PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 3

SCHOOL PLANNING
Last week all families would have received an A3 page about dreaming/visioning for Willow Tree Public School. This page is part of the consultation process I am going through to prepare our School Plan for the next 3 years. Thank you to those families who have returned their feedback, it has been extremely helpful and valuable to the process. I urge as many families as possible to participate in this wonderful opportunity, particularly with any fresh and innovative ideas some of you may have. Here at Willow Tree we are always looking for new and innovative ways to engage our students in learning.

3/4/5/6 READING/ENGLISH HELPERS REQUIRED
Every day, Reading is a focus for learning in our classrooms. If there are any parents, carers, grandparents or community members who would be willing to come into our school and work closely with students on their reading skills it would be greatly appreciated. A reading timetable will be sent home next week. If you are able to support our learning at any of the allocated times, please fill in the form and return it to school. We thank you in anticipation of your support.

SIDS FOR KIDS RALLY
On Monday 23rd March our school will be having a visit from a Sids for Kids Bush Rally. The P&C will be catering for the event and helpers will be required to assist with serving of lunch. If you are able to help throughout the morning of Monday 23rd, please contact the school. This promises to be a fun filled morning all whilst supporting a fantastic cause. Further details will be in next week's newsletter.

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY CHANGES
This year, our school spectacular assemblies will change to a Public Speaking Assembly. This will provide our students with a wonderful opportunity to work on and build their skills of speaking in public, which we all know can be quite difficult. Information and an assembly schedule will be sent home in the near future outlining the requirements for each stage group and when students will be required to present their speech. It was decided that this year, students would have free choice of topic to make the process easier for them to participate. Students may seek teacher assistance in preparing for their speech, but this should be done well in advance of their allocated date. Happy Public Speaking to all!!

Katie Martin who was successful in breaking the Byr girls 50m Freestyle record at the swimming carnival last Friday.

Calendar

FEBRUARY 2015
13th – Zone Swimming Carnival

MARCH
3rd – Regional Swimming
4th – P&C AGM
6th – Balindford Horse Sports
20th – WT Horse Sports
23rd – Sids 4 Kids Rally
23rd – Hallogen Youth Conference

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2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The weather was in our favour on Friday for our annual swimming carnival. What always amazes staff is the way our students always ‘have a go’. Our swimming carnival was another example of how proud we are of our students, whether they were competing against or supporting their fellow peers they always show amazing sportsmanship. A huge thank you to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and community members who come along and support and encourage our students, we know they love having you all there.

Well done to the following students who were awarded Champions & Runner-up champions in their age division

**Minor Girl**
Champion – Holly Martin
Runner Up - Kira-Lee Moore

**Minor Boy**
Champion - Jake Wamsley
Runner-up - John Thomas

**Junior Girl**
Champion - Katie Martin
Runner-up - Emily Wamsley

**Junior Boy**
Champion - Ned Swain
Runner up - Stirling Gallagher

**11yr Girl**
Champion - Annabelle Avard
Runner Up - Amber Fowler

**11yr Boy**
Champion - Cody Thompson
Runner up - Darcy Devine

**Senior Girl**
Champion - Tara Barwick
Runner up - Annabel Sevil

**Senior Boy**
Champion - Billy Swain
Runner up - James Redgrove

It was a fantastic battle between Waratah and Banksia all day! Congratulations to Banksia who took home the N&K Barwick Trophy for the winning house.

Congratulations to Leelan Watts who was the recipient of the R&S Harris trophy for participation and to Annabelle Avard who was awarded the Schofield Family Trophy for the highest point scorer. A special mention to Katie Martin who was successful in breaking the 8yr girl 50m freestyle record.

The previous record of 50.70 was set by Alice Evans in 1988, Katie took a whopping 6 seconds off the record to set a new one of 44.12sec. Congratulations Katie.

Thank you to all helpers prior to and throughout the day, your help is always appreciated.
2015 ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Good luck to all our swimmers who will be representing Willow Tree Public School at the Quirindi Zone Swimming carnival in Werris Creek tomorrow, Friday 13th February. Miss Bale will be the teacher in charge. Please make sure you have your name marked off with Miss Bale when you arrive and leave the carnival. Parent helpers will be needed to help time throughout the day. We wish you all the very best and look forward to hearing everyone’s fantastic results.

CANTEEN – TERM 2
The P&C have decided to change the day of canteen in Term 2 to a Wednesday. Our school canteen relies on volunteers to run the canteen each week. Our students love being able to order their lunch and purchase their morning tea from our canteen. A roster will be placed in the canteen for any volunteers or alternatively please contact canteen co-ordinator, Jacinda Moore on 0438 138065 to express your interest. Jacinda will be more than willing to assist any new volunteers. The canteen is certainly an asset we don’t want to lose at the school.

WILLLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C 2015 HORSE SPORTS
The annual P&C Horse Sports is scheduled to be held at the Willow Tree Recreation Grounds on Friday 20th March 2015. This is our P&C’s largest fundraiser for the year and we need YOUR help! You don’t have to be horse orientated to be involved in helping with the horse sports. A canteen is also part of the horse sports, the running of the canteen is a huge job considering it is open from 7.30am for breakfast. All proceeds raised from our fundraising efforts go back into our school and students. We would encourage all parents to come along and help out, even if it’s only for a short time in the canteen. It can also be a great social day working with fantastic people. If you are able to assist with helping at the horse sports, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

MATHS PLUS TEXT BOOKS
Each year students are issued with a Maths Plus text book. These text books are used in a maths lesson to consolidate what students have been focusing on in the maths lesson that day. The cost of the Maths Plus text book is $15 per student. Please complete the note that was sent home with the newsletter and return to school together with payment by Friday 6th March 2015. Please note, part payments can be made at the office at any time.

BOOK CLUB
A reminder for families wishing to order book club to please have all orders in by tomorrow, Friday 13th.

CANTEEN
Monday 9th Feb – Caroline Sevil
Don’t forget, our canteen is open on Mondays this term. Our volunteers provide a fantastic service to our students. If you have any queries please contact canteen co-ordinator, Jacinda Moore on 0438138065 or email jak_bug83@yahoo.com.au

VACANCIES
Positions available
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Operating Hours
9am – 3pm
Subsidies available for Indigenous children and families with a current Health Care Card
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