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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 5

What a day of PB's, Champions, Reserve Champions and even a record breaker! All our swimmers had a fantastic day at the zone swimming carnival last Friday. The weather was kind, providing an overcast day to escape the extreme heat. Congratulations to all the students who represented Willow Tree Public School at the carnival last week. Reports have it that your behaviour and sportsmanship were outstanding. There were some great results throughout the day. You will find a full report inside the newsletter. A special mention to Aleeci Francis who broke the record in the Jnr girls 50m breaststroke and was awarded the Junior Girl Champion for the day. Tara Barwick also had a successful day being awarded 11yr girl reserve champion.



Students who represented Willow Tree Public School at the Quirindi Zone carnival last Friday. Absent is Jack Swain.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

You may notice a couple of posters around the school advertising the Premier's Reading Challenge which is coming up shortly. Reading is a wonderful skill for all students to learn and enjoy. I encourage all of our students to participate in this wonderful challenge. The Challenge will open on the 3 March which is when the website will begin taking entries. If interested, please visit www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au for more information.

HELPING WITH HOMEWORK

How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it? **Teachers talk** about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

"PARENT POWER WORKSHOP – READING"

Wednesday 19 March
at school.

All parents welcome. 6-7pm

This session will look at how reading is taught to students of all ages. It will focus on strategies parents can use to help their children at home and how to build levels of comprehension.

We will also look at the outcomes required of students as outlined in the New English Syllabus which is mandatory as of this year.

Calendar **FEBRUARY 2014**

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

Home Readers

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Week 3 Awards

Hosts: Gus Sevil & Katie Martin

Class Awards:

K/1/2

Katie Martin – for working well with her partner during discussion on “Rumplestiltskin” Good sharing and involvement.

Sophie Colquhoun – for neat work and for always being on task and working quietly

3/4/5/6

Hannah Watts – Working well in class and always being willing to help others

Annabel Sevil – Being a responsible and reliable class member

Mrs Ramage’s Award:

Kira Lee Moore – for being an amazing worker in all activities, showing her neatness in all she does.

Bella McCarthy – For being an excellent classroom helper

Sports Award

Haley Fowler – Being a good team player

Special Award

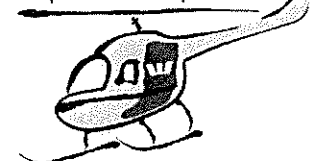
Brad Johnson – A perfect and very interested student in his first 2014 Catholic Scripture class.



HOME READERS

Students are embracing the new home reading system that the school has in place this year with some students already approaching the 25 reading night award. A reminder to families that there is a small fee of \$3.00 per home reading book. Thank you to those who have already paid for the book. Please complete the note on the back of the newsletter and return to the office together with payment for the book as soon as possible. Reading is a skill for life which we are focusing on and encouraging at our school. This is an added incentive for our students to continue with their reading and enhance this skill at home. Students can read books, newspapers, magazines, even instructions for games or Lego. Younger students can follow along reading with older siblings or parents.

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service



WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER CHARITY BALL

Saturday 8th March 2014
Quirindi Rugby Grounds
Theme: Carnivale

It is a service that everyone respects, a service that is undertaken by some special people, a service that relies heavily on the support from local communities and a service we all hope we never have to use. It is the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. The Quirindi support groups annual charity ball is fast approaching. The night promises to be a fun filled night of entertainment, dining and dancing, the sought after auction will also once again take place on the night. Get your tickets now from Quirindi Newsagency to avoid disappointment and support this worthwhile cause.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Wow! Some amazing results from our small group of swimmers who attended the zone carnival in Werris Creek last Friday. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Quirindi Zone in the following events at the North West swimming carnival in Armidale on Monday 10th March 2014.

Aleeci Francis

10yr Girl 50m Freestyle
Jnr Girl 50m Butterfly
Jnr Girl 50m Breaststroke
Jnr 200m Ind Medley
Small schools Jnr Girl Relay

Annabelle Avar

Jnr Girl 50m Butterfly
Jnr Girl 200m Ind Medley
Small Schools Jnr Relay

Tara Barwick

11yr Girl 50m Butterfly
11yr Girl 50m Backstroke
Small Schools Snr Girl Relay
Willow Tree School Relay

Giulia Duddy

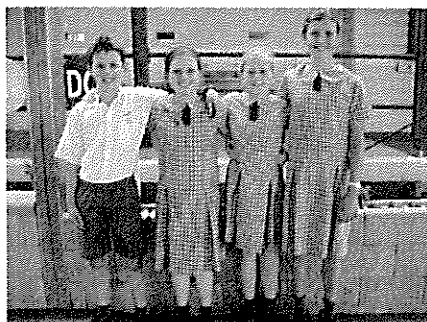
11yr Girl 50m Freestyle
Small Schools Snr Girl Relay
Willow Tree School Relay

Zara McCarthy

All age girl 100m Freestyle
Small schools Snr Girl Relay
Willow Tree School Relay

Sam Avar

Small Schools Snr Boy Relay
Willow Tree School Relay

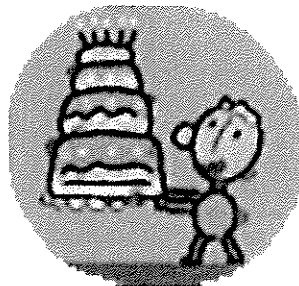


Our Peter Dobson relay team who will swim at regional next month



BOB TURNER WILDLIFE SHOW

Our Kinder, Year 1 & Year 2 students are excited to be attending the Bob Turner Wildlife Show next Tuesday, 25th February 2014. A reminder that permission notes together with payment need to be returned to the office by tomorrow, Friday 21st February 2014. Students who do not return their notes and payment will be unable to attend.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Belated birthday wishes go out to the following students who have already celebrated their birthdays this year, Jasmine Fowler, Sophie Colquhoun, Darcy Devine, Brayden Soley, Willson Davis, Giulia Duddy, Kira-Lee Moore, Jack Swain, and Stirling Gallagher, we hope you all had a fantastic day. Happy Birthday to Jake Wamsley who is celebrating his big day today and to Bridget Scoggin who will be celebrating her birthday next Wednesday, 26th February.

CANTEEN

Mon 24th Feb – Val Davis – Shelly Devine

Wed 26th Feb – Sue-Ellen Scoggin

Ab's Training Group X country

*Will commence
Tuesday 11th March 2014,
3.45pm @ Henry St Oval,
Quirindi
Enquiries ph Abs –
0427 473816*

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

Gold coin donation is required to be a member of the P&C (Insurance purposes)

Following this meeting will be the General Meeting.

Notice of P & C Meeting Of

**Willow Tree Public School
To be held**

**Wednesday 5th March,
2014.**

**Promptly at the end of the
6pm AGM**

Agenda for the meeting is as follows:-

Present/Apologies

Reading of Previous Meeting Minutes

Correspondence In/Out

General Business

- *Welcome of 2014 Committee
- * Treasurer's Report - carried forward from AGM
- * Canteen Report
- * Principal's Report
- *Horse Sports
- *2014 Fundraising
- *Play Night
- *John's Wishlist!
- Business Arising
- Closure of Meeting

All welcome to attend!!