PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 7

CAPERS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - APOLOGY
An expression of interest for students wishing to participate in CAPERS 2015 was sent home last week. Please note that an error has been made on this note. The expression of interest is for students in years 2-6 only. Please make sure notes are returned to the office by tomorrow, Friday 13th March. I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

SID'S FOR KIDS RALLY DAY
The Sids for Kids Rally will be visiting our school on Monday 23rd March 2015. The Rally cars will begin to arrive at school from mid-morning. It promises to be lots of fun for our students with a whisper that even some famous characters will be making an appearance. A reminder to families that there will be NO normal CANTEEN on this day, if students wish to order from the BBQ they will need to have the order form back to school by tomorrow, Friday 13th March. There will be cupcakes for sale at morning tea time for students at 50c ea. There will be some fun activities for students to join in at 20c a turn. Students are encouraged to come dressed in red for the day. Red noses will be for sale for the children to wear for $1, all proceeds will be donated back to Sids for Kids. Please come along and support this occasion and cheer along the rally drivers.

SCIENCE EXPO
On Thursday 26th March, our whole school along with students from Wallabadah PS will be attending a Science Expo at Quirindi High School. Students will be treated to a science demonstration by the High School and will then participate in a number of hands-on scientific workshops throughout the day. Students will travel to and from school to the high school by bus. The cost of the day will be $5.00 per student. This day promises to be a fun and exciting day for all students. Please complete the permission note included in this week’s newsletter and return to the office by Tuesday 24th March 2015.

Calendar

MARCH
20th – WT Horse Sports
23rd – Sids 4 Kids Rally
23rd – Hallogen Youth Conference
25th – PSSA State Swimming
26th – Science Fest
School Assembly

Sophie Colquhoun: Always on task, tries to do her best work & she follows the school rules.

Awards
K/1/2
Zac Gallagher: For a great effort in all learning areas.
Holly Martin: For good work with fractions & surveys.
Stirling Gallagher: For interesting sentences using weekly spelling words.

3/4/5/6
Tara Barwick: Excellent use of language and technique in Descriptive Writing Lessons.
Emily Wamsley: Outstanding effort and application to Reading Tasks.

Miss Bale’s Awards
Thomas Ward: For always taking care of books in the library.
Shania Thompson: For excellent behaviour in the library.

Sports Award
Bridget Scoggin: For always having a smile on her face during sport.

Gold Certificate
Congratulations to James Redgrove on receiving a Gold Certificate

Key Ring
Amber Fowler has achieved a Willow Tree Public School Key Ring after she had received eight Gold Principal’s Certificates. Congratulations Amber!

Public Speaking
The following students spoke about their chosen topic. They all delivered an informative and interesting speech. Well done to our first group of Public Speakers.

James Redgrove on Movies
Hannah Watts on Calves
Katie Martin on Water skiing
Amber Fowler on Katy Perry

Special Award
James Redgrove was awarded a School Glass as a reward for achieving ten Gold Principal’s Certificates. Fantastic effort James!
BOB TURNER WILDLIFE SHOW
Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students had a fantastic time when they joined with Willow Tree Pre School students for the Bob Turner Wildlife show. Students were excited to learn about the different reptiles and were able to interact with many of them. Some students had frogs and lizards climbing on them and some braver students had a snake around them! Thank you to the Willow Tree Pre School for inviting us to be part of the show and to the Bob Turner Wildlife show for an enjoyable experience.

ZONE SOCCER TRIALS
Tomorrow a group of senior students will travel to Quirindi to vie for selection in the Quirindi Zone PSSA Soccer Teams. We would like to wish Annabelle Avard, Tara Barwick, Billy Swain and Dominic Hyde the best of luck in their selection trials and we are sure they will be outstanding representatives of Willow Tree Public School.

INTERSCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION
Good luck to our chess team of James Redgrove, Billy Swain, Darcy Devine & Gus Sevil who will travel to Tamworth next Tuesday to compete in the interschool chess competition. We know you will all represent our school with pride and try your best. Good luck!

WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS
Our annual Horse Sports is scheduled to be held next Friday at the Willow Tree Recreation Grounds. A working bee will be held on Thursday 19th March to help set up for the day. If you are able to assist please contact Angus Sevil. The Horse Sports is our P&C’s biggest fundraiser throughout the year and we need your help! Enclosed in the newsletter is a request from events co-ordinator, Kelly Barwick, asking for donations of cakes/slices for the canteen at the Horse Sports. All help and donations are greatly appreciated. We aim to make this horse sports as successful as our previous horse sports events.

CANTEEN
Monday 16th March - Kath Redgrove

CANTEEN – TERM 2
If you are able to volunteer a day, 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.

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

Friday 27th March:
Billy Swain, Cody Thompson, Bella McCarthy

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 sportsperson, 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.
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Hi Everyone,

As you may, or may not be aware, our School is hosting its annual horsesports Friday week (20th March). It's a huge undertaking for our little school, but it is a great day & a great fundraiser.

I am organising the canteen on the day, and I need all of your assistance. If you are able to donate a scrummy homemade cake, slice or batch of cookies, that would be fantastic! But please be mindful of any nut allergies. If you are able to send it in to school on Thursday, I will be coming & going all day preparing for Friday. Any unsold cooking & all containers will be returned to the school canteen for your collection.

I also require lots of helpers in the canteen & on the BBQ throughout the day. If you are able to spare some time on Friday 20th March (or can ask someone else to come & help) please ring, text, or email me beforehand & I will put together a roster.

All help is greatly appreciated.

Cheers

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SCIENCE EXPO
Quirindi High School
Thursday 26th March 2015

I give permission for my child/ren ____________________________ to attend and participate in the science expo day at Quirindi High School on Thursday 26th March 2015. I understand travel to and from the high school will be by Howards Bus. Please find enclosed $_______ being payment of $5.00 per student.

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Parent/Guardian             Date