Permission Note

I give permission for my child/ren to attend and participate in the Willow Tree Public School Cross Country at the Willow Tree Recreation Grounds on Friday 5th April 2013. I understand I need to arrange transport to and from the grounds for my child/ren.

Parent/Guardian ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Quirindi Junior Rugby Union
Registration Day – Saturday 23rd March 2013
10am – 12pm No 1 Oval Quirindi
$50 rego incl socks
3rd Child free
Further information contact: Shaz Harris 0427 475729

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 8
John Heffernan Workshops
Our students were treated to a very special visit on Wednesday by an exceptionally talented Australian author, Mr John Heffernan. Not only did students have the opportunity to purchase some of Mr. Heffernan’s wonderful literature, they were exposed to some of the secrets of producing fantastic stories. He shared some of his own experiences in writing, answered many questions and conducted a small workshop on some of the finer details of writing. A big thank you must go to Mrs Teague who organised this wonderful opportunity for our whole school and a big thanks to the P & C who kindly subsidised the cost of Mr Heffernan’s visit.

Willow Tree Horse Sports
This Friday a number of our students along with over a hundred riders from throughout the region will participate in the annual Willow Tree Public School Horse Sports. I am very disappointed that I won’t be able to attend this year’s event but I would like to wish everyone involved the very best of luck and I hope all participants, volunteers and spectators have a safe and enjoyable experience. Of course, these events don’t just happen. An almighty thanks must go to the P & C members who have worked tirelessly to prepare for such an event.

Bike Track Launch
Next Thursday at 12:45pm our school will officially re-open our Bike Track. I encourage all families to make arrangements to transport their child’s bike to school on this day. There will be activities for all ages including those students still using training wheels. So come along, have a wonderful day on two wheels (or four) and remember to ride within the rules. Helmets and protective clothing must be worn.

Parent Power Workshop
Maths 4 Mums and Dad
I will be holding the final Parent Power Workshop later this term. The first workshop will be Numeracy and will cater for all ages. The aim of workshops is to keep parents informed of their child’s learning. I will also promote numerous learning activities to support learning in the home environment including technology programs for all ages, toys, and games.

Calendar
March
22nd - Willow Tree Sports
25th - Blandford Horse Show
29th - Easter Hat Parade

April
5th - School Cross Country
12th - Last day Term 2

Easter Hat Parade
Have you started creating something amazing??? Our Easter Hat parade will take place next Thursday at 11.45 underneath the COLA. Come along for a relaxed event and then stay-on for our bike track launch if you are able.
**School Assembly**
**School Spectacular**
**Assembly**

Beau Mulholland – for his dramatic play performance of “The Nursing Home Part 2”

Sam Avard – for his action packed performance of “Texas”

K-1
Gus Sevil – for clever work with length & area. Good work in comparing areas.

Jasmine Fowler – for trying hard with her letter formation

2/3/4
Joshua Curmi – improvement in all areas

Tara Barwrick – excellence in all areas

Sarah Hutchins – great participation in music and drama

**RFF Award**
Annabel Sevil – always actively participating in classroom activities

Jack Avard – being a great school helper this week

**SPORTS AWARD**
Kyle Sternbeck – for being a good sport

**WILDLIFE SHOW**
Last Monday Kindy & Year 1 students were lucky enough to be invited to participate in a Wildlife show at the Preschool. Presenter Kym engaged the students with his humour and allowed students to have a hand on experience with different animals including lizards, frogs, turtles and snakes (the safe variety of course!) students had a great time

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**JOHN HEFFERNAN WORKSHOP**

Yesterday students were lucky to be given the opportunity to participate in workshops with well-known Australian author John Heffernan. Mr Heffernan started his workshops by going through some of his books and how he gets the ideas for his characters. In the writing workshop Mr Heffernan talked to students about how to write a good story and how different ideas can be turned into brilliant stories. The students were able to purchase Mr Heffernan’s books and have them signed what a great memento for students to keep.

**WILLLOW TREE HORSE SPORTS**

Good luck to Annabel Sevil, Celia Cropper, Eddie Cropper, Sophie Cropper, Beau Mulholland, James Devine, Sarah Hutchins, Zara McCarthy & Cooper Harris as they will all be participating in the Willow Tree Public School Horse Sports tomorrow.

**BIKE TRACK LAUNCH**

As most of you are aware our bike track has had a major revamp and is ready for use. We will be launching our new bike track next Thursday, 28th March in conjunction with our Easter Hat Parade. Students are invited to bring in their push bike (must be in a road worthy condition) together with their helmet (helmets are a must!!) to learn and practise some road safety rules. Parents are invited to join us in our activities for the day commencing with the Easter Hat Parade at 11.45am, please bring a picnic lunch to share with your child/ren on our lovely lawns. The bike track will be officially launched at 12.45pm.

**EASTER HAT PARADE**

How are your Easter coming along? A reminder our Easter Hat parade is held next Thursday 11.45am in conjunction with our bike track launch day

**CANTEEN**

Monday 25th March
Jane Duddy & Sue Award

Wednesday 27th March
Wayne Bailey & Angus Jenkins

Milk price rise – NOW $...

Happy Birthday to J Devine for 21st and B Bailey for 26th March hopes you both have a far day.

**STEWARD HOUSE BOL BALLS**

High bounce handballs lightweight and perfect for the playground. On sale Monday $3.00 each from R Jenkins.
Help support Stewart Hr by buying a ball. Limited numbers available

**SCHOOL SPECTACULAR**

Friday 12th April
Lachlan Bryce, I Randall, Sopie Cropper, Duddy & Brenton Dews

Thank you to the Preschool for the kind invitation and to the Bob Turner Wildlife show for the experience.

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John had a real horse called Elvis who came inside one night and pooped on the new carpet – Celia

John made up different stories about the “keep cut” house and told us spooky stories about when he wrote “Haunted Australia” – Kiera

John was very funny. He made us laugh while telling us how he writes his books. James