PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 4 Week 3

DEBATING
On Tuesday 4 November a group of primary students will travel to Timbumburi to participate in a series of interschool debates. The students will face off against other debating teams from Timbumburi, Oxley Vale and Nemingha Public Schools. This will be a wonderful experience for all students involved to build skills in debating, public speaking and teamwork. Permission notes and further details, including a draw, will be sent home next week.

QSSAF
Students again this year will have the opportunity to participate in the wonderful production that is QSSAF (Quirindi Small Schools Arts Festival). The festival will once again have a Christmas theme this year. The concert will take place on Thursday 4 December at the Quirindi High School Hall. It would be wonderful if all Willow Tree students attended and participated in this fantastic event. More information and details will be sent home closer to the date.

‘Colour The Earth’ Visual Arts Camp (Stage 3 Only)
Willow Tree Public School has the opportunity to nominate 4 students to attend a two-day Visual Arts Camp for talented art students. The camp will be held on the 19-20 November at Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre and will be held in conjunction with Di Hall, Regional Arts Coordinator and Rawart – a private company which visits Primary Schools conducting hands-on, fun and creative workshops with students. If you would like more information regarding this Visual Arts experience, please ask for an information/nomination package from the school office.

QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL VISIT
Representatives from Quirindi High School will be visiting our school on Thursday 11th November. Staff and students from Quirindi High will be talking to our senior students about their transition into high school and all the wonderful and positive experiences they have had as well as the many exciting opportunities that Quirindi High School offer.

CANTEEN
The school canteen could possibly be closed on several days this term due to no volunteers. You will find details of these dates in the newsletter. If you are able to assist in volunteering in the canteen on these days, please contact Jacinda Moore. The students at Willow Tree Public School are very fortunate to have this fantastic facility and we thank the parents who continually volunteer their time to keep it open for our students.

Calendar

OCTOBER
27th – Grandparents Morning Tea

NOVEMBER
3rd – Wallabahad Horse Sports
11th – Qdi High Visit to School
17/28th – Intensive Swimming (whole school)
19th – P&C Meeting

DECEMBER
4th – QSSAF
16th – Rewards Day

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CLASS AWARDS

K/1/2

Kira-Lee Moore – for knowing her orange coloured words

Holly Martin – for a good story about Mr McGee

Jasmine Fowler – for working hard to improve her reading fluency

3/4/5/6
Giulia Duddy – excellent participation in all reading activities

Joshua Curmi – Brilliant work in spelling

SPORT’S AWARD
The sports award was awarded to Brad Johnson

GOLD CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to sister and brother duo, Emily and Jake Wamsley for receiving a Gold Certificate this week.

200 NIGHTS HOME READING
Congratulations to our students who have reached 200 nights of reading and have regularly returned their home reader into Mr Ireland. There were seven students who received a voucher to spend in the last book club for 2014. Well done to Annabel Sevil, James Redgrove, John Thomas, Katie & Holly Martin, Zara & Bella McCarthy and Kira-Lee Moore. I hope all students continue reading each night. Reading is a vital skill for all students.
SCHOOL INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM
A reminder to all families that permission notes must be returned to the office by Monday 27th October. Full payment is to be made to the office by Monday 10th November. This year the school will be following an intensive program throughout the two weeks. Thank you to the parents who have indicated they can volunteer their time to assist.

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS – MORNING TEA
Our Grandparents & Special Friends morning tea will be held this Monday, 27th October from 10.30am. Please note: canteen will run as normal for students on Monday, they can purchase morning tea and lunch as normal. Morning tea will be supplied for our visiting Grandparents and Special Friends. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

2015 KINDER PARENT ORIENTATION
Yesterday we held our parent orientation for new kinder students starting in 2015. Parents were given an insight to our fantastic small school and were given the opportunity to ask questions. It can be a very exciting but also nervous time for students as they commence their transition in to “big” school, however we aim to make this transition as enjoyable as possible for parents and students.

2014 REWARDS DAY
As usual Term four is shaping up to be an extremely busy term. Our annual rewards day will be held on Tuesday 16th December 2014. The rewards day is a fun day where we acknowledge and congratulate our students for their behaviour and commitment to school throughout the year. This year students will travel to Tamworth to watch the movie, Penguins – Madagascar followed by ten-pin bowling and pizza. The cost of the rewards day is $25.00 per student. Permission notes have been sent home this week. We hope that by allowing plenty of time to pay off the rewards day that as many students as possible will attend. Please make sure permission notes together with payment is returned to the office by Monday 1st December 2014. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries or concerns with regards to the rewards day.

KINDER SMILES PROGRAM
Our kinder smiles program will commence Thursday, 6th November 2014. Our new 2015 Kinder students will join us at school from 9.10-11.40. We look forward to welcoming them all back.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Birthday wishes to Holly Martin who will be celebrating her special day tomorrow, 24th October.

CANTEEN
Mon 27th October – Michele Wamsley
Wed 29th October – Sarah Thomas

The canteen is looking for volunteers for the following dates
10th November
17th November
8th December
If no volunteers are found the canteen will be closed on these dates. If you are able to assist please contact Jacinda Moore 0438 138065

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

QUIRINDI SWIMMING CLUB 2014/2015 REGISTRATION INFORMATION DAYS
Quirindi Swimming Club sign up days
Saturday 25th October 11am – 1pm
Saturday 1st November 11am–1pm – this is also a grading day, please bring your child/ren along to be graded for the swimming season and meet the new head coach

Werris Creek Swimming Club Registration/Information Days
Saturday 25th October at 12pm – 2.30pm
Saturday, 1st November at 11.30pm – 2.30pm
At the Werris Creek Club House
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It is impossible to lick your elbow?
Guinea Pigs and Rabbits can’t sweat?
The cigarette lighter was invented before the match?
If you sneeze too hard you can fracture a rib?
It is physically impossible for a pig to look up into the sky?
Over 75% of people who read this will try and lick their elbow?

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