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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 4 Week 10

Final Breeze for 2012! Thanks, Great News & Merry Christmas!

This edition of 'The Breeze' will be the final one for the 2012 school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, parents and wider school community for all of their support in my role as Relieving Principal here at Willow Tree for the past three terms. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this beautiful setting and am very pleased to say that I will be returning in 2013 as Relieving Principal.

I would also like to wish everybody a very safe and happy Christmas and an enjoyable New Year.

Presentation Evening

Tonight sees the return of Willow Tree Public Schools Presentation Evening. This event is about recognising the wonderful social, cultural, academic and sporting contributions that our students make to the school. Please make arrangements to come along and enjoy the awards, performances and supper on offer.

Movies/Bowling

Next week our school will be travelling to Tamworth for a fun day. Students who have returned their notes and money will be heading to the movie cinemas and then going ten pin bowling. Please ensure your note and money is returned so your child is able to attend.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Last Thursday we said farewell to a wonderful group of students, who will be taking the big step and heading off to high school in 2013. Our 9 wonderful Year 6 students all dressed for the occasion had a delicious meal at the White Hart in Murrurundi and were presented with their gifts from the school. Thank you to all the staff and parents who attended the evening and made it a lovely night to remember.

Semester Two Reports

Very soon your child's end of year report will be sent home. Please take the time to sit down and discuss with your child what their teacher has reported. Identify some areas where your child might need to focus on for improvement in 2013. At the same time it is important to recognise the areas they have performed well in.

If you would like to discuss your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.

Students Return

Students will return to school on Wednesday 30th January 2013 however the office will be open from Tuesday 29th January when staff returns.



Calendar

December
13 – Presentation Evening
18 – Movie & Bowling rewards day

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

School Assembly

Student of the Week

Amber Fowler – for a settled, great attitude towards learning and for being a good school citizen

K/1

Ned Swain – for great listening in class activities

Hannah Watts – for being a polite, conscientious student

2/3/4

Codeyn Martyn – for a settled week and great Math test results

Edward Cropper – for excellent achievement in all areas

Billy Swain – for excellent achievement in all areas

5/6

Cooper Harris – being an outstanding role-model and caring for all younger students

Jack Avard – excellent participation and involvement in debating activities

Library Awards

Kiera Bailey – great effort in classroom activities

Sports Award

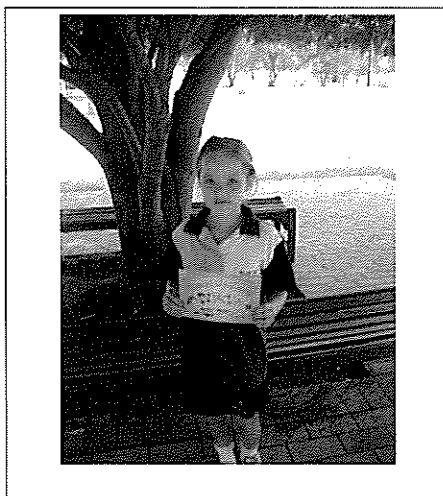
Lily McKenzie – for helping Declan in the sports shed

Gold Awards

Congratulations to **Molly Elford** and **Kiera Bailey** for achieving a gold award.

School Pen

A school pen is awarded when a student gains 10 gold certificates. Congratulations to **Jasmin Fisher** for obtaining a school pen.



END OF YEAR REWARDS DAY

The end of year movie/ten-pin bowling day will take place next Tuesday, 18th December. The bus will be leaving school at 9.10am sharp! Please make sure students are at school by this time. Students will travel to Tamworth by bus where we will be seeing the movie "The rise of the Guardian" in 3D, followed by lunch and a game of ten-pin bowling at Strike Bowling. Students will be able to purchase from the snack bar at the cinema, however students will be responsible for their own money. The cinema has a special offer available to school students, a small pepsi or water and small popcorn for \$3.50. It is advisable that students still pack some snacks and a water bottle. The bus will return to school by 3pm. A reminder to students that they are to wear sports uniform on Tuesday.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT

Tomorrow is our last day for swimming for sport for 2012. Costs remain the same \$6.00 per student or \$3.00 if you have a season ticket. Tomorrow we will leave school half an hour earlier to go to the pool. Seeing as though this is the last day for swimming students will be able to purchase from the canteen at the pool.

LIBRARY BOOKS/HOME READERS

A reminder to all families to please make sure all library books and home readers that have been bought home throughout the year are returned to school. Thank you.

2013 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Last Friday our year five school captain candidates delivered their speeches to the school. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of these students who did us all proud. The standard of their speeches together with the way they composed themselves and delivered their speeches was commendable and made it an extremely hard choice for all who voted. We are very lucky to have such a high standard of students in our school. Congratulations to Sophie Cropper and Cooper Harris who were elected the 2013 school captains.

PRESENTATION EVENING

Our presentation evening kicks off tonight at 6.30pm. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate our students achievements throughout 2012 combined with performances from each classroom. If each family could bring a plate to share for supper it would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all there.

CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE

Last week catholic scripture students bid farewell to Mrs Helen Swain as she retired after completing over 25 years of scripture teaching. Thank you Mrs Swain for your dedication to the students. We wish you well in your retirement.

COMBINED SCRIPTURE SERVICE

Yesterday we held our combined scripture service at the Anglican Church. It was fantastic to see most students attending the service. Thank you to our scripture teachers for coordinating the service and all the parents who attended and assisted with transporting students.

OUT OF UNIFORM- LAST DAY – CLASS PARTY

Next Wednesday will be our last school day for 2012! Students are able to come out of uniform on this day. Classes will be holding their class parties so it is asked that each family bring some party food to share.

PACK UP DAY

It would be appreciated if all students could bring their own large garbage bag or large bag to school on Monday so they can bring their books and work home.

END OF YEAR MEMORIES DVD

Once again Mrs Downes has compiled a CD/DVD of memories for 2012. These will be available to order from Mrs Downes at a cost of \$10 each. Please place your order with Mrs Downes at the conclusion of the presentation evening.

Merry Christmas