Maths Text Books
A reminder to all students in years K-4 that payment for the math text books is due. If you haven’t paid please make sure you bring the payment of $10 per text book into the office. Thank you.

P&C Update

Firstly, a million thanks to the outgoing committee for all their efforts in 2012 enabling us to have such a great and rewarding year. It is wonderful we continue to receive so much support and strength so we are able to help our children in many different ways at school. Last night the AGM was held with the election of the 2013 committee

President – Angus Sevil
1st Vice Pres – Kath Bailey
2nd Vice Pres – Jane Duddy
Treasurer – Tracey Swain
Secretary – Kath Redgrove
Canteen – Shelly Devine
Publicity Officer – Jodie Martin
Events Co-Ordinator – Jan
Uniform Officer – Michelle Wansley
Committee Members; Kelly Barwick, Camilla & Rod Cropper, Skye Award, Ray Redgrove, Steve & Renea Ellard & Kristy McCarthy

I thank everyone for agreeing to be a part of this years committee and look forward to having another successful year.
Kath Redgrove - Secretary

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 6

New England Regional Dance Camp
An opportunity has arisen for students interested in furthering their dance skills. The New England Regional Dance Camp will be held from April 8-12 at Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Camp. The camp is for students in Year 5-12 only. Students will be graded into groups which will reflect their ability and experience and consideration given to their physical fitness, strength and endurance. The camp will cater for all comers from students who enjoy dance and do not have lessons to those who are advanced.

There is a cost for this camp and an application process. If your child is interested in attending, please contact the school so an application package can be sent home. Applications close on Friday 15 March.

Quirindi Zone Soccer Trials
This Friday, a number of our students will trial for selection in the Quirindi Zone PSSA Boys and Girls Soccer Teams. The trials will be held at Quirindi Public School from 1:00pm - 3:00pm and will be convened by Mr Ian Stutchbury. Good luck to all of our representatives.

P & C AGM
Thank you to all of our parents who came along last night to our P & C Annual General Meeting. It is extremely pleasing to see the number of parents that are willing to get involved in this organisation and help provide numerous opportunities for our students.

I would also like to express a big thank you to the outgoing office bearers for the countless volunteer hours they have put in over the past 12 months and I also congratulate the newly elected officers. I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Parent Power Workshops – Maths 4 Mums and Dads
I will be holding the first of many Parent Power Workshops later this term. The first workshop will be on Numeracy and will cater for all stages. The aim of these workshops is to keep parents informed of their children’s learning. I will also provide numerous activities to support learning in the home environment including technology programs for PC’s and tablet devices.

Tony Windsor Visit
Yesterday the school was lucky enough to receive a special visit from the Member for New England, Mr Tony Windsor. Mr Windsor came to the school to present us with a new Australian Flag. While here he also took the opportunity to chat with students and staff and also experience some of the tasty cooking of Mrs Gwen Cone.

Calendar

March
8th – Zone Soccer Trials
20th – John Heffeman Workshop
22nd – Willow Tree Horse Sports
25th – Stanford Horse Sports
28th – Easter Hat Parade
28th – Bike Launch Day

April
5th – School Cross Country

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School Assembly

School Spectacular Assembly

Jack Swain — an informative report on “Bull Riding”

K-1
Stirling Gallagher — neat writing of sounds and numbers
Emily Wamsley — reading all her golden words and for working hard with her reading

2/3/4
Celia Cropper — for great reading skills
Brooke Bailey — positive attitude towards learning and being a co-operative person

RFF Award
Molly McKinnley — for a great effort in reading this week

SPORTS AWARD
Haydn Randall — for playing fairly in handball

PARLIAMENT HOUSE AWARDS
Students who visited Parliament house last week on the school excursion last year to Canberra were today presented with a momento certificate signed by Senator John Hogg, Member for Parliament, Mr Tony Windsor and MP Anna Burke.

SPECIAL AWARD
Last year Sam Award wrote to Olympian, Anthony Alozie, wishing him the best in his plight for gold at the London Olympics. Mr Alozie has connections with the Willow Tree area through Mrs Dawson who used to volunteer with scripture at our school many years ago.

Mrs Dawson’s daughter works for Mr Alozie and recognised the town when the letter came through. Mrs Dawson came to our school on Friday and presented Sam with a signed, framed copy of his letter from Mr Alozie together with a photo.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
TONY WINDSOR VISITS
Students were delighted to receive a visit from our Federal Member of Parliament Mr Tony Windsor yesterday who presented our captains, Sophie & Cooper with two new Australian Flags and an Aboriginal Flag. Thank you Mr Windsor.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT
Our swimming for sport program will continue tomorrow. The cost of the program is $6.00 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.

REGIONAL SWIMMING
Due to unforeseen weather the Blandford horse sports had to be postponed until Monday 25th March 2013.

ROYAL FAR WEST
This year we have been fortunate to receive some support from the Royal Far West School to assist with speech pathology with some students. This program is a 30min session once a fortnight through a week. Pictured is Brayden Soley after completing a speech session.

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY

Friday 15th March –
Sam Avard, Lachlan Bryce, Josh Redgrove & Helena Gates-Herrera

FASTER HAT PARADE
Our annual Easter hat parade will be held at school on Thursday 28th March. Students can start working on their magnificent creations in preparation for the parade.

CANTENE
Monday 11th March
Jodie Martin & Nicole Slembek

Wednesday 13th March
Kath Redgowie & Lisa Curmi

Milk price rise – NOW $2.60

Happy Birthday to Mrs Jenkins for the 8th, Molly McKinley for the 10th March and Katie Martin for the 11th March. We hope you all have a great birthday.

WILLOW TREE HORSE SPORTS
There is only two weeks till the Willow Tree Horse Sports. If you are able to assist with the horse sports in any way could you please let Kristy McCarthy know. A working bee will be held on Thursday 21st March at the recreation grounds to set up and mark out the arena.