PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 11

ANZAC DAY
Willow Tree Public School will be participating in the ANZAC march on Friday 25th April 2014. Students are to be assembled in the street between King George V1 Park and the Willow Tree Inn by 8.45am ready to commence the march to the Willow Tree Hall. Full winter school uniform is to be worn. We understand that ANZAC Day falls in the holidays however we do encourage as much student attendance as possible.

ANZAC MORNING TEA
Each year our P&C members provide morning tea for after the march. It would be appreciated if each family attending the march would kindly provide a plate of food for morning tea at the ANZAC march.

SCHOOL-PRE-SCHOOL BUDDIES PARADE
This term years 3/4/5&6 have been meeting with Pre-school students each Tuesday, developing relationships between the Pre-school students and school students. For the past couple of Tuesdays the students have been working on Easter Hats. The Pre-school students proudly paraded their finished products in front of our school today. Thank you to Mrs. Ramage and Miss Mel for coordinating the program.

STATE SWIMMING
This week a number of our students are representing our school and the North West Region at the NSWPSA State Swimming Championships. Yesterday, Aleeci Francis swam in the Junior Girls 50m Breaststroke and came a very credible 22nd place in her event. Congratulations Aleeci.
Annabelle Avard & Aleeci Francis swam in the Junior Girls relay team this morning, although all team members swam very well, they were unfortunate not to make it through to the finals. Congratulations to our Peter Dobson 4x50m Relay team of Zara McCarthy, Tara Barwick, Giulia Duddy & Sam Avard who progressed through to the finals breaking their personal best by 6 seconds. They finished off their final in a very commendable 10th place. Well done to all our State Swimmers.

TERM 1 SNAPSHOT REPORTS
Last week all students received a progress report providing parents with feedback on their children’s progress so far this term. These reports are part of our school’s plan to provide more ongoing and informative feedback to parents on student progress.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child’s progress, please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time to make an appointment.

TERM 2 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
The first Monday of Term 2 (28 April 2014) is an allocated Staff Development Day. All staff will be working with the staff from Wallabadah Public School on current educational priorities including ‘Speech Programs’ and the implementation of the new NSW Maths Syllabus.
School will resume for students on Tuesday 29 April.

Calendar

APRIL
9/10th – State Swimming
11th – Last Day Term 1
25th – ANZAC Day
28th – Term 2 resumes
29th – Staff Development Day
29th – Students return to school

MAY
9th – Mother’s Day Stall
13 – 15th – NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
23rd – Zone Cross Country
CROSS COUNTRY
The sun was shining and the weather was perfect for our children as they competed in the Cross Country last Friday at the Willow Tree Recreation Grounds. Well done to all students who completed their events and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to the following students who gained a place in their event.

5yr Girl Fun-run
1st Kira-Lee Moore

5yr Boys Fun-run
1st – John Thomas
2nd – Wilson Davis

6yr Girl Fun-run
1st Holly Martin
2nd Shania Thompson
3rd Sophie Cotquhoun

6yr Boy Fun-run
1st Jake Wamsley
2nd Brad Johnson

7yr Girl Fun-run
1st Jasmine Fowler
2nd Katie Martin
3rd Bella McCarthy

7yr Boy Fun-run
1st Kyle Sternbeck
2nd Cody Sternbeck
3rd Tyler Evans

8yr Girl 2000m
1st Emily Wamsley

8yr Boy 2000m
1st Ned Swain

9yr Girl 2000m
1st Hannah Watts

10yr Girl 2000m
1st Annabelle Avard
2nd Aleecey Francis
3rd Amber Fowler

10yr Boy 2000m
1st Cody Thompson
2nd Darcy Devine
3rd Dominic Hyde

11yr Girl 3000m
1st Giulia Duddy
2nd Tara Barwick
3rd Annabel Sevil

11yr Boy 3000m
1st Billy Swain
= 2nd Leelane Watts
James Redgrove

Open 3000m – Boys
1st Jack Swain

Well done everyone. Thank you to the parents who prepared the course, Mr & Mrs Honner and Mr & Mrs Cleal for the use of their property and to all parents who assisted throughout the day whether it was on the course or in the canteen to help this event run smoothly. Students will be advised early next term of their selection for zone which is to be held at the Willow Tree Recreation Grounds on Friday 23rd May 2014.
ANZAC TALK
On Monday 7th April we received a visit from Mr Earl Kelaher who spoke with students about his experiences with the Vietnam War and also about his recent trip back to the battle fields all throughout Europe and Turkey. Mr Kelaher bought in a piece of shrapnel that was found on a battle field in Greece, a stone from the beach at Gallipoli where the ANZAC’s landed those many years ago and his medals. We would like to thank Mr Kelaher for his time and for coming and speaking to the children about his experiences. With ANZAC day approaching it is important that our students are aware of what our soldiers sacrificed for our country and what better way for them to learn from a true hero, Vietnam Veteran, Mr Kelaher.

THE GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP
A reminder to all families of students attending our excursion in Term 3 that payments can be made at the office at any time.

QUIRINGDI SMALL PET SHOW
Congratulations to Codeyn Martyn & Amber Fowler who both received a highly commended for stage 3 hand drawn poster in the recent poster competition for the Quirindy Small Pet Show

NORTH WEST SOCCER TRIALS
Well done to Sam Avard and Zara McCarthy who attended the North West Soccer Trials in Armidale last Friday. Both Sam and Zara displayed outstanding sportsmanship and determination. The competition was tough as the North West Teams were selected to compete at State. Although unlucky to secure a spot in the team we congratulate you on your participation.

The following email was sent to the school regarding Sam and Zara’s representation at the North West Soccer Trials. Letters like these make me exceptionally proud to be principal of this fantastic school and the wonderful students that attend here every day.

Hi John

I am writing to express my gratitude toward your students Sam and Zara. They were terrific, on and off the field. During our games they played very well and showed good sportsmanship. They were always respectful, well-mannered and willing to listen to constructive feedback. It was a pleasure taking them to Armidale as a part of the Quirindi area team. Could you please pass on my sincere thanks to the Sam and Zara and to their parents?

Thanks
Tim Tarrant

TERM 2 – UNIFORM
Students will be required to wear full winter school uniform from term 2. For girls, the winter uniform can be purchased at Lowes Menswear in Tamworth. School ties are available to purchase from there also. The clothing pool has limited second hand winter uniforms available. Please contact the office if you have any queries or concerns with regard to the winter school uniform.

CANTEEN
Mon 28th April –
Staff Development Day

Wed 30th April –
Bev Thornton

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY
Term 2 Week 2
Friday 2nd May
Zara McCarthy, Annabelle Avard, Ned Swain, Stirling Gallagher, Kyle Stembeck

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