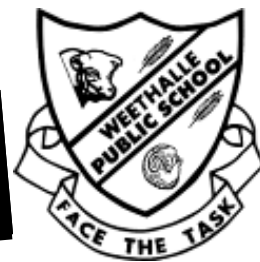


# Weethalle Public School



## NEWSLETTER

*Empowering Learners for their future*

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Relieving Principal: Jason Hurley

20th November 2017

Term 4: Week 7

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all who attended the assembly on Friday, it was a great afternoon. I hope you enjoyed the fresh produce that came from our garden. A big thank you to Miss Clarke and the garden group for the fantastic work you have been doing this year.

A total of \$242 was raised for jump rope for heart, leaders in the fundraising efforts were, Chloe, Sophie, Broden and Molly. Students had a great

afternoon skipping and participating in various challenges.

As the term comes to an end could parents please check for library books and home readers to ensure that they are all returned by the end of the year.

Jason Hurley  
Relieving Principal



7th December  
Presentation  
Night

### Assembly Awards

K-2 Class (left)

**Merit Awards:** Darby Cattle & Macey Anderson

**Student of the Week:** Broden Davey



Year 3-6 Class (right, with Miss Rowe)

**Student of the Week:** Tom Sinca

**Merit Awards:** Sophie Davey & Chloe Bischard



## Term 4 News Topics

**Week 7:** How do we care for our school and home?

**Week 8:** If I could have any pet in the world...

**Week 9:** What do I want to be when I grow up?

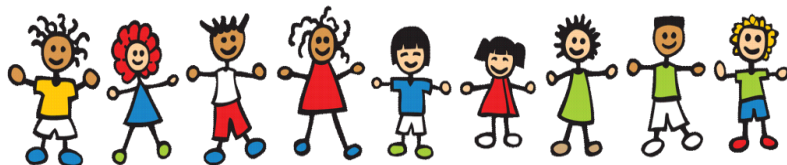
**Week 10:** If I could go anywhere in the world...

### News Days

**Monday:** Stevie + Ellie + Broden

**Tuesday:** Darby + Macey + Isla

**Wednesday:** Henry + Isabelle + Laci



## P & C News

- Could parents kindly donate a plate to share for supper at the Presentation Night.
- We will have a working bee at the Hall on Monday 4th December at 10 am  
All helpers most welcome
- AGM will be held week 2, Term 1 2018



## Term Four Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
7	20 Barellan Football & Netball Day	21	22	23	24 Practice at the hall	25/26
8		28	29 	30	1 Practice at the hall	2/3
9	4 Full Dress Rehearsal 	5	6	7 End of Year Assembly/Grinch Performance 	8	9/10
10	11	12	13 	14	15 Last Day For Students	16/17

Did you know the school has it's own website? Go to [www.weethallep.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.weethallep.schools.nsw.edu.au) to see more photos, newsletters and much more

## Canteen Roster Term Four

November 24th	Sheryll Caldw
December 1st	Natalie McCarten
8th	Georgie Luelf
15th	Louise Sinca

If you are unable to do your rostered day on could you please swap with some one else. Thank you

## The Canteen is looking for tea towels

If anyone has taken tea towels home to wash could you please return them to the canteen as there are only 2 left!!!



## ICPA News

Recently we had our AGM and the committee stays the same as last year, so if you require information or have any problems please feel free to get in contact with one of our Executive committee below.

**President** is Deborah Castle,  
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Stephanie will be emailing membership letters shortly as memberships are due in December for the 2018 year. Membership will remain at \$55 per family.

We also have another Topwire meeting coming up in December, this time we have decided to trial an afternoon meeting to see if we can get more helpers, this will be the final one for the year.

A week ago we held Meat Raffles at the Rankins Springs Hotel the results were 1<sup>st</sup> in the Meat trays Katie Luelf & Vicki Lamont, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize fresh chooks were Tammy Anderson & Dale O'Sullivan and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize box of chocolates were Peter McCarten & Michael Vearing. Congratulations to all winners.

Fundraisers that we have decided to hold next year will be a Condo Bakery Pie Drive in March and another Bunnings BBQ in April.

Finally we have a Motion Meeting for the 2018 State Conference scheduled for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at the Rankins Springs Hotel from 4pm, with dinner afterwards if you don't feel like cooking. So if you have any issues or motions that you would like us to take a look at please email them to us or please come to the meeting.

