PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term 3 Week 8

IT’S A GIRL
Charlotte Anne Ramage was born 8.13am yesterday, 10th September weighing in at a healthy 7lb 5oz and 54cm long. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs and Lucy Ramage on the safe arrival of their gorgeous new daughter and little sister. We can’t wait to meet Charlotte.

ENVIRONMENTAL PRESENTATION
Yesterday students were excited to participate in an environmental presentation on behalf of Envirocom and the Liverpool Plains Shire Council Resource Recovery Education Program. Kinder, Year 1 & Year 2 gained an extremely interesting insight into worms! Students learnt all about worms, where they live, what they eat, what they don’t eat and what they are actually good for. The exciting part was being able to feel and touch worms as they wiggled and jigged around their hands. One worm even took off up Ned’s jumper sleeve! Luckily we found it. Years 3/4/5 & 6 attended a presentation on litter. They learnt about the importance of not to litter and the impact it can have on the environment, including animals. It was very interesting to see how littering can have a major impact on so many things. Thank you to Maura who delivered the presentations to our students.

BIKE SAFETY & FUN DAY
Information was sent out last week regarding our bike safety day to be held next Thursday. Don’t forget to make sure your push bikes are in a good working order so some fun can be had on the bike track. Students are to wear their sports uniform.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
Friday 19th September will be an out of uniform day for students. Please make sure students still wear sensible shoes and clothes as Friday is our sports day.

Calendar

SEPTEMBER
16th – Life Education Van
18th – Bicycle Safety & Fun Day
19th – Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER
6th – Public Holiday
7th – Term 4 commences
15th – BBQ & Playground
Planning session followed by Horse Sports meeting

NOVEMBER
19th – P&C Meeting
K-1-2
Isabella Harkin – Trying hard to write about our ‘Taste Experience’

Stirling Gallagher – Improvement this week in writing that makes sense!

Brad Johnson – Always completing work with great enthusiasm

3/4/5/6
Annabel Sevil – Consistent effort in Reading to improve fluency, comprehension and word attack skills.

Sean Jones – Confident and enthusiastic learner in Maths lessons. Sean picks new concepts up quickly and applies these to independent tasks.

Sports Award
Kira-Lee Moore – Always having a smile, getting in and having fun!

Gold Certificates:
Congratulations to Haley Fowler, Holly Martin & Molly McKinley on receiving a Gold Certificate. Well done girls!

QSSAF 2014
Once again the Quirindi Small School Arts Festival will be held in December this year. Further information regarding this will be sent out next term but please keep Friday 5th December free as the tentative date.

CHECK MATE!
Not a chance against our chess team of James, Jack and Billy as they blitzed their way through a competitive field of 34 teams to come out in 7th place! Wow! This is a fantastic achievement. The boys attended a regional chess tournament last Friday in Tamworth where 34 teams competed. Chess is a relatively new thing at our school but these three boys held their composure and fought their way through some gruelling matches to come out in a commendable 7th place. Thank you to Kathy Redgrove who transported the team to the tournament and Joel Redgrove for being their support crew.
SCIENCE FUN

K/1/2 have been busy learning about their senses in science this term. Last week, students were lucky enough to experience test tasting food with Miss Fitzpatrick. The students pulled some funny faces as they experienced; sour, sweet, bitter and salty. A lot of fun was had as they classified the different goods into their categories.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

A reminder to all families that 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 tomorrow, Friday 12th September. Although the program is free, students will not be able to attend without a signed permission note. Included in last week’s newsletter was 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.

WELCOME MISS BALE

We would like to welcome Miss Amanda Bale who has joined our school for the remainder of the year. Miss Bale will be taking over Mrs Ramages maternity position for the remainder of 2014. K/1/2 will now have their library on a Monday.

We thank Miss Fitzpatrick who stood in the position over the past couple of weeks until Miss Bale could join us.

WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS

Yes, it’s that time again where we start planning for 2015 Willow Tree Public School Horse Sports. We will be holding a quick meeting following the playground planning session on 15th October to establish if we have enough people willing to assist with the planning for the 2015 Horse Sports. The Horse Sports is our major fundraiser for the year and all help is greatly appreciated. We will be looking for a sponsorship co-ordinator and a raffle co-ordinator, if you are willing to take on one of these roles we would love to hear from you. Please contact Angus Sevil or come along to our horse sports meeting.

CANTEEN

Mon 15th September –
Jacinda Moore

Wed 17th September –
Kath Redgrove

The canteen is looking for volunteers to fill the roster for term 4. If you are able to help, please fill in the roster enclosed in this weeks newsletter and return to the office or contact Jacinda Moore 0438 138065

P&C NEWS

The P&C will be holding a BBQ & planning session at the school from 5.30pm 15th October to discuss options for improving our current playground. The P&C has discussed the option of revamping the current sandpit, lying soft fall around the playground area, a BBQ area. Everyone is welcome to come along with suggestions on how we can continue to improve our school and make it a welcoming place.

The Willow Tree Lions Club invite you to an evening with
Neville Holz
Chairman of Unique Australian Horse Sports
Come along and enjoy dinner and listen to Neville as he shares some of his experiences in organizing events around the Sydney Olympic Games
Thursday 25th September
6.30 for 7.00pm
Willow Tree Bowling Club
Bookings are essential for catering
RSVP by 20th September to
Earl 67471500 or
Neil 67471755
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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