

The Breeze

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 5



BUY A BALE DAY – FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT OUR FARMERS

The school has registered for 'Buy a Bale' fundraiser this term in support of farmers. This is a wonderful fundraiser and is obviously something that a lot of our students will relate closely to and understand the importance of. 'Buy a Bale' Day will be held on Wednesday 2 April and will be a day jam packed with lots of fun and activities. More information about this day will be released closer to the date.

THANK YOU

A massive thank you to Mrs Caroline Sevil and family who have kindly donated an EpiPen and Ventolin for our first aid kit. These items are greatly appreciated.

3-6 EXCURSION – GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Planning is well underway for our major excursion of the year which will this year be to The Great Aussie Bush Camp. This week a 'Note of Commitment' will be sent home asking families to outline if their child/children will/will not be attending the excursion. This commitment will also require a non-refundable deposit.

This excursion requires a minimum number of 18 students to attend. If we cannot meet the minimum requirement of students, then we will have to look at alternative options for our excursion.

CHESS CLUB

Willow Tree Public School Chess Club will recommence on March 7th. Our students are exceptionally fortunate to learn this wonderful game of strategy under the close eye of Mrs Shirley Goodwin. Chess Club is for students in Years 2-6 and takes place every second Friday at Lunch Time. If your child is interested in Chess, ask them to speak to Mr Ireland for further details and to secure their spot in the Chess Club. Throughout the year there will be the opportunity for some of our more experienced Chess players to enter tournaments representing our school.

"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 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

Week 4 Awards

Hosts: Zara McCarthy & Sam Avar

Class Awards:

K/1/2

Jake Wamsley – for a great illustration of “Little Red Riding Hood”

Molly McKinley – for improved handwriting and trying hard in her story writing

3/4/5/6

James Redgrove – outstanding effort with 3x, 4x & 5x tables

Aleeci Francis – Fantastic creative writing

Mrs Ramage’s Award:

Zara McCarthy – for always trying her very best and for being an excellent helper to her peers and staff

Giulia Duddy – for trying her hardest in maths activities. Outstanding effort Giulia

Sports Award

James Redgrove – for respecting the sport equipment



GOLD CERTIFICATE

Congratulations to Gus Sevil for receiving a gold award this week. For new families that may not be aware, a gold certificate is received when a student accumulates five class awards.

BLANDFORD HORSE SPORTS

Good luck to Emily Wamsley who will be competing at Blandford Horse Sports next Monday. We hope you have a successful day.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF KINDERGARTEN

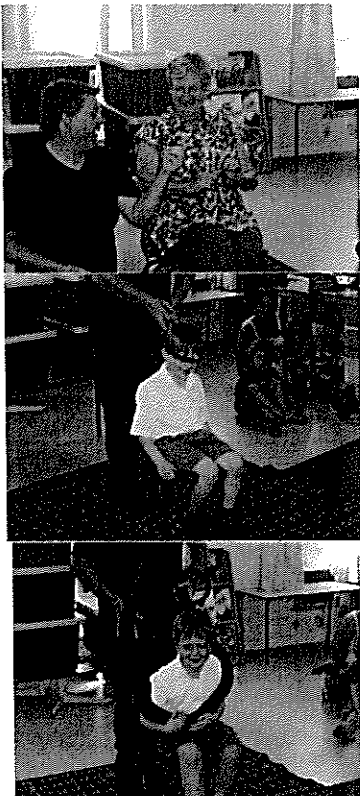
Our Kindergarten students have settled into school routines extremely well. You would think they have been here for years! We took the opportunity this week to ask our 2014 Kinder class what their thoughts on school are so far.....**Willson** – I love doing work and going to the library to pick books.

Shania says school is good and I like playing. **Kira-Lee** loves the monkey bars and painting, she says she just loves school. **John** loves playing with the toys and working in class. **Haley** likes the library at school. **Holly** says she likes learning hard and playing with the kids, Holly loves coming to school. **Jake** says he likes school, he likes the playground and especially the basketball hoops. Last but not least **Brad** says he likes playing, that's all he likes.

BOB TURNER WILDLIFE SHOW

There were frogs, and cane toads. Small and large snakes. Blue tongue and Shingle backed lizards, cockroaches, turtles and even a stuffed rat!!!! What a fantastic afternoon at the Wildlife show at the Preschool. Our students were most excited to be able to get up close and personal with these animals. Bella had a frog on her head, Gus had snake sunglasses. Molly, Jasmine, Kira-Lee and Stirling had a cuddle with Peanut, the large python. Ned was surprised when he was confronted with a snake and Willson received a kiss on the nose from a blue tongue lizard! The students enjoyed the interaction with various animals however, the highlight of the show was when Mrs Jenkins was chosen to kiss a cockroach!!!! Ewwwwwww.....

Thank you to Miss Mel, Miss Deb and the Preschool students for inviting K/1/2 to watch this show. We had a fantastic time.



MATHS PLUS TEXT BOOKS

Math text books have been issued to each student from years K-6 to assist in supporting our math lessons. Students are not taught solely from this text book, they are used to consolidate a lesson. There is a cost of \$10 per student per book, the rest of the cost has been subsidized by the school. Please complete the note on the back of the newsletter and return to the office together with payment by Friday 21st March 2014. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

If your family is experiencing difficulties in paying any of the fees that come up from time to time, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school to discuss the same. All information is strictly confidential.

WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C HORSE SPORTS

A reminder to all families that entries for our school horse sports are due by next Friday. If your child/ren are planning on participating in the horse sports, please collect an entry form from the office. A further reminder to families that this is a major fundraiser for our school. All help is greatly appreciated. Please contact Kristy McCarthy or Kelly Barwick if you are able to assist.



CANTEEN

Mon 3rd March – Sarah Thomas

Wed 5th March – Sheree Johnson & Caroline Sevil

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!!

Math Text Book

Please find enclosed \$_____ being payment of \$10 per book for my child/ren_____.

Parent/guardian_____

Date_____

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