

### School Spectacular Assembly

**Rhianna Romans** – a fun demonstration of using a hoola hoop

**Emily Wamsley** – fantastic Christmas decoration skills

**Leah Downes** – spectacular dance routine to 'Footloose'

### Class Awards

#### K/1

**Bella McCarthy** – for being caring and inclusive in encouraging participation by the new pre-schoolers

**Kiera Bailey** – working hard all week in English

#### 2/3/4

**Tyson Dawson** – Great improvement with reading and sounds

**Brooke Bailey** – outstanding effort in drama. Great vocal projection and expression

#### 5/6

**Jasmin Fisher** – excellent improvement in discussion writing activities

**Kiesha Dawson** – huge improvement in classroom and playground attitude

### Library Awards

**Javanna Dawson** – always trying her best

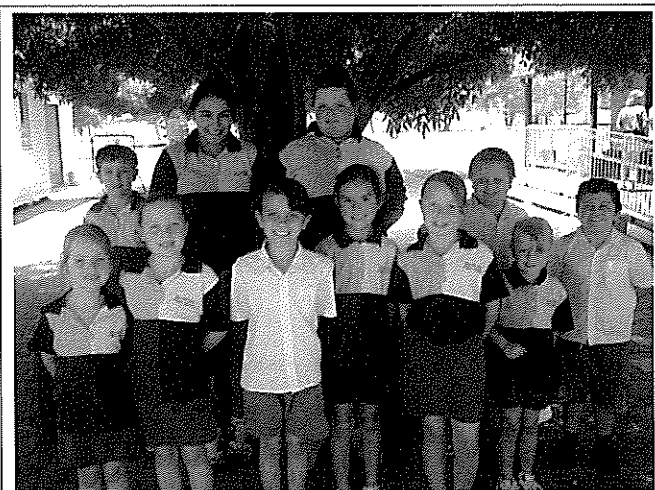
**Helena Oates-Herrera** – being a helpful class member this week

### Sports Award

**Rhianna Romans** – playing nicely in the sandpit

### Special Award

**James Devine** – for being a helpful and friendly student to our pre-schoolers

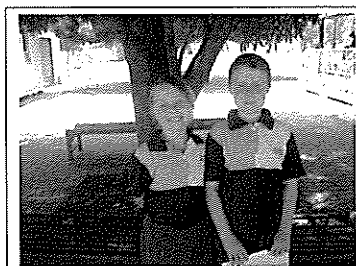


### Gold Certificates

Congratulations to Brooke Bailey on her achievement of a gold certificate

### Cloth Patch

Congratulations to James Redgrove on achieving a cloth patch



### Intensive Swimming

Congratulations to the students who successfully completed the 2012 intensive swimming scheme.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Earlier this semester the Quirindi Library held a colouring in competition throughout the shire to coincide with Book Week. Students were given the opportunity throughout Library to complete and enter the competition in which our school gained many prizes, an outstanding effort from our students. On Monday Mayor Lobsey together with Librarian, Marcela Krasny and current councillors attended our school to present the following students with their awards.

#### Kindergarten

3<sup>rd</sup> – Katie Martin  
HC – Emily Wamsley

#### Year 1-2

2<sup>nd</sup> – Ceila Cropper  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Darcy Devine  
HC – Amber Downes  
HC – Hannah Watts

#### Year 3-4

1<sup>st</sup> – Annabel Sevil  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Tara Barwick  
HC – Brooke Bailey  
HC – Edward Cropper

#### Year 5-6

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kiesha Dawson  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Jack Avar  
HC – Dane Saunders  
HC – Declan Fuz

Thank you also to Miss Fitzpatrick for coordinating the competition at school.



### COMBINED SCRIPTURE SERVICE

The combined scripture service will be held next Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Anglican Church in Willow Tree at 12noon. Students will travel by private car to and from school to the church where they will participate in the service. Please make sure the permission note is signed and returned to school by Monday or your child/ren will be unable to attend.

### SWIMMING FOR SPORT

Swimming for sport will continue each Friday until the end of term. The cost for swimming for sport is \$6.00 per student (\$3 bus + \$3 pool entry). A reminder to all parents that if your child is not swimming at the pool they are still required to attend with the rest of the school as there is no supervision at school. The cost for non-swimmers is \$5.00 per week.

