**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

**Term 3 Week 4**

**KIDS MATTER**
Thank you to all of those families who have already responded to our special ‘Kids Matter’ Launch being held at Wallabadah Public School next Tuesday and thanks also to the parents who are planning to come along and share this special day with their child/children. An itinerary for the day has been listed below and we hope to see as many happy, smiling faces as possible on the day. Please note that all staff will be attending this launch at Wallabadah so there will be no supervision for students at school.

9.40 Depart Willow Tree School  
10:00 Schools arrive Morning Tea (provided)  
10:30 Session 1 - Resilience and Team building activities.  
Kids Matter Talk - Demountable  
11:10 Sip and Crunch break (Children to bring their own)  
11:20 Session 2 - Resilience and Team building activities.  
12:00 Team building session outside with Parachute and Earth Ball  
12:30 LUNCH - Sausage Sizzle and Cordial Cost $2  
1:30 “Puppet Tricksters” Performance.  
2:30 Finish - Return to school

Please make sure students have snacks and water packed for the day together with their hat. Full winter uniform is to be worn.

**LOST PROPERTY**
At present there is a large amount of lost property piling up. A lot of this is winter clothing that has not been labelled with a family name so it makes it difficult to find the owners. At the same time, a number of families are missing items of clothing that have been clearly labelled. It would be greatly appreciated if all families could check their children’s clothing that is coming home and if it belongs to someone else, please return it to school so it can be handed to the rightful owner. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

**MRS RAMAGE FAREWELL**
Baby Ramage will soon be making an appearance! Mrs Ramage will commence maternity leave from 22nd August. Students will be having a small “farewell & good luck” party with Mrs Ramage from 1.15 on Tuesday 19th August 2014. Each family is being asked to supply a plate to share at the party. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

**PRIVATE VEHICLE CONVEYANCE (PVC) SUBSIDY**
Transport for NSW is launching an online service for families who wish to apply for the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) Subsidy. PVC will improve the process for families, making it simpler with rapid confirmation to give families more clarity and certainty about their application. Any families who require more information or wish to apply for the PVC subsidy for the 2014 school year, please see Mrs Barnett for a brochure or visit [http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc).

**Calendar**

**AUGUST**  
8th - Zone Athletics  
12th - Kids Matter Launch at Wallabadah  
13th - P&C Meeting 6pm  
19th - Mrs Ramage - Farewell  
20th - 22nd - Aussie Bush Camp  
22nd - Mrs Ramage last day  
26th - K/1/2 Excursion  
27th - BookWeek activities

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School Spectacular

Sam Award – For a fabulous slideshow about his Dad’s trip to America. Well done Sam!

Amber Fowler – For a tremendous talk about bead making and the things she likes to make.

Josh Curmi – A great talk about his holiday to Kakadu.

Haley Fowler – An excellent talk about her bird ‘Rosie’.

Jake Wamsley – For a superb display of the tricks he can do with a boomerang.

Class Awards

K/1/2
Cody Sternbeck – Good effort in weekly Spelling. Terrific bookwork!

Shania Thompson – For good reading of her reader ‘The Big Yellow Castle.’

Ned Swain – Good work with Multiplication.

3/4/5/6
Amber Fowler – Excellent work in Maths and solving division problems with remainders.

Bridget Scoggin – Outstanding improvement in all areas of her schooling. Well done Bridget, keep up the super effort.

Sport Award
Tara, Giulia and James for cleaning the sport shed.

Mrs Ramage’s Awards
Emily Wamsley – For fabulous thinking and effort with our activities in science – ‘Sense of Direction’

Tara Barwick – For a terrific effort in our research activity about life cycles. A tremendous effort Tara!

Gold Certificates
Congratulations to Tara Barwick and Bella McCarthy on achieving their Gold Certificate. Well done girls!

Special Award
Gus Sevil – For giving 100% effort in Scripture class for the last 2 weeks, being thoughtful, prayerful and very hard working. Thank you!
CWA INTERNATIONAL DAY

Years 3/4/5/6 enjoyed a delicious morning tea yesterday with members of the Willow Tree CWA Branch. Thank you to Mrs Harris, President of the Willow Tree CWA and Mrs Thompson, International Officer of Willow Tree CWA together with their members for the warm welcome and hospitality. This year the country of study was Botswana. Students in years 3/4/5/6 had to design a poster relevant to Botswana. Students in K/1/2 completed a colouring in of Botswana. The colouring-in and posters were judged by the CWA. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded prizes for their efforts.

Kinder
1st – Brad Johnson
2nd – Kira-Lee Moore

Year 1
1st – Kyle Sternbeck
2nd – Gus Sevil

Year 2
1st – Katie Martin
2nd – Emily Wamsley

Year 3
1st – Hannah Watts

Year 4
1st – Darcy Devine
2nd – Sean Jones

Year 5
1st – Tara Barwick
2nd – Annabel Sevil

Year 6
1st – Giulia Duddy
2nd – Jack Swain

A Highly Commended was given to Zara McCarthy

Thank you to the members of the CWA who kindly donated two books to the school library. We appreciate the ongoing support of your organisation.

ZONE ATHLETICS

Good luck to all students who will be participating at the Quirindi PSSA Zone Athletics carnival tomorrow in Quirindi. We wish you all the very best and look forward to hearing all the results. Mr Ireland will be the teacher attending.

K/1/2 EXCURSION

Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will be travelling to The Australian Reptile Park on Tuesday 26th August 2014. Students have been sent home permission notes together with medical forms. Please make sure all forms are completed and returned to the office by 20th August 2014.

CANTEEN

Mon 11th August – Shelly Devine

Wed 13th August – Caroline Sevil

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Notice of P & C Meeting
Of
Willow Tree Public School
To be held
Wednesday 13th August, 2014 –
6pm in School Library

Agenda for the meeting is as follows:-
- Present/Apologies
- Reading of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Correspondence In/Out
- General Business
  * Treasurer’s Report
  * Canteen Report
  * Principal’s Report
  * Zinderella & Spring Ridge Wrap Up
  * Sand Pit Revamp
- Business Arising
- Closure of Meeting

All welcome to attend!!
Mr Peter Jenkins is compiling a book of the history of the Wallabaddah Races. If anyone happens to have any memorabilia from these popular race days please drop them in to Mrs Jenkins at school.