to play sport and make new friends. Lots of athletes live together in the Olympic Villages and get to know each other. Also, we learn a lot about the city that hosts the Olympics and their culture.

Another reason that the Olympics are important is that it is a place where an athletes dreams can come true. As a little girl doing gymnastics, I dream one day I might go to the Olympics. It encourages kids to be fit and train hard to realise their dreams.

Sometimes, athletes make bad decisions like taking drugs to help them win. There are only a few people that cheat and we shouldn't let this ruin the history of the Olympics.

I love watching the Olympics on TV and seeing the athletes celebrate all of their hard work and even win medals for their countries. Isn't it amazing to think that the whole world is watching them! This is special in bringing people together and showing good sportsmanship. The 5 Olympic rings show how our continents are linked in Sport and friendship.

There are only a few athletes that cheat and we shouldn't let them ruin the importance of the Olympic Games.

Thank you.

ZARA HUGG - What sport should be included in the Olympic Games that are not already part of the Games?

How awesome would it be if handball was in the Olympic Games. Everybody likes handball. You can play handball anywhere. You can play at school, at home and in the driveway, and heaps more places.

Anybody can play handball. Kids, adults, boys and girls. Handball is a game that anyone can play.

Handball is a great sport to play because the first person who gets in King wins a gold medal and first person who gets in Queen wins a silver medal and the first person in Jack gets a bronze medal. Unfortunately the Dunce doesn't get a medal.

Handball can be in the Summer Olympics games. You can play inside a Stadium.

2020 is the next Olympic Games, I really hope handball can be in the games in the next four years.

Handball doesn't cost much money because all you need is chalk to draw the courts and then just a ball.

Handball is a really fun sport because it is a challenging game and you get better and better and learn more skills to win gold medals at the Olympics.

Also handball is a very popular game because it's very easy. All you need to do is the person in a square and just keep hitting the ball until someone gets out.

Thank you for listening to my speech. I really hope handball makes it to the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.



JACK ANDERSON - when I grow up

When I grow up I want to be a diesel mechanic and fix my own ute.

When I am a diesel mechanic I will be able to help my dad on the farm when we have breakdowns at sowing and harvest time. This will include fixing machinery such as:

Trucks

Tractors

Headers

And utes.

To be a diesel mechanic I will have to do some training, this will include going to TAFE for four years

I think being a diesel mechanic will be awesome because I like getting my hands dirty. I will be able to fix gearboxes and engines. I would like to work on the Farm like my dad and it will be handy if I can help fix our machinery.

It will make me feel happy and proud if I can fix machinery to help other people.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS - Griffith Regional Theatre

Tuesday 4/10/16 - Friday 7/10/16

10.00 am - 3.00 pm with a break for lunch

Primary students (6-12 year olds)

\$15.00 per day per student or \$10 per day if booking and paying for more than one day. Bookings essential. Discount for second child.

Please contact School Office for enrolment forms.

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*

