

Maths Text Books

A reminder to all students in years K-4 that payment for the math text books is due. If you haven't paid please make sure you bring the payment of \$10 per text book into the office. Thank you.

P&C Update

Firstly, a million thanks to the outgoing committee for all their efforts in 2012 enabling us to have such a great and rewarding year. It is wonderful we continue to receive so much support and strength so we are able to help our children in many different ways at school. Last night the AGM was held with the election of the 2013 committee

President – Angus Sevil

1st Vice Pres – Kath Bailey

2nd Vice Pres – Jane Duddy

Treasurer – Tracey Swain

Secretary – Kath Redgrove

Canteen – Shelly Devine

Publicity Officer – Jodie Martin

Events Co-Ordinator – Jane

Uniform Officer – Michele Wamsley

Committee Members; Kelly Barwick, Camilla & Rod Cropper, Skye Avar, Ray Redgrove, Steve & Renea Elford & Kristy McCarthy

I thank everyone for agreeing to be a part of this years committee and look forward to having another successful year.

Kath Redgrove - Secretary

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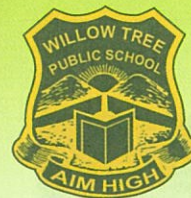
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 6

New England Regional Dance Camp

An opportunity has arisen for students interested in furthering their dance skills. The New England Regional Dance Camp will be held from April 8-12 at Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Camp. The camp is for students in Year 5-12 only. Students will be graded into groups which will reflect their ability and experience and consideration given to their physical fitness, strength and endurance. The camp will cater for all comers – from students who enjoy dance and do not have lessons to those who are advanced.

There is a cost for this camp and an application process. If your child is interested in attending, please contact the school so an application package can be sent home. Applications close on Friday 15 March.

Quirindi Zone Soccer Trials

This Friday, a number of our students will trial for selection in the Quirindi Zone PSSA Boys and Girls Soccer Teams. The trials will be held at Quirindi Public School from 1:00pm – 3:00pm and will be convened by Mr Ian Stutchbury. Good luck to all of our representatives.

P & C AGM

Thank you to all of our parents who came along last night to our P & C Annual General Meeting. It is extremely pleasing to see the number of parents that are willing to get involved in this organisation and help provide numerous opportunities for our students. I would also like to express a big thank you to the outgoing office bearers for the countless volunteer hours they have put in over the past 12 months and I also congratulate the newly elected officers. I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Parent Power Workshops – Maths 4 Mums and Dads

I will be holding the first of many Parent Power Workshops later this term. The first workshop will be on Numeracy and will cater for all stages. The aim of these workshops is to keep parents informed of their children's learning. I will also provide numerous activities to support learning in the home environment including technology programs for PC's and tablet devices.

Tony Windsor Visit

Yesterday the school was lucky enough to receive a special visit from the Member for New England, Mr Tony Windsor. Mr Windsor came to the school to present us with a new Australian Flag. While here, he also took the opportunity to chat with students and staff and also experience some of the tasty cooking of Mrs Gwen Cone.



Calendar

March
8th – Zone Soccer Trials
20th – John Heffernan Workshop
22nd – Willow Tree Horse Sports
25th – Blandford Horse Sports
28th – Easter Hat Parade
28th – Bike Launch Day

April
5th – School Cross Country

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School Assembly

School Spectacular Assembly

Jack Swain – an informative report on "Bull Riding"

K-1

Stirling Gallagher – neat writing of sounds and numbers
Emily Wamsley – reading all her golden words and for working hard with her reading

2/3/4

Celia Cropper – for great reading skills
Brooke Bailey – positive attitude towards learning and being a co-operative person

