PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 5

CAPERS 2015
Willow Tree Public School will once again be participating in CAPERS in 2015. This event is a regional spectacular of massed dance, choir, drama and musical performances. Involvement in CAPERS is an enormous commitment but provides students with an amazing opportunity and a fantastic memory of their school years. At Willow Tree, we ask all students from Year 1 – Year 6 to participate and take part in this event. An expression of interest note will be sent home in the near future asking for a commitment from families to participate in CAPERS.

BEST START
Mrs Jenkins has worked hard over the past few weeks finalising Best Start assessments for our new Kindergarten students. All families should have received their feedback forms relating to the assessment process with some tips/pointers on how parents can support the learning process at home. If you have any questions regarding Best Start, please do not hesitate to contact the school and make an appointment to speak with Mrs Jenkins.

THANK YOU
You may have noticed that our newsletters have changed this term with new sponsors appearing on the back page. We would like to thank all the sponsors for sponsoring our newsletters. We encourage all families to support our sponsors who support us.

RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION
Next Tuesday students in Years K-2 will have the opportunity to participate in the Responsible Pet Education program. This initiative teaches students how to act responsibly around pets and how to care for their own animals in a responsible manner. The program is free of charge and is always a rewarding and positive experience for our infant’s students.

BOB TURNER WILDLIFE SHOW
Our K/1/2 class have been invited to the Pre-School on Monday 9th March for the Bob Turner Wildlife Show. This show has always been a fantastic, hand-on experience for our students who get up close and personal with some great animals. The cost of the show is $5.00 per student. Permission notes have been sent home with students. Please make sure the permission note is returned to school together with payment by Wednesday 4th March.

Calendar

MARCH
3rd – Regional Swimming
4th – P&C AGM
5th – Solid State Circus & Zoo Keeper Performance
6th – Blandford Horse Sports
9th – Bob Turner Wildlife Show – K/1/2
20th – WT Horse Sports
23rd – Sids 4 Kids Rally
23rd – Hallogen Youth Conference
School Assembly

Hosts: Annabel Sevil & Billy Swain

Student of the Week

James Redgrove – James is a model student. He puts all of his efforts into every task and has a genuine love of learning. James is an outstanding role model for all students and is an extremely valued member of Willow Tree Public School.

Awards

K/1/2
Damien Symonds – for being a good quiet worker and for a great effort in reading.

Brad Johnson – for a good story about sheep and neatly presented work.

Latoyah Fleming – for working well in reading and trying hard to learn skip counting by 5’s.

3/4/5/6
Thomas Ward – for settling in well at Willow Tree Public School.


Miss Bale’s Awards

Tyler Ellis – for working hard in science. Great work determining natural and man made objects.

Hannah Watts – excellent behaviour in library. Well done.

Sports Award

Jasmine Fowler – for putting away other children’s equipment.

Gold Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who each received a gold certificate at this week’s assembly – Annabel Sevil, Amber Fowler, Jasmine Fowler, Haley Fowler, Gus Sevil, Sean Jones, Darcy Devine & Bella McCarthy.

A gold certificate is received when students hand in five merit certificates.
YOUNG AUSTRALIAN WORKSHOP & ZOO KEEPER PERFORMANCE
Solid State Circus is a fresh Australian comedy acrobatics troupe. The tightly packed, high energy show features an array of circus skills, including mini tramp, juggling and high level acrobatics! If you don’t know the difference between a backflip and a backsault, then this is the show for you! Willow Tree Public School will be travelling to Wallabadah Public School on Thursday 5th March 2015. Students will leave school at 9am that morning where they will attend the circus performance at Wallabadah. At the completion of the Solid State Circus performance students will remain at Wallabadah for lunch before heading to Quirindi Public School for a performance by the Anglican Church, Zoo Keeper. The school has subsidised the cost to make it as low as possible for students. Please make sure permission notes together with payment are returned to school by Tomorrow.

SIDS FOR KIDS RALLY
SIDS Adventure Treks is a group of Queensland Adventurers who embrace “being silly” for a good cause. The Trekkers are passionate about raising funds to help SIDS save babies lives and provide bereavement support services. Willow Tree Public School will be hosting a group of trekkers on Monday 23rd March 2015. The P&C will be catering for approximately 50 trekkers who will start arriving at our school from 11am. We have it on good authority that Elmo and Elvis could be making an appearance! Parents are invited to come along and join in the fun day of activities. Keep your eye out for further information in coming newsletters.

PUBLIC SPEAKING ASSEMBLY
As mentioned in our previous newsletters, Public Speaking assemblies will replace the former School Spectacular Assemblies. Our first Public Speaking Assembly will be on:

Friday 6th March:
James Redgrove, Amber Fowler, Hannah Watts, Katie Martin

Students can prepare a 2-3 minute speech on a topic of their choice to present to the assembly. Ideas that students can talk about are; their favourite pet, a hobby, a sport, a sports person, their idol, their favourite holiday, their family or simply a topic of their choice. The idea of this activity is to encourage students to feel confident while speaking to a public audience.

REGIONAL SWIMMING
Good luck to all our swimmers who will be representing Quirindi SSA at the North West Swimming Trials on Tuesday 3rd March. We wish you all the best of luck and look forward to hearing all your results.

MATHS PLUS TEXT BOOKS
A reminder to families that payment for Maths Plus Text Books are due by Friday 6th March 2015.

QUIRINDI WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER
“Grand Finale” Ruby & Crystal Ball March 7 2015
Silent and Live Auction items – Meal and Entertainment Come along and support this fantastic cause Tickets available at Quirindi Newsagency

CANTEEN
Monday 2nd March – Bev Thornton

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, Please complete the roster included with this newsletter if you are able to volunteer a day 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.

Quirindi Junior Basketball Registration Days February 28th & March 14th 9:30am – 11:30am Quirindi High School Hall
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