

The Breeze

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 2

The first two weeks of term have flown by. I am extremely impressed with the way our students have settled back into the school routine.

Our swimming carnival will be held at the Werris Creek Swimming Pool tomorrow, Friday 7th February. Please ensure you are assembled at the pool by 8.45am for a 9.00am start. We are hoping to keep on schedule to try and beat the heat! Our senior students have been planning some novelty events for the non-swimmers to ensure all students participation. Our captains spoke to the students earlier this week about a very important message, 'it's not all about winning, its having a go and enjoying yourself that counts'. We encourage all students to attend our carnival as it is a normal school day.

I would like to thank the parents who have already volunteered this week to come and listen to our students read. If you would like to help out with reading between 10-11am each day it would be most appreciated. Reading is such an important life skill which we are really focussing on in our school. The students really enjoy having a new face to read to also.

HOME READING BOOKS

Last week students were given a new "Home Reading Record" Book. This is a new system we are introducing into our school this year to encourage our students to read each and every night to enhance their reading skills. The cost of the home reading book is \$3.00ea, payable at the office. The program is a rewards program. Please take the time to have a look at your child/rens home reading book to see how it works. Children are encouraged to read books from home or from class. Home readers are able to be taken home each night and changed in class each day. We thank you for your support with this program. Should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. Happy Reading!

ARTS EVENTS 2014

Each year students from years 5-12 are invited to participate in camps at Lake Keepit run by the Departments Regional Arts Group. This year there will be a Instrumental Camp, Vocal Camp & Dance Camp. If your child/ren are interested in attending any of these camps nominations will close within the next couple of weeks so please contact me for further details.

CANCELLED

SWIMMING FOR SPORT

Swimming for sport has been cancelled for the remainder of this term due to the change in staffing. Intensive swimming will continue in Term 4. Sport will still continue at school each Friday.

CANTEEN RE-OPENED!!!!

Thanks to the many parents and grandparents who have volunteered, our school canteen will reopen next week of a Monday and Wednesday!

Calendar

FEBRUARY 2014

- 7th – Swimming Carnival
- 14th – Zone swimming carnival
- 19th – Farrer Open Day

MARCH

- 3rd – Blandford Horse Sports
- 5th – P&C AGM
- 7th – WT Horse Sports Entries Due
- 10th – Regional Swimming
- 21st – WT Horse Sports
- 31st – Young Leaders Conference - Sydney

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.

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. If your child is unable to attend the zone swimming carnival please let the school know to enable other students to opportunity to participate.

HORSE SPORTS

Our biggest annual P&C fundraiser, the Willow Tree Public School P&C Horse Sports, will be held at the Willow Tree Recreation Grounds on Friday 21st March 2014. This is a massive fundraiser for our P&C with all funds raised going back into supporting our students. As you would all appreciate, a large fundraiser like this relies on many volunteer helpers to make it happen. All help is welcome and greatly appreciated. If you are able to give up some of your time to assist on Friday 21st March by either volunteering in the canteen on the day or being able to help with cooking prior, please contact wither Kristy McCarthy at the school or Kel Barwick.

BASIC STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS LIST

Included in this week's newsletter is a 'basic stationery requirements' list for all students. Thank you to the families who have already provided their child/ren with these things. The list includes things that your child/ren will need to function day to day in the classroom.

CANTEEN

Mon 10th Feb – Sue Thomas & Shelly Devine

Wed 12th Feb – Ben Thornton

Please find enclosed a canteen roster for term four together with a price list. There have been some slight changes to the canteen menu, please take the time to check the menu and prices before ordering your child/ren's lunch.

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.



OPEN DAY FARRER MEMORIAL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Farrer will be hosting an **OPEN DAY** on 19th February.

All welcome, registration from 9.30am and tours commencing at 10.00am

Farrer is an all boys' government day and boarding school, situated in Tamworth.

RSVP by 14th February on 67648600 or email: kerry.hussey@det.nsw.edu.au

Week 1 Awards

Hosts: Zara McCarthy & Sam Avard

Class Awards:

K/1/2

Brad Johnson – For a fabulous first week at Willow Tree Public School and trying really hard in all his work.

Brayden Soley – For an excellent effort in all areas and for his lovely neat handwriting.

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Sean Jones – for settling in well at his new school. Welcome to Willow Tree Public School.

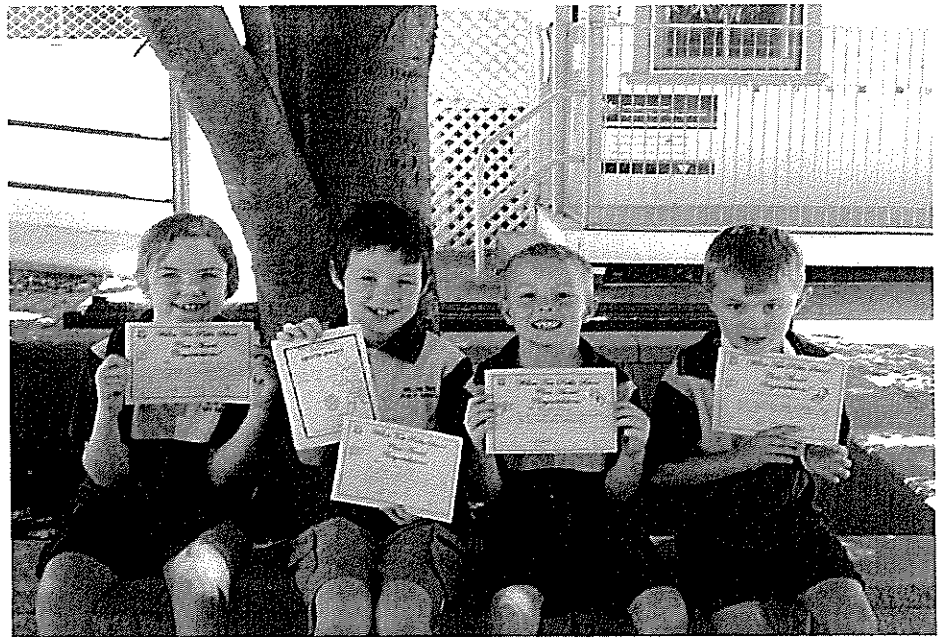
Hannah Watts – for outstanding effort in the classroom and presenting beautiful bookwork.

Sports Award

Sean Jones – for looking after the sport equipment.

WELCOME

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Wilson Davis to our school. Wilson has joined our beautiful kinder class. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Wilson's parents, Scott & Val and brother TJ.



HOUSE CAPTAIN INDUCTIONS

Today at our assembly our Waratah and Banksia House Captains for 2014 were presented with their badges by our School Captains, Sam & Zara.

Pictured are Waratah Captains, Giulia Duddy and Jack Swain and Banksia Captains, Annabel Sevil & Tara Barwick receiving their badges from Sam & Zara.

BOOK CLUB

For students who are interested in ordering book club, please have order forms together with payment back to the office by Thursday 13th February 2014.

HOME READER BOOK

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signed _____

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