



The Breeze

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Term 1 Week 1

WELCOME BACK

As they say, "Time flies when you're having fun!". Isn't that the truth? Here we are back and ready to commence another successful and fun year of education.

I have heard some wonderful and fun holiday stories already which is pleasing.

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.

As you are all aware there have been some staff changes from last year, however this certainly will not reflect the quality of education students will continue to receive, should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to come and see me or your child/ren's teacher.

Our staff for 2014 is as follows;

Principal – Mr John Ireland
3/4/5/6 Teacher – Mr Ireland
K/1/2 – Mrs Jenkins
Relief & K/1/2 - Mrs Ramage
SLSO – Mrs McCarthy
Cleaner – Mrs Cone
General Assistant – Mr Matthews

GENERAL INFORMATION & PERMISSION NOTES

I encourage you all to please take the time to read our school newsletter each week as it will inform you of information regarding events at school. Included in our newsletters will also be permission notes for different events either at school or out of school. **It is extremely important that all permission notes are returned to the office stating if you do or do not give permission for your child/ren to attend events.** If a permission note is not returned it may result in your child/ren missing out on an event.

We also ask that you keep us updated with all your child/ren's details including change in phone numbers or emergency contacts etc. it is important that records are kept updated in the event of an emergency.

If there are any changes to your child/ren's home travel, please contact the school with a phone call or note.

There will also be a stationary requirements form sent home next week 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.

KINDERGARTEN 2014 & BEST START ASSESMENTS

I'd like to extend a huge welcome to our 2014 Kindergarten students and their families. We look forward to working with you all for many years to come. 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.

Calendar

FEBRUARY 2014

5th – P&C meeting @ school

7th – Swimming Carnival

14th – Zone swimming carnival

14th – Swimming for Sport

2014 KINDERGARTEN

We welcome our Kindergarten class for 2014, Kira-Lee Moore, Brad Johnson, Holly Martin, Shania Thompson, Jake Wamsley, Haley Fowler & John Thomas. We know you will all enjoy your time at Willow Tree Public School.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome two new students this week. Sean joins us in year 4 and Sophie Joins year 1. Welcome and we trust you will both have a fantastic time here at Willow Tree Public School.

SPORTS HOUSES

Your child/ren have been notified 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
Waratah – Red & White

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students on being elected house captains for 2014.

Banksia – Tara Barwick & Annabel Sevil

Waratah – Jack Swain & Giulia Duddy



SCHOOL CANTEEN

Our School's Canteen at the moment is, hopefully temporarily, CLOSED!

We are looking for someone to take on the position of co-ordinator for 2014.

A decision on the future of the canteen will have to be made on the 5th March.

If you would be willing to take on this position before the meeting, please see Kathy Redgrove

Angus Sevil – P&C President

FRUIT BREAK

Each morning at approximately 10am the children have a fruit break.

Could you please ensure your child has fruit or vegetables cut up to be able to eat within 5 minutes? These short breaks re-fuel our students so they can continue their learning throughout the morning. It is important that students only bring fruit or vegetables as they will not be allowed to snack on anything else.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our swimming carnival will be held on Friday 7th February 2014 at the **Werris Creek Swimming Pool**. Students will need to be assembled at the pool by 8.45am ready for a 9.00am start. Transport to and from the pool is the responsibility of the parents, however, if you have arranged for your child/ren to travel with another adult please supply a permission note stating this. This is a school day and all students are expected to attend. There will be novelty events for non-swimmers. As all staff will be at the pool there will be no supervision at school on this day. Parent helpers will be needed on the day to help with time keeping. Please let the office 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 attached and return to the office by Wednesday 5th February 2014.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Quirindi Zone Swimming carnival will be held at the Werris Creek swimming pool on Friday 14th February 2014. Students who are selected to attend the zone carnival will be advised after our swimming carnival.

PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED

Parent helpers are required to help out with reading each morning. If you are able to spare one hour of your valuable time from 10am to 11am, whether it's each day, one day a week or whenever you have a spare morning, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact your child's teacher or leave a message at the office if you are able to assist.

WHAT HAPPENS & WHEN?

Listed below is a brief outline of what happens on each day at our school that you need to be aware of.

Tuesday

- School Banking (for further information please see Wendy at the office)
- 3/4/5/6 – Library
- Scripture

Wednesday

- K/1/2 – Library

Thursday

- School newsletter sent home

Friday –

- Sports Days
- School Assemblies

HORSE SPORTS

The Willow Tree P&C Horse Sports is scheduled for Friday 21st March 2014. This is our major annual fundraiser event. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our meeting and if possible assist with the preparations of this event. All proceeds from the fundraising go towards purchasing resources for our children at school.

P&C MEETING

Wednesday 5th February 2014
6pm at school

This meeting is primarily for Horse Sports!

Everyone welcome and encouraged to attend

Notice of P & C Annual General Meeting Willow Tree Public School

Venue: - Willow Tree Public School Library

Date: - Wed 5th March, 2014.

Time: - 6.00pm

Agenda Items:-

Attendance
Apologies
Minutes of Previous AGM
Presentation of Reports
*Presidents Report
*Treasurers Report
Positions Declared Vacant
Election of New Committee
Close of Meeting

All Welcome to Attend!

Following this meeting will be the General Meeting.

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