



The Breeze

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 3 Week 8

DUBBO EXCURSION

It was a bright and early start for K/1 & 2 on Friday 30th August as some very excited students set off for their adventure to Dubbo Zoo. Upon arrival to the zoo Mrs Jenkins purchased tickets for the students. We then set off in the bus to greet the Rhinos who were munching on tree branches, then onto the giraffes, where children enjoyed having their photo taken next to a statue of the world's tallest baby.



There were many highlights throughout the day including the elephants that were showing the children how clever they really are by using their trunks to strip and eat palm leaves. After seeing many more animals such as the Hippo's, Cheetahs, a Tiger lazing around and African sheep we had a lovely picnic lunch. The children were excited to see the 'King' of the jungle, however, he was not real fussed with all the onlookers and continued to laze about with the lioness.

We then ventured into the Koala enclosure where there were also Kangaroos and Emus. The children were disappointed to find the Koala viewing point was closed for maintenance. Whilst in the enclosure an inquisitive Emu came to see what all the fuss was about and became a little too excited with the children. Thanks to Mr Gallagher for making a quick exit with the children.



Other animals like the Dingo were not so friendly and didn't want to be seen, however, one of the cutest highlights was the monkey who was nowhere to be seen until he realised he had an audience, so he made his way onto the ropes and sat up on the platform for all to see!

After seeing the Zebras and the VERY large Galapagos tortoises, we made our way to the gift shop. A very HUGE THANKS must go to Mr Gallagher for driving the bus, to the students on their excellent behaviour and to Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Barnett for accompanying the children.

SCHOOL DEBATING

Congratulations to the school debating team who travelled to Timbumburi yesterday to participate in a debate. After a slight mix up with the topic, both teams were given 15 minutes to prepare for their debate topic, "Television is better than books" with Willow Tree being the affirmative, a tough topic! Unfortunately Willow Tree narrowly lost the debate however this was only the second time the team have participated in a debate. Well done guys!



SEPTEMBER

- 6th – Regional Athletics
- 6th – Chess Tournament
- 9th – Life Education Van
- 12th – CAPERS practise @ Tamworth
- 13th – K/1 Train Ride
- 18th – Regional Spelling Bee
- 20th – Wallabadah Horse Sports
- 20th – Last Day Term 3

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Term 3 Week 7

A small assembly was held last Friday whilst years K-2 were on excursion.

Awards

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Amber Fowler – for excellent involvement and being an organised person on the Coffs Harbour excursion

Leelan Watts – for outstanding behaviour on school excursion and perseverance at miniature golf

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Sophie Cropper – for being a delightful and mature student on the Coffs Harbour excursion

Jack Swain – for outstanding behaviour while on excursion and always being a helpful and reliable student

Sports Award

Bella McKinley – Ten-pin Bowling champion on Coffs Harbour Excursion

Edward Cropper – Miniature Golf champion on Coffs Harbour excursion

Gold Award

Congratulations to James Redgrove on receiving a gold award



NEW BOOKS

Students enjoyed the book week celebrations recently and discovering the new books from the Children's Book Council. We have been fortunate enough to be able to purchase a lot more of the books from the 2013 short list for our library.



SMALL SCHOOLS SOCCER TEAM

What a fantastic soccer match was played on Monday at Tamworth against Gum Flat. Unfortunately Willow Tree lost the game 0-3 however the score does not reflect the game at all. Willow Tree played exceptionally well with the majority of ball always in their control. Some good defending from the Gum Flat goalie enabled their team to convert at the other end. A huge thank you to the parents who helped transport the soccer team and supported the team. Congratulations to Gum Flat who now progress to the finals in Sydney.



LIFE EDUCATION VAN

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school on Monday 9th September 2013. Healthy Harold will be back to speak with the students about all different issues. Thank you to the Liverpool Plains Shire Council who generously supplements the cost of this program to allow every student the opportunity to attend. There is no cost for the program however students can purchase merchandise from the van if they wish. Please complete the permission note on the back of the newsletter and return to school by Thursday 5th September 2013. Remember, No Note! No Go!

AMPS DONATION

Thank you once again to AMPS Commercial Pty Ltd who kindly donated \$535.94 to our P&C as part of their rebate scheme from goods sold. For those of you who are unaware, AMPS Commercial give back a portion of the money paid to them via sales with farming families. Many thanks to the families who already nominate our school to receive the rebate. If you know of any other families who use AMPS and may not know about the scheme, ask them if they could nominate our school. Every cent counts towards purchasing extra resources for our students.



REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Good luck to our students who will be competing at the regional athletics carnival in Tamworth tomorrow. We hope you all have a successful day.

CHESS

Good luck to James Redgrove, Callum Mackay and Jack Avar who will travel to Tamworth tomorrow to compete in the chess tournament.

TENNIS FOR SPORT

There has been no tennis for sport the past few weeks due to book week activities and excursions etc however tennis for sport will commence next Friday, 6th September. Please don't forget to bring your racquet and \$5.00.

KINDER SMILES PROGRAM

Our Kinder smiles program commenced this morning with some delightful students attending. This program will run for a further two more weeks each Thursday. If you know of anyone interested in coming to experience what our fantastic school has to offer please let them know to contact the school for further information.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Zara McCarthy who is celebrating her special day today and to Billy Swain and Gus Sevil who will celebrate their birthdays tomorrow! We hope you all have a fantastic day.

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY

Friday 6th Sept – Brayden Soley, Emily Wamsley, Tyler Evans & Katie Martin

Friday 13th Sept – Declan Fuz, Billy Swain & Cooper Harris

CANTEEN

Monday 9th Sept – Sue Ellen Scoggin & Caroline Sevil

Wednesday 11th Sept – Shelly Devine

Dubbo Zoo

At Dubbo Zoo the first animal that we saw was an African dog. The next animal was a Rhino. My favourite animal was an emu because it reared up and all the kids ran away. Me, Jasmine and Katie didn't run away. Bella said to Mrs Jenkins, 'Watch out'. Mrs Jenkins said "we are going to be slow. You scared it!" We had to wear our sport uniform because it would be better to walk in. On the bus I sat next to Molly and Ned.

By Emily Wamsley

My favourite animal at the zoo was the Zebra because it was standing under the tree.

By Molly McKinley

We went to Dubbo Zoo and it was fun and exciting. I saw a monkey and an elephant. My favourite animal at the Zoo was the lions. The lions were roaring.

By Kyle Sternbeck

LIFE EDUCATION VAN PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child/ren.....to attend the Life Education Van program at Willow Tree Public School on Monday 9th September 2013.

Signed.....
Parent/carer

Date.....

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