

JOHN HEFFERNAN WORKSHOP

I give permission for my child/ren _____ to attend and participate in the John Heffernan workshop at school on Wednesday 20th March 2013. Please find enclosed \$ _____ being payment of \$5.00 per child.

Signed – Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

I will – will not be attending the workshop.

Please find attached price list for books that will be for sale by author John Heffernan on the day of the workshop.

Quirindi Junior Soccer Registration Is Open!

This year each child's registration must be completed online at www.myfootballclub.com.au, which will also include online payment. As a result there will be no face-to-face Registration Days. Registrations with payment need to be completed online by Wednesday 27 March 2013 to enable preliminary teams to be organised prior to our Grading Day 6 April. Enquiries or difficulties regarding registration may be directed to Derek Blomfield Ph: 0429 674724 2013

2013 Registration Fees are:

- 5-7yrs - \$65
- 8-11yrs - \$75
- 12-18yrs - \$85

Players must be turning 5yrs in 2013 to take to the field and may register up to 18yrs (boys) or 19yrs (girls). Age ranges are based on the age your child turns in 2013. All 5-7yr old children will receive a free "small side" soccer ball and shin pads. Team shirts are provided for games. This year we also need parent volunteers for the positions of team coaches, the canteen roster and we particularly need an assistant for our Canteen Coordinator. Further information including details for the Grading Day will be in the Quirindi Advocate.

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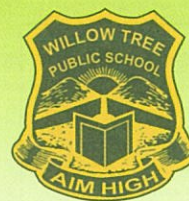
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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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 year 5-12 students 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. **Applications for the New England Regional Dance Camp close tomorrow 15 March 2013.**

North West Tennis Trials

Well done to Sophie Cropper and Sarah Widdis who both travelled to Tamworth on Monday for trials in the North West Tennis Team. Both girls were unsuccessful in selection but tasted success on the day winning 3 of their 6 matches. Congratulations on being such wonderful representatives of our school.

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 ages. The aim of these workshops is to keep parents informed of their children's learning. I will also provide numerous learning activities to support learning in the home environment including technology programs for PC's and tablet devices.

SAD NEWS – Stolen Property

It was extremely sad on Monday when a community member visiting the pre-school reported to me that some items had been stolen from her car which was located in the car park beside the school. Two small DVD players were removed from her vehicle at some point throughout the day. If anybody has any information on the missing items, could you please contact me directly at school or the local police station.

Woolworths Rewards Program

It was a pleasure to hand out a number of new resources of our classrooms yesterday part of the Woolworths Rewards Program. A big thank you of our families who support this program allowing us access valuable resources into classrooms.

Coles Shopper Docket

Very soon another bundle of sporting goods will arrive at school as a result of involvement in the Coles 4 Schools Program. Again, thank you to all of our families and community members who donated vouchers toward this program.

Calendar

March
20th - John Heffernan Workshop
21st - Northern Zone Sports Trials - Gunnedah
22nd - Willow Tree Sports
25th - Blandford Horse Show
28th - Easter Hat Parade
28th - Bike Launch Day

April
5th - School Cross Country

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School Assembly Student of the Week

Billy Swain – great improvement in Mathematics & asking for help when required.

K-1

Kyle Sternbeck – neat letter formation & good effort with halves.

Grace Hutchins – good reading with attention to punctuation & expression.

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Annabel Sevil – Conscientious and enthusiastic in all key learning areas.

Brodie Saunders – great effort in reading.

RFF Award

Katie Martin – consistent effort during classroom activities.

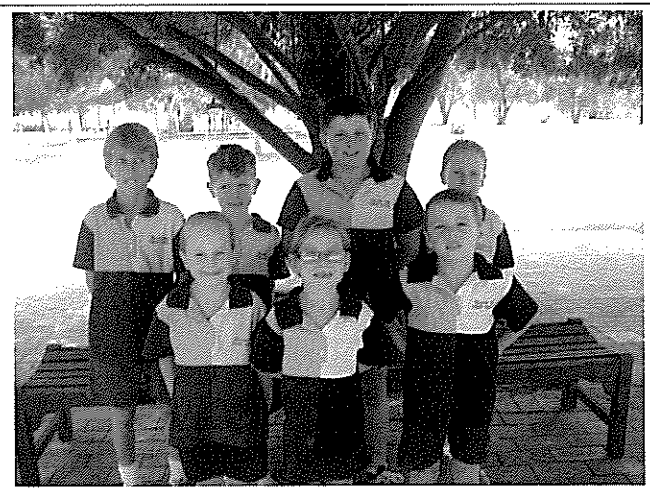
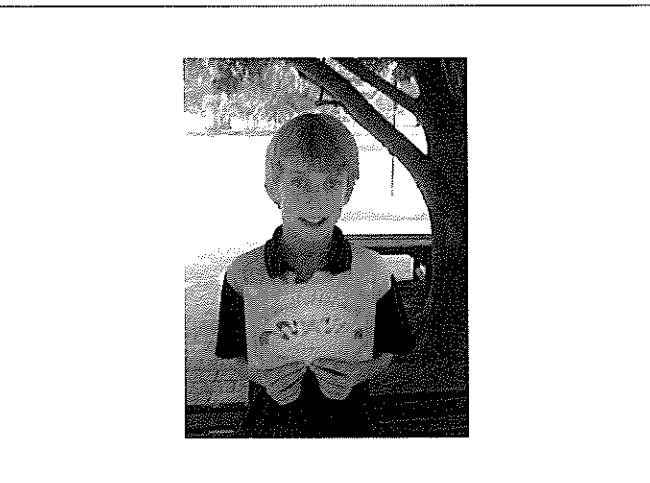
Callum Mackay – Wonderful research.

