



# The Breeze

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Term 1 Week 11

#### ANZAC DAY

Willow Tree Public School will be participating in the ANZAC march on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Students are to be assembled in the street between King George V1 Park and the Willow Tree Inn by 8.45am ready to commence the march to the Willow Tree Hall. Full winter school uniform is to be worn. We understand that ANZAC Day falls in the holidays however we do encourage as much student attendance as possible.

#### ANZAC MORNING TEA

Each year our P&C members provide morning tea for after the march. It would be appreciated if each family attending the march would kindly provide a plate of food for morning tea at the ANZAC march.

#### SCHOOL-PRE-SCHOOL BUDDIES PARADE

This term years 3/4/5&6 have been meeting with Pre-school students each Tuesday, developing relationships between the Pre-school students and school students. For the past couple of Tuesdays the students have been working on Easter Hats. The Pre-school students proudly paraded their finished products in front of our school today. Thank you to Mrs. Ramage and Miss Mel for coordinating the program.

#### STATE SWIMMING

This week a number of our students are representing our school and the North West Region at the NSWPSA State Swimming Championships. Yesterday, Aleeci Francis swam in the Junior Girls 50m Breaststroke and came a very credible 22<sup>nd</sup> place in her event. Congratulations Aleeci.

Annabelle Avar & Aleeci Francis swam in the Junior Girls relay team this morning, although all team members swam very well, they were unfortunate not to make it through to the finals. Congratulations to our Peter Dobson 4x50m Relay team of Zara McCarthy, Tara Barwick, Giulia Duddy & Sam Avar who progressed through to the finals breaking their personal best by 6 seconds. They finished off their final in a very commendable 10<sup>th</sup> place. Well done to all our State Swimmers.

#### TERM 1 SNAPSHOT REPORTS

Last week all students received a progress report providing parents with feedback on their children's progress so far this term. These reports are part of our school's plan to provide more ongoing and informative feedback to parents on student progress.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time to make an appointment.

#### TERM 2 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

The first Monday of Term 2 (28 April 2014) is an allocated Staff Development Day. All staff will be working with the staff from Wallabadah Public School on current educational priorities including 'Speech Programs' and the implementation of the new NSW Maths Syllabus. School will resume for students on Tuesday 29 April.

#### Calendar

##### APRIL

9/10<sup>th</sup> – State Swimming  
11<sup>th</sup> – Last Day Term 1  
25<sup>th</sup> – ANZAC Day  
28<sup>th</sup> – Term 2 resumes  
28<sup>th</sup> – Staff Development Day  
29<sup>th</sup> – Students return to school

##### MAY

9<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Stall  
13 – 15<sup>th</sup> – NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Zone Cross Country

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## **CROSS COUNTRY**

The sun was shining and the weather was perfect for our children as they competed in the Cross Country last Friday at the Willow Tree Recreations Grounds. Well done to all students who completed their events and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to the following students who gained a place in their event.

