

# Weethalle Public School



## NEWSLETTER

*Empowering Learners for their future*

Phone: (02) 69 756154

Email: Weethalle-  
p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Principal: Jason Hurley

19th October 2020

Term 4: Week 2

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to book week.

Last Friday the official book of the year awards were announced. The winning titles can be viewed here <https://www.cbca.org.au/winners-2020>. To celebrate, the Children's Book Council of Australia follows up the awards with Children's book week. This years theme is Curious Creatures and Wild Minds. Throughout the week, we hope to share with children some of the titles that were shortlist for this years awards in class. We will also be holding a book fair throughout the week and a costume parade on Friday. We can't wait to see what everyone comes dressed as.

A reminder that school photos are tomorrow. Students are to wear their full **summer** uniform.

Due to a decision to hold off the P&C meeting until later in the term, I have included my principal's report in the newsletter today. If you have any other items that you would have normally raised in the meeting or wish to discuss items on the report, please feel welcome to contact the school.

Jason Hurley  
Principal

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
This Week	19	20 School Photos	21	22	23 Book Week parade
Next Week	26 ReRock	27 Primary Cricket	28	29	30 Halloween

CBCA Book Week  
CURIOUS CREATURES,  
WILD MINDS

17-23 October 2020



Weethalle Public School  
Book Fair & Parade

Friday, 23rd October

Let your imaginations run wild

## Weethalle Public School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

**Tuesday 20 October 2020**

**ORDER NOW go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code  
3CH P58 N8A**

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by *advancedlife*. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique 9 digit *advancedorder* code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)

Thank you to those parents that have already sent in photos. We have now started working on the End of Year book.



### WANTED

#### photos for the School Year book

Due to COVID we don't have a lot of photos for our school magazine this year. If you have any photos from events held early in the year, ANZAC day and home learning etc could you please send them to

[weethalle-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:weethalle-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

### REMINDER:

Students are to bring their hats to school.



Hats are to be worn for

TODAY A READER  
TOMORROW A LEADER

- MARGARET FULLER

## Principal's Report

### **P&C Meetings**

Currently, the Department is still restricting all adult contact unless it is necessary for addressing student outcomes, or essential to maintaining the school. For this reason, it has been asked that all parent teacher meetings including P&C meetings are conducted digitally until further notice. For this reason, it was decided to delay the meeting, with the hope that restrictions may be lifted by the end of term.

In the meantime, I have decided to list items on my Principal's report below. Any parent wishing to discuss an item further is welcome to contact the school.

### **Tell Them From Me**

Tell Them From Me is an independent company that works with the Department of Education to complete confidential surveys. We would like to encourage all parents to complete the survey as it provides excellent information that informs the future directions of our school. The school will receive answers back in the form of graphs. No parent information is obtained.

The survey can be completed using the link below:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/weethallepublic>

### **Covid Restrictions**

Parents are to be reminded that they are unable to enter the school grounds at this time unless they are:

- Working in the canteen
- Have a prearranged meeting with a teacher to discuss a wellbeing or behaviour concern.
- Supporting an education program.

All visitors no matter the duration of time they are on site must complete a Covid-19 External visitor form. You must not enter the school if you are ill, or have been recently ill and still have cold and flu like symptoms.

### **Kindergarten Enrolments**

Orientation will take place from Week 4 and run until Week 8 of this term. Parents of kindergarten students are allowed to walk their child into the school grounds and meet with Miss Clark at the ramp outside the kindergarten classroom. In doing so parents must keep socially distanced from other parents arriving at this time.

### **School Excursion**

We are working with Taronga Zoo in Dubbo on a tentative booking for an over-night excursion to Dubbo on the 12<sup>th</sup> November (expected to be confirmed end of week 2). Once this has been confirmed we will make arrangements for travel and other activities that may take place. We hope to extend this opportunity to all students K-6.

### **Book Week**

Books will be advertised in the newsletter and online, please send in your request with correct money. Students will be able to browse the book fair throughout the week.

## NAIDOC Week

We will have a student only celebration/recognition day on the 11<sup>th</sup> November for NAIDOC week. Students will also attend the Cenotaph on this day, at 11am, to mark Remembrance Day.

## End of Year Performance Awards

Currently Covid restrictions only allow for us to conduct a 30 minute farewell to year 6 assembly. We are also only allowed to invite parents of year 6 students to attend this event. We hope that towards the end of the term restrictions will be eased and we will be able to hold our usual end of term event. We are currently practicing and rehearsing the end of year play in hope that this will be allowable. If restrictions remain, we will record the performance and make it available at the end of the year.

## Swim School Program

We have approval to participate in our annual Swim School Program which will take place from Monday to Friday in Week 9. Under the Holland Park Pool guidelines our visit needs to be for lessons only. Which unfortunately means we are not able to have the parent BBQ on the last day of the program. We will also not be allowing a play break between lessons, instead this year lessons will run back to back and we will return to school by 1pm.

## YEAR 6 shirts

No payment is required for the Year 6 shirts. These shirts are usually gifted to students as a keep sake at the end of year assembly by the school. However this year we have decided to gift them early so that students could get more wear out of them.

## End of Year Student/Parent/Teacher BBQ

If Covid restrictions are relaxed, we will look at an in school BBQ to replace our end of year pool BBQ.

---

# Book Fair Purchasing Form

Title	Price
Total	

I will arrange a time to collect books   /   Please send books home with my child

Please circle











**‘Will I be a good dad?’**  
is a common concern amongst  
new dads and dads-to-be.

## The Focus on New Fathers program provides a free text message based service called SMS4dads.

### Free tips, tools and links - directly to dad's phone

To help new dads and dads-to-be navigate the changes, before and after the birth of their baby, NSW Health and the University of Newcastle have partnered to deliver SMS4dads.

Once new dads and dads-to-be are registered, they'll receive practical tips, tools and helpful links directly to their phone.

### You're eligible:

- if you are 18 years or older
- if your partner is at least 16 weeks (four months) pregnant; or
- from your baby's birth until they are 6 months old.

### For more information

visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers)

Just wanted to say thanks for this project. The text messages have been invaluable and I couldn't have known just how much I needed to receive these short and helpful messages.

**Registration  
is free  
and easy.**

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers)



# WEST WYALONG NETBALL 2021 REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION TRIALS STAGE 1

## NOMINATE NOW

Copy & past link below by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

<https://rb.gy/tw9bqu>

\*\*\*\*\*

## Junior State Titles

11's Development (Born 2010)

12's Born 2009

13's Born 2008

14's Born 2007

12's, 13's, 14's must be available to play Junior State Titles 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Senior State Titles

15's Born 2006

17's Born 2005 & 2004

Opens: Open age minimum age 15yrs

15, 17's & Opens must be available to play Senior State Titles 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

th coaches retiring, we are calling for coaches. Mentoring will be made available. Please contact Sue Giffin 0409 693211 or Julie Kelleher 69722318