YOUTH WEEK PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION
Age groups 12-15 years
1st Prize - $100
2nd Prize - $50
Categories
Action Shot
Smile
Travel
Nature & Wildlife

For entry form please call into school office – Entries close 8th April to Liverpool Plains Shire Council

RIDE FOR JADE
Saturday 9th March 2013
Gulgong to Merriwa
All proceeds to Jade Anderson, who broke her back in a car accident
For more information contact Richo – 0400 827916

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 2
Snakes Beware!!
In recent weeks there have been a couple of sightings of snakes in and around our school playground. Please take the time to reinforce the danger of snakes to your child/children and what to do if they come across a snake.

The safety and well-being of our students is extremely important and providing them with these strategies will help keep them safe in our school environment.

Canteen Support
I would like to express a huge thank you to Shelly Devine for taking on the role of canteen coordinator and to all of those amazing volunteers who have already committed to helping out throughout the coming weeks.

Yesterday saw the re-opening of our school canteen and the students were very excited about purchasing their recess and lunch. If you can find any spare time and would be willing to help out in the canteen, please do not hesitate to contact Shelly or the school director.

General Information Notes
Thank you to all of our families who have already returned their ‘red’ general information form. This is being used to provide us with up to date information about our families to better support the needs of our students.

When completing the form, please make sure you complete both sides and sign all the relevant sections. If you have any questions about this note, please feel free to give me a call at school.

Calendar
February
15th - Zone Swimming Carnival (Werris Creek)
25th - Zone Tennis Trials

March
4th - Blandford Horse Sports
5th - Regional Swimming - Armidale
School Assembly

Student of the Week
James Devine - Mr Ireland has been exceptionally impressed with James' positive attitude to all aspects of his learning. Well done James.

K-1
Brayden Soley - working hard in spelling and reading

2/3/4
Joshua Curmi - Great improvement with list 1 spelling words

Annabelle Avard - sensational sentences

5/6
Sarah Widdis - making a settled start at WTPS.

Jack Swain - A wonderful start to 2013. Thanks for making so many excellent contributions to our class discussions

Miss Fitzpatrick's Awards
Ned Swain - fantastic effort and attitude towards work

Kiera Bailey - wonderful start to 2013 with work

Sports Award
Tyler Evans - trying hard in all events in the swimming carnival

Special Awards
Congratulations to Edward Cropper for achieving a gold certificate.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Good luck to all our students who are competing at the zone swimming carnival in Warriss Creek tomorrow. We know you will all give your best shot. Mr Ireland will be the teacher in charge, please make sure you report to Mr Ireland on arrival and before you leave.

ZONE RELAY TEAMS
Congratulations to the following students who were successful in making a small schools relay team to compete at zone in Warriss Creek tomorrow.
Junior Girls: Giulia Duddy, Tara Barwick & Annabelle Avard
Senior Boys: Cooper Harris, Beau Mulholland & Sam Avard
Senior Girls: Grace Barwick, Sophie Cropper & Zara McCarthy

SBC
Voting will take place for Student Representative Council on Monday 18th February. This will be the same as last year for years 3-6.

SCHOOL CHOIR
Mrs Teague will be starting up a school choir for students who are interested. Each Thursday during lunch time interested students will meet for rehearsals. Eventually the school choir may be able to participate in various competitions throughout the region. Students need to be aware that if they are interested in joining the school choir they will need to commit to attending rehearsals each Thursday lunch time. Further information will be in future newsletters.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT
Our swimming for sport program will commence tomorrow, Friday 15th February and continue each Friday until Friday 8th March. The cost of the program is $8.00 per student ($3.00 pool entry & $3.00 bus) or $3.00 per week if your children has a season ticket. This money is paid each week by the student. Please do not send in any money prior. Students will travel to and from school by Howards Bus. They will leave school at approx 1pm and return at approx 3pm. Parent helpers are always welcomed and very much appreciated. If you are able to assist please contact the office. Please complete the permission note on the back of the newsletter and return to school by Monday 10th February 2013. Please make sure your children bring their swimmers, towel and sunscreen.

WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS
The Willow Tree Public School Horse Sports will be held at the Willow Tree Recreation Grounds on Friday 22nd March 2013. Entries are due by Friday 8th March and can be obtained from the front office. This is a major fundraiser for our P&C and many helpers will be required throughout the day. If you are able to assist could you please contact either Kristy McCarthey or Jane Duddy (canteen). All help is greatly appreciated.

Canteen
Monday 18th Feb
Kath Bailey & Steph Cone

Wednesday 20th Feb
Michelle & Tracey Mackay

P&C AGM
Wednesday 6th March
6pm at school
Everyone Welcome!!