PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term 3 Week 8

SCHOOL CHESS TEAM
Over the past 12 months, Mrs Shirley Goodwin has been working with a number of our students during Friday lunch breaks to learn the game of chess. Three of these budding young Chess players will travel to Tamworth next week to participate in a one-day Chess Tournament against schools from throughout the region. James Redgrove, Jack and Billy Swain have been selected to represent our school at Tamworth Public School, NSW Junior Chess League Tournament. We wish the boys the very best of luck and hope they have a wonderful experience in the competition.

NAPLAN RESULTS RELEASED
Students in Years 3 and 5 today will bring home their NAPLAN results. NAPLAN assesses aspects of literacy including reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and writing, as well as numeracy. The results are shown in skill bands which indicate levels of achievement. The report also shows the national average and the schools average allowing you to see how your child’s performance compares with others who completed the NAPLAN tests. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s NAPLAN please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

BICYCLE & SAFETY FUN DAY
A Bicycle Safety & Fun Day has been planned for Thursday 18 September. The day will include a literacy session in classrooms, Mechanical Safety Testing, Skill Tests, Police Safety Talk and time spent on the Willow Tree Bike Track. All students are encouraged to bring their bike on the day along with all of the correct safety gear required including a helmet.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY
On behalf of all students and staff we would like to wish all our Fathers, Grandfathers, Pops a very Happy Father’s Day this Sunday!

LINKS FOR LIFE – DISABILITY EXPO
The Links for Life Disability Expo will be held in Tamworth on Thursday 18 September 2014. This expo is an opportunity for people with a disability, their carers, families, teachers and support network to learn more about what support and services are available throughout the area. If you or somebody you know may be interested in attending the Links for Life Disability Expo, please drop in and pick up a flyer from the school office.

Calendar

SEPTEMBER
5th – Chess Tournament - Tamworth
5th – Fathers Day Stall
10th – Environmental Presentation @ school
11th – Premier Spelling Bee
- Neningha
16th – Life Education Van
18th – Bicycle Safety & Fun Day

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Class Awards

Student of the Week
Bella McCarthy
For her enthusiasm and interest in learning. Bella works hard in all areas and is establishing good work habits.

K-1-2
Kira-Lee Moore – for her enthusiasm and behaviour on our excursion to the Australian Reptile Park.

Gus Sevil – for good reading of the story ‘Two Little goldfish.’

Kyle Sternbeck – for wonderful behaviour & for his great interest shown on our excursion to The Australian Reptile Park.

3/4/5/6
Annabelle Avard – being a delightful class member. Annabelle always enjoys learning and participates in all lessons with a positive attitude.

Leelan Watts – for his improvement in Maths.

Sports Award
Sophie Colquhoun – putting equipment away when not asked.

School Spectacular
Darcy Devine – Sharing his ribbons & trophy’s from sporting achievements.

Bella McCarthy – Demonstrating the art of ‘Loom Band’ making.

Molly McKinley – For a very tricky card trick!

Holly Martin – for a great recital of ‘Triantiwontigogolope’.

LIONS CLUB TALK
Last Thursday evening five of our students were invited to attend a Willow Tree Lions Club meeting and present a talk to members. Unfortunately Tara and Giulia were sick and unable to make the night. Well done to Annabel, James and Zara who all delivered fantastic speeches. Annabel spoke about depression and the impact on children. James delivered his speech that he presented earlier this term at the Public Speaking competition in Tamworth and Zara spoke about social media and was it safe for children and teens. Thankyou to Mr Barwick who organised the event and to the Willow Tree Lions club for their support of our school.
REGIONAL ATHLETICS
Congratulations to Emily Wamsley and Sam Avard who were part of the Quirindi Zone team who participated at the North West athletic carnival in Tamworth last Friday. Emily came 4th in her 100m heat and Sam came 6th in his discus. Unfortunately Giulia Duddy was sick and unable to participate at the carnival. Well done to the students!

PREMIER SPELLING BEE
Good luck to Jack Swain, James Redgrove, Darcy Devine and Bridget Scoggin who will be representing our school on Thursday 11th September at the regional spelling bee at Nenintha Public School. We wish you all the best of luck!

K/1/2 – CHANGE OF LIBRARY DAY
Please note that starting from next week, years Kinder, 1 & 2’s library day will change to a Monday. This change will continue for the rest of 2014.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN
Life Education New South Wales is a community-based, independent organisation at the front line of positive and preventative drug and health education. Specialist educators utilising their experience and training work with schools to develop programs to support the provision of best practice drug education. All programs are age specific and are fun and interesting. Healthy Harold will be visiting our school on Tuesday 16th September. Thank you to the Liverpool Plains Shire Council who subsidise the cost of this program allowing it to be free for students. Please complete the permission note on the back of the newsletter and return to the office by Friday 12th September. Although the program is free, students will not be able to attend without a signed permission note. Included in this week’s newsletter is an information pamphlet regarding Harold Merchandise, if your child/ren wish to purchase anything please make sure they bring their envelope with correct money on the day of the education van.

CANTEEN
Mon 8th September –
Kelly Barwick
Wed 10th September –
Tracy Swain

FATHERS DAY STALL
The P&C will be holding a Father’s Day stall at school tomorrow morning, Friday 5th September. Gifts will be available ranging in price from $2 - $6. Gift bags will be available to wrap your gift in for $1. Don’t forget your Dad this Father’s Day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Birthday wishes go out to Zara McCarthy for tomorrow the 5th, Billy Swain and Gus Sevill for the 6th and Sean Jones for the 10th September. We hope you all have a fantastic day.

MURRURUNDI SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING
Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd September
9am – 12am
Murrurundi Tennis Courts
For further information please collect a form from the office
LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Yes, I give permission for my child/ren __________________________to attend and participate in the Life Education Van at Willow Tree Public School on Tuesday 16th September 2014.

Parent/guardian __________________________ Date __________________________

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