### **5yr Girl Fun-run**

1<sup>st</sup> Kira-Lee Moore

### **5yr Boys Fun-run**

1<sup>st</sup> – John Thomas

2<sup>nd</sup> – Willson Davis

### **6yr Girl Fun-run**

1<sup>st</sup> Holly Martin

2<sup>nd</sup> Shania Thompson

3<sup>rd</sup> Sophie Colquhoun

### **6yr Boy Fun-run**

1<sup>st</sup> Jake Wamsley

2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Johnson

### **7yr Girl Fun-run**

1<sup>st</sup> Jasmine Fowler

2<sup>nd</sup> Katie Martin

3<sup>rd</sup> Bella McCarthy

### **7yr Boy Fun-run**

1<sup>st</sup> Kyle Sternbeck

2<sup>nd</sup> Cody Sternbeck

3<sup>rd</sup> Tyler Evans

### **8yr Girl 2000m**

1<sup>st</sup> Emily Wamsley

### **8yr Boy 2000m**

1<sup>st</sup> Ned Swain

### **9yr Girl 2000m**

1<sup>st</sup> Hannah Watts

### **10yr Girl 2000m**

1<sup>st</sup> Annabelle Avar

2<sup>nd</sup> Aleeci Francis

3<sup>rd</sup> Amber Fowler

### **10yr Boy 2000m**

1<sup>st</sup> Cody Thompson

2<sup>nd</sup> Darcy Devine

3<sup>rd</sup> Dominic Hyde

### **11yr Girl 3000m**

1<sup>st</sup> Giulia Duddy

2<sup>nd</sup> Tara Barwick

3<sup>rd</sup> Annabel Sevil

### **11yr Boy 3000m**

1<sup>st</sup> Billy Swain

= 2<sup>nd</sup> Leelan Watts

James Redgrove

### **Open 3000m – Boys**

1<sup>st</sup> Jack Swain



Well done everyone. Thank you to the parents who prepared the course, Mr & Mrs Honner and Mr & Mrs Cleal for the use of their property and to all parents who assisted throughout the day whether it was on the course or in the canteen to help this event run smoothly. Students will be advised early next term of their selection for zone which is to be held at the Willow Tree Recreation Grounds on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014.



### ANZAC TALK

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April we received a visit from Mr Earl Kelaher who spoke with students about his experiences with the Vietnam War and also about his recent trip back to the battle fields all throughout Europe and Turkey. Mr Kelaher brought in a piece of shrapnel that was found on a battle field in Greece, a stone from the beach at Gallipoli where the ANZAC'S landed those many years ago and his medals. We would like to thank Mr Kelaher for his time and for coming and speaking to the children about his experiences. With ANZAC day approaching it is important that our students are aware of what our soldiers sacrificed for our country and what better way for them to learn from a true hero, Vietnam Veteran, Mr Kelaher.



### THE GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

A reminder to all families of students attending our excursion in Term 3 that payments can be made at the office at any time.

### QUIRINDI SMALL PET SHOW

Congratulations to Codeyn Martyn & Amber Fowler who both received a highly commended for stage 3 hand drawn poster in the recent poster competition for the Quirindi Small Pet Show

### NORTH WEST SOCCER TRIALS

Well done to Sam Avar and Zara McCarthy who attended the North West Soccer Trials in Armidale last Friday. Both Sam and Zara displayed outstanding sportsmanship and determination. The competition was tough as the North West Teams were selected to compete at State. Although unlucky to secure a spot in the team we congratulate you on your participation.

The following email was sent to the school regarding Sam and Zara's representation at the North West Soccer Trials. Letters like these make me exceptionally proud to be principal of this fantastic school and the wonderful students that attend here every day.

Hi John

*I am writing to express my gratitude toward your students Sam and Zara. They were terrific, on and off the field. During our games they played very well and showed good sportsmanship. They were always respectful, well-mannered and willing to listen to constructive feedback. It was a pleasure taking them to Armidale as a part of the Quirindi area team. Could you please pass on my sincere thanks to the Sam and Zara and to their parents?*

Thanks

Tim Tarrant

### TERM 2 – UNIFORM

Students will be required to wear full winter school uniform from term 2. For girls, the winter uniform can be purchased at Lowes Menswear in Tamworth. School ties are available to purchase from there also. The clothing pool has limited second hand winter uniforms available. Please contact the office if you have any queries or concerns with regard to the winter school uniform.

### CANTEEN

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April –**  
Staff Development Day

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> April –**  
Bev Thornton



### SCHOOL SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY

**Term 2 Week 2**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Zara McCarthy, Annabelle Avar, Ned Swain, Stirling Gallagher, Kyle Sternbeck

### The Cancer Councils Biggest Morning Tea

The Warrah Creek Committee invites you and your friends to Our Biggest Morning Tea

At

Warrah Creek Hall

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
10am

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RSVP – 8<sup>th</sup> May

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