RFF Award

Molly McKinley – for a great effort in reading this week

SPORTS AWARD

Haydn Randall – for playing fairly in handball

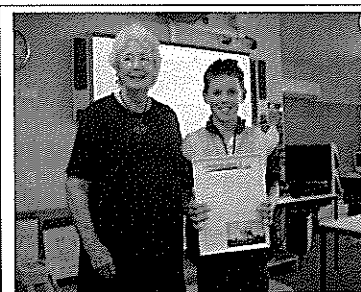
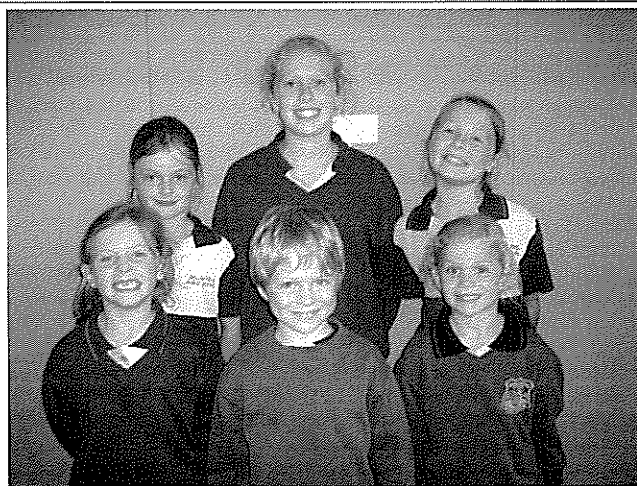
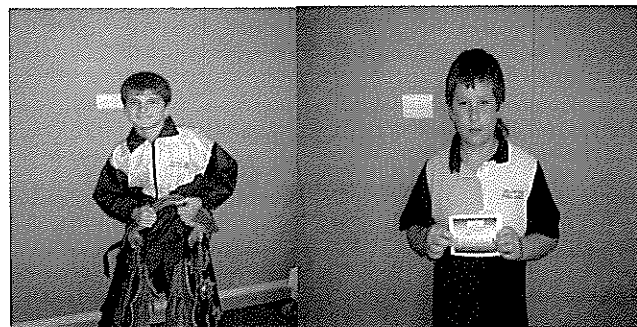
PARLIAMENT HOUSE AWARDS

Students who visited Parliament house whilst on the school excursion last year to Canberra were today presented with a memento certificate signed by Senator John Hogg, Member for Parliament, Mr Tony Windsor and MP Anna Burke.

SPECIAL AWARD

Last year Sam Avar wrote to Olympian, Anthony Alozie, wishing him the best in his plight for gold at the London Olympics. Mr Alozie has connections with the Willow Tree area through Mrs Dawson who used to volunteer with scripture at our school many years ago.

Mrs Dawsons daughter works for Mr Alozie and recognised the town when the letter came through. Mrs Dawson came to our school on Friday and presented Sam with a signed, framed copy of his letter from Mr Alozie together with a photo.



MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TONY WINDSOR VISITS

Students were delighted to receive a visit from our Federal Member of Parliament Mr Tony Windsor yesterday who presented our captains, Sophie & Cooper with two new Australian Flags and an Aboriginal Flag. Thank you Mr Windsor.



BLANDFORD HORSE SPORTS

Due to the unforeseen weather the Blandford horse sports had to be postponed until Monday 25th March 2013.

REGIONAL SWIMMING

Congratulations to all the children who attended the regional swimming carnival in Armidale on Tuesday. Everyone reported having a fantastic day with lots of personal bests being achieved. Well done kids, we are all very proud of you.

WILLOW TREE HORSE SPORTS

There is only two weeks till the Willow Tree Horse Sports. If you are able to assist with the horse sports in any way could you please let Kristy McCarthy know. A working bee will be held on Thursday 21st March at the recreation grounds to set up and mark out the arena.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT

Our swimming for sport program will continue tomorrow. 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. *Please make sure your child/ren bring their swimmers, towel and sunscreen.*

ROYAL FAR WEST

This year we have been fortunate to receive some support from the Royal Far West School to assist with speech pathology with some students. This program is a 30min session once a fortnight through a webcam. Pictured is Brayden Soley after completing a speech session.



EASTER HAT PARADE

Our annual Easter hat parade will be held at school on Thursday 28th March. Students can start working on their magnificent creations in preparation for the parade.

CANTEEN

Monday 11th March
Jodie Martin & Nicole Sternbeck

Wednesday 13th March
Kath Redgrove & Lisa Curmi
Milk price rise – NOW \$2.60



Happy Birthday to Mrs Jenkins for the 8th, Molly McKinley for the 10th March and Katie Martin for the 11th March. We hope you all have a great birthday.

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY

Friday 15th March –
Sam Avar, Lachlan Bryce,
Josh Redgrove & Helena Oates-Herrera