



The Breeze

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all students who participated in our first school Spelling Bee on Wednesday. Although it was a little daunting for some of our younger students, I thought everybody performed exceptionally well and participated in the right spirit.

A special congratulations to our winners (featured later in The Breeze) and to our 4 representatives Sam Avar, Annabel Sevil, Isabella Oates Herrera and Sophie Cropper who will travel to Nemingha Public School for the Regional Final. Leah Downes did qualify for the Regional Final, however she will be enjoying a family holiday at the snow which opens up a position in the junior section for Annabel Sevil.

SRC

We are very close to finalising our Student Representative Council but are awaiting a few votes from students that have been away. It has been decided in a couple of year groups, but the voting is exceptionally close in a couple. The SRC will be recognised and badged at a Friday assembly later this term.

Kindergarten 2013

Willow Tree is now enrolling students for Kindergarten in 2013. If your child is coming to school next year, please take the time to call in and collect an enrolment form from Mrs Barnett in the office. Details will be sent home very soon regarding transition opportunities for these children so be sure to book your place as soon as they become available.



Class Awards

K/1

Brayden Soley – for working really hard with Mr Hadden
Hannah Watts – for being a friendly class member

2/3/4

Brooke Bailey – for always being a cheerful & friendly student
Sarah Hutchins – for trying hard to be a neat and tidy worker at all times
Codeyn Martyn – for amazing work in weekly spelling

5/6

Kiesha Dawson – for outstanding skills in all Visual Arts lessons
Jack Avar – for a huge improvement in his overall effort, attitude & application to learning tasks

Calendar

August

27 – National Literacy & Numeracy Week
31 – Regional Athletics Tam

September

7 – Mrs Ramage's last day
8/9 – Quirindi Show
13 – Regional Final of Premier's Spelling Bee
17 – Royal Far West Sulky Drive visit 12:30pm
19 – Liverpool Plains Shire Council Resource Recovery Education Program 12:30pm
21 – Last Day Term 3

Library Awards

Amber Downes – for great descriptive writing about pirates

Sports Award

Lily McKenzie – for playing well in king ball

Congratulations to Sophie Cropper on achieving a Gold Certificate.

School Spectacular

Once again our students have dazzled us with their different presentations at our school spectacular assembly. Well done to the following students

James Devine – for an interesting talk and demonstration on his 'pups'. Thank you for bringing your puppies in for us.

Leelan Watts – for his cool science experiments

Sam Avard – for his talk about his Dad's hunting experiences.

Lachlan Tydings – for a fantastic demonstration about origami and card tricks

Brayden Soley – for a great talk and demonstration on his skateboard.

New England Music Conservatorium Visit

On Friday 17th August our school was fortunate to have a "trio" orchestra group from the New England Conservatorium in Armidale perform for our students. The Trio consisted of an electric piano, a violin and a cello. Students enjoyed listening to the pieces of music played and interacting in the activities. We would like to thank the New England Music Conservatorium for allowing the trio to visit our school and play for our students.

We would also like to thank the trio for their kind donation of a CD to our students.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

This year it was decided to select a **Student Representative Council** made up of students in years 3-6 and the school captains. An SRC is a group of students in a school elected by their fellow students. SRC members represent all students in the school and organise ways for students to participate in school life. Congratulations to the following students on their election:

Year 3:	TBA
Year 4:	Leah Downes & Sam Avard
Year 5:	Sophie Cropper & TBA
Year 6:	Emma Elford & Lily McKenzie





WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL SPELLING BEE

Our fiercely contested spelling bee was held at school yesterday, Wednesday 22nd August. Students from Kinder to Year 6 battled it out showing some great spelling skills as well as sportsmanship. It was fantastic to see most students having a go and trying their best at the spelling bee which is what it is mainly about. It was also fantastic to see students encouraging their peers, the beauty of our wonderful school. Congratulations to the winners of the years 3&4 group as well as the years 5&6 group who will now travel to Nemingah Public School to compete in the regional spelling bee final. Congratulations to the following students who were the successful winners and runners up in their category.

Kinder:

- 1st – Katie Martin
2nd – Grace Hutchins

Years 1&2

- 1st – Sarah Hutchins
2nd – Celia Cropper

Years 3&4

- 1st – Leah Downes
2nd – Sam Avar

Years 5&6

- 1st – Isabella Oates-Herrera
2nd – Sophie Cropper

Thank you to Mr Ireland for running the spelling bee and Mrs Barnett who was our expert judge on the day.

NAME IT – LABEL IT

This week our students are working on naming and labelling their property. It would be appreciated if parents could assist students in labelling their clothing. We continuously seem to gather a large number of clothing items in our lost property. Please try and make sure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child/rens name.

HISTORICAL COTTAGE & LIBRARY EXCURSION

This morning a very eager Kinder & Year 1 class headed to Quirindi to visit the Historical Cottage and the Quirindi Library. Students were shown through the Historical Cottage by three members of the Historical Society. They were able to share their vast knowledge of the past era with the students, who are studying "Families Past & Present" as part of their HSIE unit. Each room in the cottage showed the children what it was like in years gone by. They enjoyed looking through the kitchen, bedroom, living area & laundry. The hospital room was a favourite along with the big shed out the back with its carts, train track, saddles and lots of farm equipment. Thanks again to Audry, Marion & Simon for welcoming us. Students then walked to the Quirindi Library where they were welcomed by Quirindi

Librarian Marcella as well as Mary Roberts and Pat Wallace.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the 2012 short listed books of the year, The Runaway Hug & Come Down Cat, which were read to them by Mrs Roberts followed by a story sequence activity. A big thank you to the ladies at the Library and to Mrs Jenkins, Miss Fitzpatrick & Mrs Barnett for organising the excursion and transporting the students.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Amber Fowler who celebrates her birthday on 24th August.



CANTEEN ROSTER **August**

Mon 27th Skye
Wed 29th Lisa

September

Mon 3rd Felicity & Sue
Wed 5th Katherine
Mon 10th Camilla
Wed 12th Angus & Wayne



WILLOW TREE has TALENT ASSEMBLY

Week 6 24th August
Cooper, Leah, Annabelle A & Dylon

Week 7 31st August
Giulia, Tyson, Amber D & Ned

COLES VOUCHERS & WOOLWORTH STICKERS

A reminder to all families if they have any Coles Vouchers or Woolworth stickers to please hand them into school by next Tuesday 28th August 2012.



Our spelling bee winners & runner ups

Kinder & Year 1's Excursion



Students at the Quirindi Historical Cottage



Students at the Quirindi Library – completing their story sequences