PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Term 2 Week 9

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Monday, 14th July will be a staff development day at school. Students will return for term 3 on Tuesday 15th July. We take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to continuing the positive and fun learning throughout semester 2.

AGRACOM CHARITY GOLF DAY
Agracom Charity Golf Day has been an annual fundraising event over the past years. Money raised is donated to local schools to enhance school resources. Tim Widdis, Phoebe Smith & Alice O’Neil Shaw, on behalf of Agracom, visited Willow Tree Public School on Wednesday 25th June to present a very generous cheque of $1,050.00. On behalf of the student’s, staff and school community we would like to thank Agracom for this grand donation.

SEMESTER 1 - REPORTS
Today students will be bringing home their Semester One Report. Teachers have been working on these over the past few weeks to try and provide some clear and concise feedback on how your child/children are progressing at school. Please take the time to sit down with your child and discuss their report. Look for the positives in every situation and try and identify some areas where your child may need to focus some extra effort.
To coincide with reports going home, parent/teacher interviews will be held early next term to discuss your child’s/children’s progress. Interview times have been allocated for each student. If the time allocated is not suitable, please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange an alternate time.

NAME IT!!! LABEL IT!!!
We have been playing a game at school with students over the past couple of weeks. With the winter months upon us, extra clothing always comes to school and often gets left at school in lost property or lying around the playground. To try and reduce the number of lost items and the cost to parents, we are playing a small game of Name it! Label it! Each day, a random student is selected and if they have their name clearly written inside their hat and their jumper/jacket then they win a prize. Please take the time to label your children’s belongings.

HOME READING IS RAD!!!!!
Many of our students are doing an amazing job with their home reading. I love having visitors each morning to look at how hard they are working at home. I would like to encourage all of our students to keep reading over the school holidays. Holiday breaks are a time where student progress can go backwards if they’re not engaged in some form of learning.

Calendar

JUNE
26th – 2nd Play Night
27th – Sports Carnival completion
27th – Last day Term 2

JULY
14th – First day of Term 3
15th – Students Return
15th – Science Discovery
16th – Parent/Teacher Interviews
25th – Spring Ridge Carnival
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What a shame the weather didn’t hold out for us last Friday. Students were having a fantastic time competing at the combined athletics carnival.

Well done to all the students who attended and participated throughout the morning. It was great to see the fantastic sportsmanship and friendly competition being displayed.

The March past was hotly contested with both houses looking fantastic. Results will be announced later after the completion of the rest of the events.

Thank you to the P&C who, as always, ran a fantastic canteen. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the track and field events. A massive thank you to Mr Barwick, Mr Sevil, Reece and Mr Gallagher who had the grounds all marked out and looking great and to Mrs Barwick, Mrs Cone and Mr Kelaher for coming to judge the March past. We really do appreciate it.

The remainder of the sports carnival will now be held tomorrow, Friday, 27th June 2014. All field events will be completed. We are anticipating that this should only take a couple of hours in the morning. A permission note was sent home earlier this week. Please make sure students bring their own packed morning tea and lunch.

DISCUS RECORD

Congratulations to Giulia Duddy who broke the 11-year girl discus record last Friday at the carnival. With a whopping throw of 19.86m, Giulia broke Mikayla Hyde’s record of 17.15m set in 2008.
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
All parent/teacher interviews will be held the first Wednesday back of term 3, Wednesday 16th July. Letters have been sent home to families stating the time allocated for your student’s interview. Should you have any queries or concerns with regards to parent/teacher interviews please do not hesitate to contact the office.

SPRING RIDGE SMALL SCHOOLS SPORTS CARNIVAL
The annual Spring Ridge Small Schools Sports Carnival will be held at Spring Ridge on Friday 25th July 2014. This year Willow Tree Public School P&C will be responsible for running the canteen. Donations of cakes/slices will be needed for the day as well as helpers to serve in the canteen and help on the BBQ. If you are able to assist in the canteen throughout the day please contact Kelly Barwick, you do not have to be a P&C member to help in the canteen. This is a great little fundraiser for the P&C and it would be extremely appreciated if every family could donate a cake/slice to help out. A reminder that this is a school event and all students are expected to attend.

SCIENCE DISCOVERY AFTERNOON
The science discovery afternoon will be held the first Tuesday back of term 3, Tuesday 15th July. Students will take part in a fun, hands on afternoon full of exciting science experiments. Students who have not returned their permission note together with payment will be unable to participate.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Congratulations to Annabel Sevil and James Redgrove who competed in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition this week at Tamworth Public School. Although unsuccessful in gaining a position both students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We have been told that both Annabel and James delivered amazing speeches and were unlucky. Congratulations and well done to both these students.

CANTEEN
Mon 14th July - NO CANTEEN (Staff Development Day)
Wed 16th July – Sarah Thomas

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY
Term 3 Week 3
Sam Avard, Amber Fowler, Joshua Curmi, Jake Wamsley & Haley Fowler

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Belated birthday wishes to James Redgrove who celebrated his special day on Monday 23rd June. Happy Birthday wishes to Tara Barwick, Annabelle Avard and Mr. Ireland who will all celebrate their birthdays throughout the holidays. We hope you all have a fantastic day.

SAVE THE DATE
Party in the Paddock
Saturday 26th July 2014
Quirindi Heritage Village
10am-3pm
Supporting Friends of Children with Special Needs
SPRING RIDGE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE ANNUAL
FIREWORKS & BONFIRE NIGHT

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