PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 4 Week 1

WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to what is set to be a jam-packed and busy final term of the school year. I hope everybody enjoyed the break and managed to find some time to spend relaxing with family and friends. A couple of major events this term to keep a close eye out for will be our Swimming Program in Weeks 7 & 8 and also the return of QSSAF (Quirindi Small Schools Arts Festival) which will culminate in a concert on Thursday 4 December. Along with these major events, we will also have our Presentation Evening, Captains Speeches and the Year 6 Farewell Dinner. Please stay up to date with events happening in the school and become involved where you can. Your children love it when you are a part of the school and a part of their educational experience.

KINDER 2015
Throughout Term 4 there will be some opportunities for students looking to enrol in Willow Tree Public School to participate in Come & Try Mornings and Kinder Ready sessions. Dates for these have been sent out to all families we are aware of. If you know somebody who is looking to enrol their child in Kindergarten for 2015, please encourage them to come and see me at school at any time. We will also be holding our Kinder Orientation Morning for parents on Wednesday 22 October in the school library at 9:10am.

QSSAF
QSSAF has returned once again for 2014. QSSAF will be held on Thursday 4th December from 7pm at the Quirindi High School Hall. For those families who haven’t experienced QSSAF before, Quirindi Small Schools Art Festival has been established for over 15 years. It involves small schools from around our area. This year the theme for QSSAF is “Christmas”. Over the course of this term students will be learning many songs that they will perform with other small schools at the festival. Mr Jackson from Wallabadah who has been the QSSAF Coordinator since its beginning will be travelling around our small schools next week holding auditions for soloists and small groups to also perform.

Calendar

OCTOBER
13th – Quirindi Horse Sports
15th – BBQ & Playground Planning session followed by Horse Sports meeting
16th – Kinder Come & Try Morning
27th – Grandparents Morning Tea

NOVEMBER
3rd – Wallabadah Horse Sports
17/28th – Intensive Swimming (whole school)
19th – P&C Meeting
CLASS AWARDS

K-1-2
Jake Wamsley – for a good drawing of Mulga Bill. Well Done

Kyle Sternbeck – for a good information report on “Worms”

Emily Wamsley – for great bike riding skills and for enthusiastic participation

3/4/5/6
Sam Avard – for great work in creative and imaginative writing

James Redgrove – for excellence in drama. James always takes on roles with enthusiasm and outstanding conviction

Miss Bale’s Awards
Jasmine Fowler – for improved reading

James Redgrove – for beautiful manners in class

GOLD CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to Annabel Sevil, James Redgrove and Zara McCarthy on achieving a Gold Certificate

KINDER COME & TRY MORNING
Next Thursday, 16th October, Willow Tree Public School will host a Kinder Come & Try morning. If you know of anyone with a child that is starting school next year and would like to come and try what our fantastic school has to offer, please have them contact the school to secure their place.

QUIRINDI HORSE SPORTS
Bridget Scoggin, Billy Swain and Zara McCarthy will be representing Willow Tree Public School at the Quirindi Public School Horse Sports on Monday 13th October. Good luck to each of you, we look forward to hearing your results.
**SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM**
This year it has been decided to incorporate our intensive swimming program with the whole school. Students will travel to Quirindi Pool each day commencing on Monday 17th November and ending on Friday 28th November. Families can start paying off the swimming program at the office however; full payment is to be made by Monday 10th November 2014. Please complete the permission note that was sent home last term and return to the office ASAP.

**NEW FURNITURE**
At last our new furniture for the library has arrived! The furniture has turned the library into a bright enjoyable place for students to enjoy reading. Pictured are year two students enjoying reading time in the library on the new furniture.

**SCHOOL PLANNING BBQ**
Next Wednesday, 15th October, the P&C will be hosting a school planning BBQ. Please come along and have your input into how the P&C can help improve the school. The BBQ commences at 5.30pm. A short Horse Sports meeting will be held at the completion of the planning session to assess the viability of holding a 2015 Horse Sports. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact the office with numbers for catering purposes.

**GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS MORNING TEA**
This year our students will be hosting a special “Grandparents” morning on Monday 27th October. Grandparents and special friends are invited to attend the morning commencing at 10.30am with open classrooms, 11.10am Morning Tea & 11.40am entertainment by the students. So grab the phone and invite your Nan’s & Pop’s, Ma & Pa’s, Grandmas & Grandpa’s and invite them along to share in a wonderful morning.

**CLAIM THE DATE**
Blandford Horse Sports
Friday 6th March 2015

**CANTEEN**
Mon 13th October – Jacinda Moore
Wed 15th October – Kath Redgrove

The canteen is looking for volunteers to fill the roster for Term 4. If you are able to help, please fill in the roster enclosed in this week’s newsletter and return to the office or contact Jacinda Moore 0438 138065

**SCHOOL SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY**
Term 4 – Week 1
Codeyn Martyn, Hannah Watts, Gus Sevil, Kira-Lee Moore & Sophie Colquhoun

Term 4 – Week 3
Cody T, Emily, Jasmine & Brad

**WILLOW TREE PRE-SCHOOL FASHION PARADE**
Thursday 25th October 2015
At Willow Tree Inn
RSVP – Willow Tree
Preschool 67471440 by 26th October

**QUIRINDI SWIMMING CLUB’S 2014/2015**
The swimming season is about to get underway...the town pool will be opening Saturday 1st November
Registration/Information days for Quirindi Swimming Club will be held at the pool from 10am Saturday 25th October
Saturday 1st November

Grading day will be held on Saturday 1st November at the pool from 10am, bring your children along with their swimming gear so the club can work out squads ready for commencement from Monday 3rd November
Hair Heaven at Willow Tree
33 New England Highway
6747 1553