

The Breeze

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 6

BUY A BALE DAY

As per last weeks newsletter our school will be holding a fundraiser day for the "Buy a Bale" campaign. Buy a Bale is an organisation that has been put together to support rural communities throughout NSW and QLD throughout the drought. This campaign is providing meaningful support for farmers by delivering hay and other essential items to farmers who have no feed left for their cattle. Willow Tree Public School will be holding a day on Wednesday 2nd April 2014 to raise funds for this worthwhile cause. Students will come dressed in farm attire. The morning will start with students participating in rotational activities in the classroom. A BBQ lunch will be available together with country music and barn dancing followed by an afternoon of fun competitions. Further details will be sent out in the following weeks however keep this date free and lets help support our fellow farming friends.

iPads

The Willow Tree Public School P&C is truly a fantastic group. This morning a further 13 iPads together with cases have been ordered for our students. This will mean we will now have 23 iPads within the school allowing a full class session to be taught with the luxury of each student having their own iPad. Technology is forever rapidly progressing throughout the world, with the purchase of these iPads it ensures that our students are progressing with the times. On behalf of the staff and students we would like to thank the hard working P&C members which make purchases like these possible.

"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.

GREAT BOOKS FOR STUDENTS TO READ

Favourite books from the Premier's Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!

Find out more:
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/hu/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/helping-tweens-to-love-reading/ideal-books-for-tweens-to-read>

Calendar

MARCH

7th – WT Horse Sports

Entries Due

10th – Regional Swimming

21st – WT Horse Sports

31st – Young Leaders
Conference – Sydney

APRIL

2nd – Buy a Bale Day

Week 4 Awards

Hosts: Zara McCarthy & Sam Avar

Class Awards:

K/1/2

Emily Wamsley – For her happy and enthusiastic attitude toward school. Thanks for always trying your best!

Gus Sevil – For trying his very best in the classroom. Keep it up Gus!

3/4/5/6

Codeyn Martyn – Taking greater responsibility for his learning

Billy Swain – Excellent participation in Maths lessons

Mrs Ramage's Award:

Cody Thompson – For a wonderful effort with his reading. Keep it up Cody.

Joshua Curmi - For an excellent effort in reading. Great work Josh

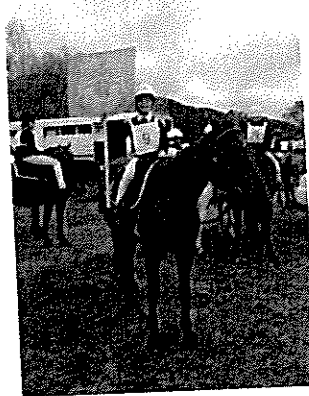
Sports Award

Jack Swain – for respecting all equipment and playing fairly with others



BLANDFORD HORSE SPORTS

Congratulations to Emily Wamsley who competed at the Blandford Horse Sports on Monday. This was Emily's first school horse sports. Emily had an outstanding day competing and was awarded the 8yr girl champion.



P & C News

The Annual General Meeting of the Willow Tree Public School was held last night. A great meeting with a lot of support.

Thank you for attending and congratulations to the people voted into positions and for the new 2014 committee being involved in such an important part of our children's school life.

President:- Angus Sevil

1st Vice President:- Valerie Davis

2nd Vice President:- Skye Avar

Treasurer:- Tracy Swain

Secretary:- Kathy Redgrove

Publicity Officer:- Skye Avar

Canteen Co-Ordinator:- Sub Committee of Valerie Davis and Sarah Thomas

Uniform Officer:- Michelle Wamsley

Events Co-Ordinator:- Kelly Barwick

Committee

Members:-

Kristy McCarthy, Jodie Martin, Jacinda Moore, Shelly Devine, Andrew Avar, Barry Avar, Sue Avar, Sheree Johnson, Ray Redgrove, John Ireland, Caroline Sevil, Geoff Barwick, Neil Barwick, Kay Barwick, Andrew Swain, Scott Davis, Scott Duddy, David Thomas.

Thank you!

Kathy Redgrove – Secretary

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Good luck to our team of swimmers who will be representing the Quirindi PSSA Zone at the regional swimming carnival in Armidale on Monday. Tara Barwick, Annabelle Avard, Sam Avard, Giulia Duddy, Alecci Francis and Zara McCarthy will all be competing in individual events and relays. We wish you all a successful day and look forward to hearing your results.



WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS

Entries for our horse sports close tomorrow and we are at full capacity and unfortunately having to turn entries away due to increased numbers. A working bee will be held on Thursday 20th from 1pm at the Willow Tree Recreation Grounds to prepare for the event. If you are able to help with the setup of horse sports please let Angus Sevil know.

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 assistance in this matter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Josh Curmi who is celebrating his special day today. Further birthday wishes go out to Mrs Jenkins for the 8th March, Molly McKinley for the 10th and Katie Martin will celebrate her big day on the 11th. We hope you all have a fantastic day.

CHESS

A reminder for those students who are interested that chess will start tomorrow. We thank Mrs Goodwin for volunteering her time to our students.

YEARS 3-6 EXCURSION THE GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Last week a note was sent home regarding a notice of commitment to gauge numbers for the proposed excursion to The Great Aussie Bush Camp in August. Please make sure notes are back in letting us know whether your child/ren will or will not be attending so we can make arrangements.

CANTEEN

Mon 10th March – Sue-Ellen Scoggin

Wed 12th March – Val Davis

Quirindi Junior Basketball

Registration Days

Saturday 8th and 22nd March

9am – 10.30am

Quirindi High School Hall

Fees

Primary School - \$60.00

High School - \$75.00

Competition to commence on Friday 2nd May, 2014

Any questions or queries please contact Nardi Beresford 0431 721 910

Quirindi Junior Soccer

Registration Is Open!

Registration and payment must be completed online at www.myfootballclub.com.au by Monday 24 March 2014. Registration enquiries may be directed to Rikki Tetley Ph: 0413 137079.

2014 Registration Fees are:

- 5-7yrs - \$70
- 8-11yrs - \$80
- 12-18yrs - \$90

Players must be turning 5yrs in 2014 to take to the field and may register up to 18yrs (boys) or 19yrs (girls). Age ranges are based on the age your child turns in 2014. All 5-7yr old children will receive a free "small side" soccer ball and shin pads. Team shirts are provided for games. Further information including details for the Grading Days will be in the Quirindi Advocate and via email to registered players.

Math Text Book

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

Parent/guardian_____

Date_____

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