

The Breeze

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 7

SWIMMING SUCCESS

Look out Sydney!! Willow Tree are on their way!!! Our six representatives at the regional swimming carnival in Armidale on Monday were extremely successful resulting in all 6 swimmers cementing a spot in the state team, representing the North West Region. Aleeci Francis had an outstanding swim to win the junior girls 50m breaststroke. Aleeci and Annabelle Avarad were part of the Quirindi Small Schools Junior Girls Relay team who were also successful in making it on to state. Giulia, Sam, Tara and Zara swam their fastest relay time to date to cement their spot in the team, representing Willow Tree in the Peter Dobson relay. Well done to all these students. It is an absolute outstanding result to have all regional representatives move forward to the state carnival. The state carnival is held at Homebush over the 9th and 10th of April.



WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL

RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION PROGRAM

Next Tuesday our school will have a visit from a member of the Responsible Pet Education Team. This is a free program for schools and looks at positive interaction between people and their pets. It focuses on safety and the responsibilities associated with owning a pet. Students from K/1/2 will participate in this program and hopefully take away lots of knowledge to help them in their understanding of responsible pet ownership. If you have any questions regarding the program, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

STUDENT ABSENCES

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the legal requirements associated with student absences. While our school absences are not of major concern, it is important that all student absences are clearly explained either by note or phone call directly to the office. Please take the time to contact Wendy in the office or send a note to your classroom teacher. One absence per week across a child's primary school education is equivalent to losing almost an entire year of quality teaching and learning.

"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

19th – Parent Power Workshop - Reading
21st – WT Horse Sports
31st – Young Leaders Conference – Sydney

APRIL

2nd – Buy a Bale Day
4th – Cross Country
9/10th – State Swimming

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Week 6 Awards

Hosts: James Redgrove &
Codeyn Martyn

Student of the Week

Leelan Watts

Leelan is a fantastic class member who always tries his best. He is making steady academic progress and is becoming more willing to involve himself in classroom discussions. Well done Leelan!



Class Awards:

K/1/2

Holly Martin – for writing her own sentence about riding her bike

John Thomas – clever thinking & reading of numbers to 100, telling the numbers before & after

3/4/5/6

Joshua Curmi – for a massive improvement in classroom attitude and application. Keep working hard Josh!

Tara Barwick – for always being a delightful class member who takes a great deal of pride in her learning

Mrs Ramage's Award:

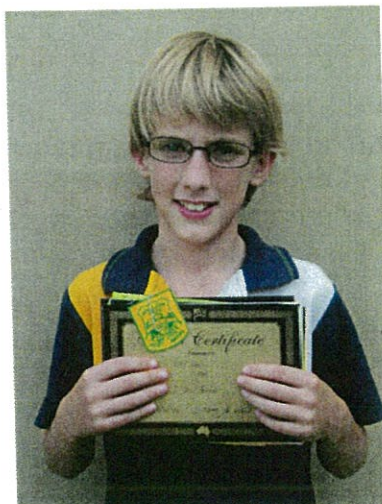
Stirling Gallagher – for working extremely well in science activities

John Thomas – for excellent work in 'On the Farm' activities.



Sports Award

Leelan Watts – Showing respect in the sport shed and taking back items that weren't his.



Gold Certificates

Congratulations to Billy Swain on achieving two Gold Certificates and to Jack Swain and Emily Wamsley who each received one Gold Certificate. Well done!

Cloth Patch

Students exchange five Principal's Gold Merit Certificates for a Willow Tree PS Cloth Patch.

Well done to Billy Swain on achieving a Cloth Patch!

YEARS 3-6 EXCURSION THE GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

A reminder to all families with students in years 3-6 to return the "Notice of Commitment" form to the office, so we can establish if there are enough students for the excursion to proceed. It would be appreciated if you can let us know regardless if you are sending your child/ren or not so we can make a decision on the future of the excursion.

WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS

We have had an overwhelming response to our horse sports this year with record entries received. A working bee will be held next Thursday, 20th March from 1pm for set up of the event. If you are able to help please contact Angus Sevil. All help is greatly appreciated. This is the P&C's biggest fundraiser for the year. All proceeds are put back into purchasing resources to aid our children's education. If you are able to assist on the day in the canteen please contact Kelly Barwick.

Aleeci & Annabelle who are also part of the North West Team who will swim at state later this term.



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.



BUY A BALE DAY

Preparations are well underway for our "Buy a Bale Day" that will be held on Wednesday 2nd April at school. The day will commence with rotational activities in the morning for students. Parents, family and community members are invited to join us from 12pm for a BBQ lunch on the lawn with country music, followed by an afternoon of fun activities. All proceeds will go towards the Buy a Bale organisation supporting NSW and QLD farmers. Keep the date free in your diary, tell your family and friends and let's support our fellow farming communities.

CANTEEN

Mon 17th March – Kath Redgrove & Caroline Sevil

Wed 19th March – Tracy Swain



Mrs. Redgrove and Mrs. Sevil will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on **Monday 17th March** on Canteen so there will be lots of 'Green' food available for sale at Morning Tea!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Bella McCarthy who will celebrate her birthday tomorrow and to John Thomas who will celebrate his special day on the 16th. We hope you both have a fantastic day.



REMINDER

The Quirindi Canter Fun Run
Sunday 6th April 2014.
Henry st oval

Get your school/team relay together -
4 x 400m. \$50 Prize for best dressed
relay!

For more info and rego details see the
website
www.quirindicanter.org

Math Text Book

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Parent/guardian_____

Date_____

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