### PRESENTATION EVENING

As you are aware the presentation evening will be held next Thursday evening. Full summer uniform is to be worn at the evening. Students are able to wear their sports uniform to school on Thursday to enable their summer uniforms to remain clean for the evening.



### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ITEMS STILL NEEDED!!

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Christmas hamper. Tickets have been sent home to each family. Please make sure ALL tickets are returned sold or unsold to school by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The hamper will be drawn at the presentation evening.

### END OF YEAR REWARDS DAY

Don't forget to hand in your permission notes and payment for the end of year rewards day. Notes and payments **MUST** be handed in by Tomorrow, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012 so catering can be finalised. Students who do not have the note handed in will be unable to attend.

### CANTEEN

**Mon** – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Kay & Camilla  
**Wed** – 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Tracey & Michelle  
There will be **NO** canteen Monday 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

**Please Note:** There will be no flavoured milk for the rest of the term.

A reminder that Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December is Hot Dog & Taco Day at the canteen. These will be the only two options for lunch this day.



### COMBINED SCRIPTURE SERVICE

I give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the combined scripture service at the Anglican Church, Willow Tree on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012. I understand transport to and from school will be by private car.

Parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to assist with transporting students to and from the combined service. I can transport \_\_\_\_\_ students.

#### Willow Tree Lions Club Christmas Chocolate Wheel

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Willow Tree Bowling Club – 6.30pm  
Hams, Chickens, Xmas Cakes & Puddings

#### Warrah Creek Hall Christmas Party/Tree

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Warrah Creek Hall - 5pm  
Bring gift to value of \$15 for child  
Bring own meat & salad/sweet to share.  
Further information contact Deb Stinson  
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Term 4 Week 9

#### School Captains 2013! Who will it be?

Don't forget that this Friday many of our Year 5 students will be delivering their speeches to support their campaign to become school captain in 2013. It would be wonderful to see a large number of parents come along to support these students. Speeches will take place at 10am and if the weather permits, we will hold this assembly outdoors, under the COLA.

#### Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Tonight we bid a formal farewell to our Year 6 Class of 2012. Although they are still required to attend school for the remainder of the year, tonight we are holding their annual farewell dinner. This year we will be holding the event at the White Hart in Murrurundi and all the kids are very excited and looking forward to the night. I would like to publicly take this opportunity to wish Year 6 the very best for high school and the future. And I hope these 9 wonderful students always remember the great times they have had here at Willow Tree Public School.

#### Presentation Evening

Next Thursday our presentation evening will take place in the Willow Tree Community Hall, starting at 6:30pm. This event is an opportunity for our school to acknowledge the outstanding contributions that some of our students make to school life whether academically, socially or in the sporting arena. Please come along on the night in support of all the outstanding students that make Willow Tree PS the delightful community school that it is today.

#### Farewell Miss McAllister

This week we will farewell Miss McAllister who has been working in the Kinder/Year One classroom for the last 4 weeks. Miss McAllister has been working under the guidance of Mrs Jenkins and we hope she enjoyed her time and experience here at Willow Tree PS. We would also like to wish her lots of success in the future and throughout her teaching career.

#### Home Readers/Library Books

It's that time of the year when all home readers and library books need to be returned to school. If your child/ren happen to have any home readers or library books, it

would be appreciated if they could be returned to school by the end of next week.

#### Canteen Closure

It is with much sadness that the P&C have had to make the decision to close the canteen in Term 1 next year as they have been unable to secure a canteen coordinator. If you know of anyone or are willing yourself to take on the canteen coordinator role please contact the school or P&C President, Kath Bailey. The canteen is a profitable fundraiser for the school as well as a fantastic facility. The P&C are hopeful that a solution can be found to prevent this being a permanent arrangement.

## Calendar

December  
6 – Year 6 farewell dinner  
11 – Combined Scripture Service  
13 – Presentation Evening  
18 – Movie & Bowling rewards day

January 2013  
29 – Staff return to school  
30 – Students return to school

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