SPORTS AWARD

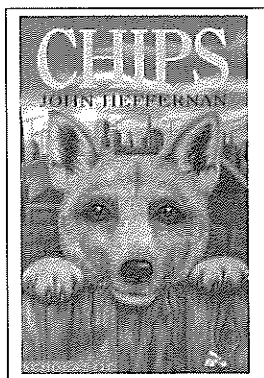
Callum Mackay – helping in the sports shed.

JOHN HEFFERNAN WORKSHOP

John Heffernan (aka Charlie Carter) will be visiting Willow Tree Public School on Wednesday, March 20th to talk about his books and aspects of writing and storytelling. John is a popular author who is well known for presenting excellent workshops to students. The cost of these workshops will be \$5.00 per student. Years 3/4/5/6 will participate in the first workshop commencing at 10am followed by years K/1&2. Many thanks to the P&C for contributing \$300 towards the costs of the workshop. John will also have books for sale and signing. This is an excellent opportunity to obtain an



autographed book by this popular award-winning author. Parents are more than welcome to come along and join in the workshops. Please complete the permission note on the back of the newsletter and return to the office together with payment by Monday 18th March. Students who do not return their notes with payment will not be able to participate.



NORTHERN ZONE SOCCER TRIALS

Congratulations to Sophie Cropper, Sarah Widdis, Grace Barwick, Zara McCarthy, Sam Avard and Dane Saunders who were all successful in being picked for the Quirindi Zone soccer team to compete at the Northern Zone Soccer trials in Gunnedah next Thursday. We wish you all the best of luck.

WILLOW TREE HORSE SPORTS

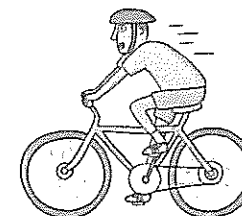
Next Friday is the annual Willow Tree Horse Sports. This event is a major fundraiser for Willow Tree Public School P&C who support our school with the funds raised. *There will be a working bee on Thursday 21st March commencing at 12noon to set up the arena and marquees etc. If you are able to help at this working bee it would be greatly appreciated.*

HORSE SPORTS RAFFLE TICKETS

If anyone is able to assist selling raffle tickets for the horse sports raffle in front of IGA in Quirindi tomorrow, Friday 15th March or Wednesday 20th March please contact Jane Duddy. Your help and assistance would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual school cross country will be held at the Willow Tree Recreation grounds on Friday 5th April 2013. Further information will be in future newsletters.



BIKE TRACK LAUNCH

As most of you are aware our bike track has had a major revamp and is ready for use. We will be launching our new bike track on Thursday 28th March in conjunction with our Easter Hat Parade. Students are invited to bring in their push bike (must be in a roadworthy condition) together with their helmet (helmets are a must!!!) to learn and practise some road safety rules. Parents are invited to join us in our activities for the day commencing with the Easter Hat Parade at 11.45am, please bring a picnic lunch to share with your child/ren on our lovely lawns. The bike track will be officially launched at 12.30pm. A huge thank you once again to Phil Marheine of Willow Tree Gravels, Saunders Contracting and Wayne and Kath Bailey for all their donations and efforts towards this project.



Enclosed in this weeks newsletter is a Stewart House Donation Drive for 2013. If your family would like to donate, please complete the envelope and return to the office by Friday 12th April 2013.



EASTER HAT PARADE

Don't forget our annual Easter hat parade will be held at school on Thursday March. Students can working on their magnificent creations in preparation for the parade.

CANTEEN

Monday 18th March
Tracey Swain & Catherine Cropper

Wednesday 20th March
Katherine Bailey & Tracey Mackay
Milk price rise – NOW \$.



Happy Birthday to McCarthy for today, March. We hope you have a great day.

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY

Friday 15th March –
Sam Avard, Lachlan & Josh Redgrove & Hannah Oates-Herrera