



The Breeze

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 2 Week 3

Stewart House Annual Awards

This week the school received a 'Platinum Award' from Stewart House in recognition for the tremendous contribution our school makes in assisting them with their work. To be eligible for an award, a school community must fundraise for Stewart House and this is then combined with school staff contributions (through Salary Contribution Scheme) and a per capita donation value is derived for each school. To receive a 'Platinum Award' is an outstanding achievement for a small school like ours.



Reforms to P & C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/1-z/involvement.php>.

Home Reading – Are you still going?

Earlier this year, all students were given a Home Reading record book to keep track of and encourage regular home reading. I would like to pass on massive congratulations to all of our students (and parents) who are still committed to reading every night. To better track student progress, I encourage all students to regularly (weekly) present their record of reading to me so I can further encourage our kids to read.

I am also very pleased to announce that students who have shown a great commitment to the program will receive a special prize once they have read for 200 nights. So c'mon kids, keep reading and develop a love of literature.

MAY

19th – Pie Drive Order Forms Due

20th – NorthWest Touch Football Trials

23rd – Zone Cross Country

JUNE

9th – Public Holiday

14th – Play Night

Term 2
Week 2 Awards

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

Annabelle Avard – for an informative slide show on her family's trip to New Zealand

Zara McCarthy – for a fantastic talk on her swimming achievements over the past year

Ned Swain – for a great slide show about his experience in the Junior King of the Ranges

Stirling Gallagher – for his talk on playing footy this year. We hope you have a successful season Stirling

Kyle Sternbeck – for showing us his new helmet and talking about his new quad bike

CLASS AWARDS

K/1/2

Brad Johnson – for excellent effort in writing activities

Tyler Evans – for working really hard and concentrating on his learning. Great work Tyler.

Bella McCarthy – for being a great class helper while Mrs Jenkins has been away

3/4/5/6

Darcy Devine – for enthusiastic participation in Maths (position) activities

Zara McCarthy – for consistent effort and improvement in persuasive writing tasks

Sports Award

Holly Martin – for always playing fairly in the playground



MRS RAMAGE'S
AWARDS

Isabella Harkin – for being a hard worker who always tries her best

Molly McKinley – for always participating in class discussions and sharing her ideas

GOLD CERTIFICATE

Congratulations to Annabel Sevil for achieving a Principals Gold Certificate.



ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Next Friday, 23rd May Willow Tree will host the Quirindi Zone Cross Country at the Willow Tree Recreation Grounds. The Willow Tree P&C will be running a canteen, donations of cakes and/or slices would be greatly appreciated. If anyone is able to help in the canteen throughout the morning, please contact Kelly Barwick. A reminder to families that students are to be assembled at the grounds ready to walk the course by 9.10am. Students are to report to Mrs Jenkins, the teacher on duty, on arrival and departure.

NEW SCHOOL JACKETS

The P&C have been investigating the introduction of a new, cheaper alternative, school jacket. A design has been chosen and the new jackets should be in stock at the school by the end of next week. The new jackets can be purchased for \$40ea. The old school jacket can still be worn.

NORTHWEST TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS

Good luck to Sam Avard as he travels to Armidale tomorrow and Zara McCarthy as she travels to Tamworth to participate in the North West Touch Football Trials.

ZONE NETBALL TRIALS

Congratulations to Giulia Duddy who has been selected to be part of the Quirindi Zone Netball team to compete at the North West Trials in Tamworth later this term.

THE GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP EXCURSION

Just a reminder for families with students in years 3-6 attending The Great Aussie Bush Camp excursion next term that payments can be made at the office at any time. For any enquiries or concerns with regards to the excursion, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Our library has been stocked with over 200 new books. The new books should be ready to be borrowed next week. There are lots of new exciting titles from popular chapter books to informative information books.

WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PLAY NIGHT

"Zinderella of Warranella"

Tickets are selling fast for the play night to be held at Warrah Creek Hall on Saturday 14th June 2014. Tickets can be purchased from the office at school or the Willow Tree Visitors Information Centre. Adults - \$30 includes dinner and complimentary drink on arrival + entertainment. Children \$10, Preschoolers \$5 (both include children's meal) Bar Facilities available. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Come and join in a fun night of entertainment featuring past and present school students, P&C members and community members whilst supporting a worthy cause.

CANTEEN

Mon 19th May –
Sarah Thomas & Tina Gorst

Wed 21st May –
Kristy Young

For canteen enquiries please contact Sarah Thomas on 65467026 or email:- sjp_thomas@hotmail.com



SCHOOL SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY

Term 2 Week 6
Friday 6th June

Giulia Duddy, Leelan Watts,
Katie Martin, Tom Devine &
John Thomas

P&C – PIE DRIVE ORDER FORMS

For any families wishing to place a pie drive order, please ensure order forms, together with payments are returned by Monday, 19th May.

WILLOW TREE LIONS CLUB

Invites everyone to welcome new residents to the district and

Naming the Willow Tree
Citizen of the Year
Willow Tree Bowling Club
29th May 2014
6.30pm

Guest speaker – ABC radio
presenter Jennifer Ingall
\$25pp

Dress: smart casual
RSVP: by 26th May
Earl Kelaher 67471500
Neil Barwick 67471755

THANKYOU

On behalf of the P&C and School we would like to thank Mr Charles Hannah and staff from the Willow Tree Inn for their generous donation of \$2,300.00 being proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets at the Inn last year. We thank the Willow Tree Inn for allowing the P&C the opportunity to raise these funds. The P&C are very supportive of our school and are always looking at purchasing resources that go towards benefiting the education of all our students. Thank you.

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