I have included a copy of Sue Young's Report on our trip to Federal Conference in Alice Springs in August. Please take the time to read it as State and Federal Conferences can be very interesting and you do get a lot of worthwhile information out of them. We are hoping that next year we might be able to encourage some of our other members that have not attended these meetings or conferences that being actively involved in ICPA can be very rewarding and socially you get to meet some lovely people that you end up becoming friends with for life.

So in finishing on behalf of Deb, Steph and myself with Christmas just around the corner we wish you a safe and happy Christmas with family & friends with the most prosperous year yet in 2018.

Regards

Meegan McCarten  
Secretary of the Rankins Springs Branch of ICPA



Meegan and I really enjoyed attending the Federal Conf. at Alice Springs on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017.

The NT committee did a fantastic job of supplying all the information, meals, venues and made it a Conference to remember. The high light was the 'Dinner under the Stars' at a quarry outside of Alice. Spectacular scenery amongst the cliffs with fire buckets to ward of the cool winter night was topped off by a star gazing tutorial by the local ranger. Amazing food and drinks and a very funny auction to raise funds completed the night before we were bussed back to our accommodation.

We found the motions and discussions from the NT, QLD, SA and WA members very interesting as they are so isolated compared to us here at Rankin Springs. The vast distances, methods of home schooling, internet connectivity or lack of, and just the general every day challenges that they take in their stride was very humbling. We have nothing to complain about compared to these amazing families.

Michael and Suzanne Wilson were a highlight as they spoke about the REACT program they have developed for Distance Education and how it works to make real time discussions between teachers and students. This makes the work flow so much quicker and makes the job of the supervisor - (usually MUM) much less stressful and demanding.

I found the talk by Connellans Airway Chairman – Mr Gavin Carpenter very interesting as I have a relationship to the founder – Eddie Connellan. My maiden name is Connellan. The Trust provides not only monetary benefits to isolated people but enormous opportunity to travel and complete world class research and education programmes. They then impart this knowledge back into their local communities.

Continuing the family connection was my cousin Tiani Cook who is also the NT President. Tiani and a close friend completed a fundraising and awareness campaign for ICPA by riding their horses from her home - Suplejack Downs on the WA border of the Tanami Track to Darwin. A distance of 1000km in 30 days. The 1000kms was significant as that is how far Tiani drives her daughters to attend school get together at Darwin twice a year. Add wet weather road closures and one of the worst corrugated dirt roads in Australia, 45-degree heat, camels, kangaroos and crocodiles and it makes for an interesting 18hr drive!!

The keynote speaker at the Conf. was Nicole Gibson. Everyone should make time to find out about Nicole. Google her, Facebook her and as Molly Meldrum would say – Do yourself a favour and check it out!! She was very inspiring and motivating. Her message about how to relate to adversity and pick yourself up when things are going wrong was so simplistic but really got you thinking of how your reaction impacts the result. There was a lot more to Nicole's talk but do some research on her and read what she's all about.

The usual presidents report from each State highlighted the progress made by ICPA in the last year to help all members and they also reinforced the same motions and frustrations that crop up each year are still being seen as relevant and are not losing their importance.

Rankins Springs motioned were all passed.





Jump Rope for Heart

Amelia Skipping



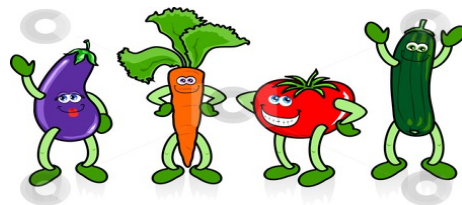
Enviro Champs for 2017



Above: Produce from the Veggie Garden & potted Tomato plants



Left: K-2 Class enjoyed eating loquats that Broden had brought in to share with the class. Thank you







**Bland Shire Library  
SRC Launch Party  
& Registration  
Wednesday  
29th November 2017  
@ 3.45 pm  
For school aged children  
5 - 16 years**

**Competitions! Online activities!**

**Prizes to be won ... and all YOU have to do is READ!**

For further information,

contact Bland Shire Library

on 6979 0272



**Christmas Craft  
After-School Activity**

**Wednesday 6th December 2017**

**from 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

**@ Bland Shire Library**

**For kids 5 - 13 years ... \$5 per person**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL as numbers are limited!**

To book a place or for further information,  
contact Bland Shire Library on 69790272

