

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

I give permission for my child/ren _____ to attend and participate in the Willow Tree Public Schools 2013 Swimming Carnival on Thursday 7th February 2013 at Werris Creek swimming pool. I understand transport to and from the carnival is my responsibility. I further understand that this is a school day and my child/ren are expected to attend.

Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

SWIMMING FOR SPORT

I give permission for my child/ren _____ to attend and participate in swimming for sport program each Friday from Friday 15th February – Friday 8th March 2013. I understand transport to and from the pool will be by Howards Buses and the cost of the program is \$6.00 per student per week (\$3.00 with season ticket).

Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

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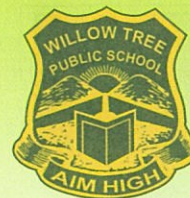
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 1

Welcome Back and WOW!!

It is great to be back at Willow Tree Public School and to see all the happy, smiling faces of our students. I have heard some wonderful holiday stories already and hope that all our families had a relaxing time over the Christmas and New Year period.

It was very pleasing to hear so many positive comments and remarks about our school, the staff and students at our presentation evening last year. Willow Tree Public School is such a wonderful learning environment where the staff work hard every day to provide academic, social, cultural and sporting opportunities for our students.

If you ever have any issues or concerns, please feel free to come in and meet with myself or your child's teacher to achieve the best possible outcome for your children.

Staffing and Support

2013 has seen some small changes to our staffing arrangements. Staffing is as follows:

5/6 – Mr Ireland 2/3/4 – Mrs Teague K/1 – Mrs Jenkins Admin – Mrs Barnett
RFF/Library/NP – Miss Fitzpatrick Teacher's Aide/Admin – Mrs McCarthy Learning and Support Teacher (Mondays only) – Mrs Burns

Kindergarten 2013 and Best Start Assessment

I would like to extend a special welcome to our 2013 Kindergarten students and their families. The 'Kindies' have settled in well and are already adapting to school life. Over the coming weeks, information will be sent home to Kindergarten parents outlining ways they can support their child and their learning.

General Information Sheets/Stationery Requirements

This week a General Information Sheet will be sent home with families. It would be greatly appreciated if all parents could complete one Information Sheet per child.

This information will be used by the school for emergency contacts, scripture rolls, general permission and PG Movie permission.

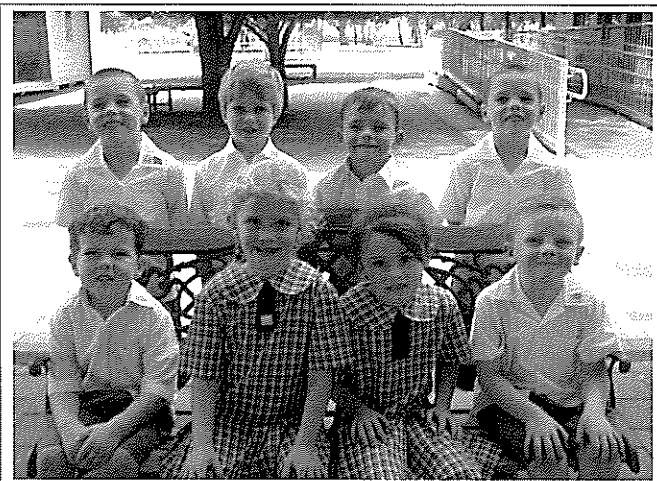
There will also be a Stationery Requirements form sent home which outlines the general necessities that students need to function in the classroom on a daily basis. A huge thank you to those families that have already organised these valuable resources for their children.

