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 __________________________

Principal's Message

**Term 1 Week 9**

**Willow Tree Horse Sports**

I would like to express an almighty thank you to ALL of our families who were involved in the organisation and running of our annual Willow Tree Horse Sports day. I was absolutely devastated to miss the event but it was pleasing to hear the wonderful reports from all involved, especially our large number of students who participated on the day.

**Bike Track Launch**

It was amazing to see the number of bicycles at school today. The students all had a wonderful time developing skills on their bike, completing bicycle safety checklists and riding on our new and upgraded bike track. Once again, we must thank the efforts of Wayne & Kath Bailey, Mr Noel Saunders and Mr Phil Marheine for making the upgrade of this resource possible.

**Easter Hat Parade**

AMAZING!!! Some of the hats that were on display today were simply magnificent. It was also wonderful to hear some of the stories about individual hats and their passing down through generations. On behalf of the staff here at Willow Tree, I would like to wish everybody a very safe and happy Easter. Please stay safe on the roads if travelling and enjoy the long weekend with family and friends.

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**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 ages. The aim of these workshops is to keep parents informed of their children's learning. I will also provide numerous learning activities to support learning in the home environment including technology programs for PC's and tablet devices. This workshop will be held WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL, 6pm at the school.

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**Calendar**

- **March**
  - Sports
- **28th** - Easter Hat Parade
- **28th** - Bike Launch Day

- **April**
  - 3rd - Parent Power Workshop
  - 5th - School Cross Country
  - 12th - Last day Term 2
**WILLOW TREE HORSE SPORTS**

What a fantastic day of competition and sportsmanship last Friday at our annual Horse Sports day. Congratulations to our team of riders who all participated throughout the day. There have been many positive comments and reports about our day. Congratulations to:
- Cella Cropper – 8yr Runner up Champion
- Edward Cropper – 9yr Runner up Champion
- Annabel Sevil – 10yr encouragement award
- Zara McCarthy – 11yr encouragement award
- Cooper Harris – 12yr encouragement award

Congratulations to Cella Cropper who was awarded the Brien Cobcroft Memorial Award for the highest point scoring Willow Tree student.

A massive thank you to our P&C who put countless hours into organising and running this event. The P&C would like to thank everyone who helped throughout the day for whatever reason. Also an extremely big thank you to all the generous sponsors for this event, we really are a fortunate school to have the support of a fantastic community.

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**CANTEEN**

Monday: 1st April 
Easter Monday (closed)
Wednesday: 3rd April
Tracey Swain

Milk price rise – NOW $2.60

Happy Birthday to Beau Mullolland for 29th March, Edward Cropper for the 31st March and Sarah Widdis for the 3rd April. We hope you all have a fantastic day.

**STEWART HOUSE BOUNCY BALLS**

High bounce handballs are lightweight and perfect fun in the playground. Mrs. Jenkins still has some balls available for sale. $3.00 each

Help support Stewart House by buying a ball.

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**NORTH WEST RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS**

Haydn Randell, Dane Saunders and Cooper Harris travelled to Gunnedah on Tuesday as part of the Quirindi Zone team to compete in the North West Rugby League trials. All three boys had a fantastic day in the heat with Dane Saunders and Cooper Harris making the possible and probable sides. With fierce competition both boys showed at fantastic display of skills with Cooper Harris being selected in the back row for the Southern Zone representative team. Congratulations Cooper and well done to Dane and Haydn.

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**DONATION**

Earlier this week, Charles Hanna of Willow Tree Inn presented Angus Sevil (President P & C) and Kathy Redgrove (Secretary Willow Tree P&C Committee) cheques from the proceeds of the 3 months of raffles held last year as a joint effort by the P & C and the Pre-School.

Angus was presented with a cheque to the P & C for $1125- which was received with much appreciation and many thanks to Mr. Hanna for his continuous generous support to our wonderful schools. Angus would also like to thank the parents involved in this great fundraiser.

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**WOLFWORTH'S EARN & LEARN**

Once again our school will participate in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. By collecting stickers from 5th April – 9th June and placing them in the box at school it will help the school to obtain items at the end of the program. We thank you all for your participation with this.