PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE  
Term 3 Week 2

TREE LOPPING
This week workers have been tidying up our school playground with the removal and trimming of a number of trees. This has been a Workplace Health and Safety process to ensure the safety of all our students. All trees were assessed by professional Arborists and a full report was made available to the school outlining the safety and potential risks of a number of trees.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos were sent home with students earlier this week. A whole school photo together with school and sports captain’s photos are available for order from the front office. These photos are available to be viewed at the office prior to purchasing. Photos need to be ordered by Thursday 7th August 2014.

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE
Spelling Lists for the Premier’s Spelling Bee have been made available for all students in Years 3-6. An infant’s list will be released shortly for students to prepare for our school spell-off later this term. If your child is interested in participating in the school or Premier’s Spelling Bee, please send them to me for a word list if they do not already have one.

SPECIAL VISITORS
Next Thursday our school will host two special visitors for a short half-hour visit in the morning. Director of schools for the Wollemi Network, Mr. Mark Young will be visiting our school accompanied by a Director of Education from Finland. Students will have the opportunity to speak with Mr. Tehro about Finland and how schooling is different in their country. Mr Young and Mr Tehro will then stay for a short morning tea before heading off to visit other schools in the area.

WANTED – UTE TO TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT
This year Willow Tree Public School has been asked to supply a set of high-jump mats and poles for the Quirindi PSSA Zone Athletics carnival to be held on Friday 8th August. If you are able to assist in transporting this equipment to and from school to the Golland fields in Quirindi it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Mr Ireland if you are able to assist.

Calendar
JULY
25th – Spring Ridge Carnival
29th – Book Club Due

AUGUST
6th – CWA Internation Day
8th – Zone Athletics
12th – Kids Matter Launch at Wallabadah
13th – P&C Meeting 6pm
20th – 22nd – Aussie Bush Camp
Class Awards

K-1-2
Shanila Thompson – For terrific work in our activity about “Tom the Outback Mailman” and the rain.

Jasmine Fowler – For an excellent story and illustration about “Giddy the Goat”.

3-4-5-6
Cody Thompson – Congratulations on a really settled start to Term 3. Cody, you are working very well. Keep up the great work champion!!

Jack Swain – Excellent sportsmanship and leadership at the Small School’s Soccer Gala Day.

Mrs Ramage’s Awards
Annabelle Avard – For being a happy and well-mannered student, who always completes her work to the highest standard.

Jake Wamsley – For always trying his very best, especially with using his left hand.

SOCCER GALA DAY
Last Thursday students from years 3-6 attended a soccer gala day at the Golland Fields in Quirindi. Throughout the day our team played four games. The first game was against Premer which we were lucky enough to win 2-0. Our second game was against Quirindi Public school, this was a great game with Willow Tree coming out the winner 1-0. Our third and fourth games were against the combined teams of Premer and Spring Ridge, in the first game we were successful in winning 2-0 however the second game was a great game but we lost 0-2. All the students had a fantastic day and displayed excellent sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents who transported us to and from the soccer and to Mr Stutchbury for organising the event.

Pictured are the players who attended the soccer gala morning with team mascot, Joel Redgrove.
SPRING RIDGE SMALL SCHOOLS SPORTS CARNIVAL
Tomorrow is the annual small schools athletics carnival at Spring Ridge. A reminder to all families to please be at Spring Ridge by 8.45am ready to commence the march past. Full sports uniform is to be worn. All students are eligible to participate in their age race. Students were notified last week of the other events they have qualified to enter. If you are able to assist at the long-jump throughout the day please let Mrs McCarthy know, also if you are able to assist in the canteen throughout the day please see Kelly Barwick. We look forward to a friendly day of sporting competition. Go Willow Tree!!!!

PUPPET TRICKSTERS
On Tuesday 12th August students will be joining Wallabadah students at Wallabadah for a morning of fun activities relating to a new program “Kids Matter” finishing up with a puppet show “The Tricksters”. We would like to invite parents to come along and join in the activities at Wallabadah and if possible assist in transporting students to and from Wallabadah to help reduce the cost involved. Wallabadah will be hosting a BBQ lunch. Further details together with permission note will be sent home early next week.

ZONE ATHLETICS
The Quirindi PSSA Zone Athletics carnival will be held at the Golland Fields in Quirindi on Friday 8th August 2014. Notes for students who have qualified to participate at the Quirindi PSSA Zone carnival have been sent home. Parent helpers will be required to assist at the event our school is allocated throughout the day. If you are able to assist at some point throughout the day, please let Mr Ireland know.

CWA INTERNATIONAL DAY
This year students in years 3-6 have been invited to join the annual CWA International Day on Wednesday 6th August commencing at 10am. Students will either walk to the hall accompanied by staff or in the event of inclement weather travel by private car. The country of study this year is Botswana. Each year our school participates in this event where the CWA ladies kindly provide morning tea to the students. For students in years 3-6 please make sure the permission note on the back of the newsletter is completed and returned to the office by Friday 1st August 2014.

AUSSIE BUSH CAMP
A reminder to all families that FINAL payment for the Aussie Bush Camp excursion is due on 31st July 2014. Please make sure all medical and consent forms are completed and returned by then too. We have received the agenda for the camp and are very excited, it certainly will be a fun filled camp full of lots of exciting activities.

CANTEEN
Mon 26th July - Michele Wamsley
Wed 30th July – Caroline Sevil
For all canteen related enquiries, please contact Jacinda Moore – 0438 138065 Or jak_bug83@yahoo.com.au

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

*BOOK CLUB*
Book club due back at school on Tuesday 29th July 2014.

WALLABADAH HORSE SPORTS
Wallabadah Horse Sports will be held at Quirindi Showground on Monday 1st September 2014. Please see the office for entry form. Entries close 18th August 2014.

2014 INTERSCHOOL HORSE EXTRAVAGANZA
18-20th October - ALEC
For students 5 – 16+yrs Please see the office for an entry form.
CWA INTERNATIONAL DAY – YEARS 3-6

I give permission for my child/ren to attend and participate at the CWA International Day at the Willow Tree Hall on Wednesday 6th August 2014. I understand my child/ren will walk to and from the hall accompanied by staff or in the event of inclement weather will travel to and from by private car.

_________________________ (parent/guardian) _________________ (date)

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