Calendar

February
7th - Swimming Carnival (Werris Creek)
15th - Zone Swimming Carnival (Werris Creek)

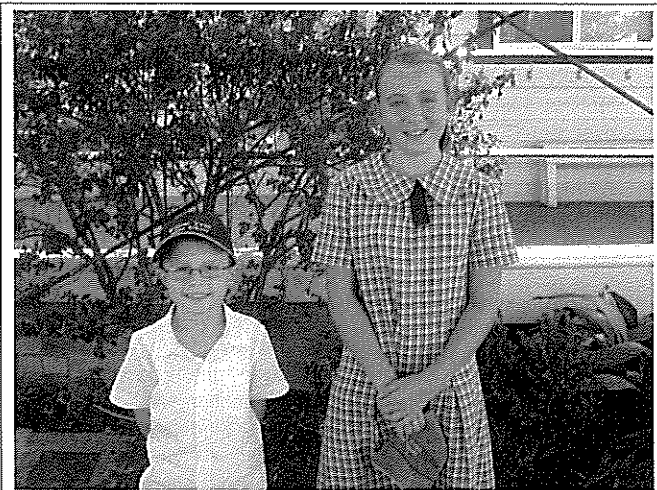
2013 KINDERGARTEN

We welcome our Kindergarten class for 2013. Thomas Devine, Tyler Evans, Jasmine Fowler, Stirling Gallagher, Molly McKinley, Gus Sevil & Cody & Kyle Sternbeck. We know you will make our Kindergartens feel welcome when you see them around the school. Pictured are our new kindy students



NEW STUDENTS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Sarah Widdis and her family. Sarah joins us in year 6 and Joshua Curmi and his family. Josh is in year 2. We know that you will all enjoy our fantastic little school.



BIKE TRACK NEARING COMPLETION

During the holidays, lots of work has been done to get our school's bike track in functioning order once more. It is very close to being complete and we will be holding bike days throughout the year and encouraging our students to use this wonderful facility.

I would like to express a huge thankyou to Mr & Mrs Bailey who spent many hours at school during the holidays tidying our playground and coordinating the upgrade of the bike track. Thanks Wayne and Kath.



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN

Tuesdays

- School Banking
- Scripture

Thursdays

- School newsletter
- Library K/1, 2/3/4

Fridays

- Sports Day
- Library 5/6
- School Assemblies

PERMISSION NOTES

Just a general reminder to all parents that ALL permission notes need to be returned to the office by the due date whether you do or do not give permission. If permission notes are not handed in by the due date it may result in your child/ren being unable to participate in particular events. All permission notes can be found on the back of the newsletter, or at times, if needed, a separate letter that is sent home with your child/ren.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 7th February at the *Werris Creek Swimming Pool*. Students will need to be at the pool by 8.45am ready for a 9am start. Transport to and from the pool is the responsibility of the parents. This is a school day and all students are expected to attend, there will be no supervision at school due to all staff being at the swimming carnival. Parent helpers will be needed on the day for time keeping please let Mrs Jenkins know if you are able to assist.

Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours. Please make sure children also have plenty of sunscreen, a hat and water. Please complete the permission note on the back of the newsletter and return to the office by Wednesday 6th February 2013. In the event of inclement weather the swimming carnival will be held on Monday 11th February.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year the zone swimming carnival has been scheduled for Friday 15th February at Werris Creek pool. Students who qualify for zone will be notified after our school swimming carnival.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT

Our swimming for sport program will commence again from Friday 15th February and continue each Friday until Friday 8th March. The cost of the program is \$6.00 per student (\$3.00 pool entry & \$3.00 bus) or \$3.00 per week if your child/ren has a season ticket. This money is paid each week by the student. Please do not send in any money prior. Students will travel to and from school by Howards Bus. They will leave school at approx 1pm and return at approx. 3pm. Parent helpers are always welcomed and very much appreciated. If you are able to assist please contact the office. Please complete the permission note on the back of the newsletter and return to school by Monday 10th February 2013.

SPORTS HOUSES

Your child/ren will be notified this week of which sports house they are in. Students are encouraged to dress in house colours at our swimming carnival. The colours are as follows

Banksia – Green & Gold
Warratah – Red & White

House captains will be voted on tomorrow.

P&C MEETING

Monday 4th February
6pm
At school

Everyone Welcome!!

Please come along and support our P&C who raise funds to support our students learning.

WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS

The P&C's biggest fundraiser, the horse sports will be held on Friday 22nd March 2013. Please all put this in your diary!

CANTEEN

At this stage the canteen is still closed however the P&C are hopeful that arrangements can be made in the near future to re-open this facility.