

The Breeze

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 3 Week 1

Term 3 – Here We Go!!!

Welcome back everybody after what I hope was a relaxing and enjoyable break. Term 3 is shaping up to be a very busy time with our school excursions, lots of extra-curricular activities and of course loads of learning inside the classrooms. Please keep an eye out for permission notes and information inside 'The Breeze' to stay up to date with what is happening in the school this term.

Premier's Spelling Bee

Once again this year all of our students will have the opportunity to take part in the Willow Tree Public School Spelling Bee. Students who are interested will be provided with a list of words for study from the Premier's Spelling Bee word list. Following our school spell-off, there will be the opportunity for some representatives to progress and represent our school at the regional final of the Premier's Spelling Bee. Watch this space for dates and more information.

Kids Matter – Australian Primary Schools Mental Health initiative

Willow Tree Public School and Wallabadah Public School are joining forces with other small schools in the area to implement 'Kids Matter' in our schools. 'Kids Matter' is a flexible, whole-school approach to children's mental health and wellbeing for primary schools. It works both on its own and as an umbrella under which a school's existing programs can comfortably fit. 'Kids Matter' provides the proven methods, tools and support to help schools, parents and carers, health services and the wider community nurture happy, balanced kids.

Our involvement in this program will begin with a program launch later this term at Wallabadah Public School where we would love as many parents/families as possible in attendance. It will coincide with a visiting production /puppet show that relates directly to the concepts that 'Kids Matter' identifies with.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended interviews with Mr Ireland yesterday. Mrs Jenkins' interviews will be held Wednesday 23rd July 2014.

ZONE ATHLETICS

The Quirindi PSSA Zone Athletics carnival will be held in Quirindi on Friday 8th August 2014. Students will be advised in the following weeks of their selection and which events they have been selected to participate in at the zone carnival.

BUS CHANGES – NOTIFICATION

A reminder to all families to please let the school know of any changes to bus routines for your child/ren this term. Please note if we do not have notification from you, your child/ren will be sent home on their "normal" bus run.

Calendar

JULY

23rd – K/1/2 – Parent Teacher Interviews
25th – Spring Ridge Carnival

AUGUST

6th – CWA International Day
8th – Zone Athletics
12th – Kids Matter Launch/

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What fantastic weather the last Friday of term 2 turned out to be for the completion of our athletics carnival. Thank you to all the parents who bought their child/ren along to complete the events that unfortunately couldn't be completed the week before due to the weather.

Well done to all our students who "had a go" in their events, we love seeing our students participating.

It must've been Banksia's year this year. Well done to the Team of Banksia who won the R & C Swain March Past Trophy and who were also successful in winning the Talawanta House Trophy for the highest point scoring house on the day.

Congratulations to all the champions and runner-up champions

Minor Girl

Champion: Jasmine Fowler

Runner-Up: Molly McKinley & Bella McCarthy

Minor Boy

Champion: Kyle Sternbeck

Runner-Up: Brayden Soley

Junior Girl

Champion: Annabelle Avar

Runner-Up: Amber Fowler

Junior Boy

Champion: Dominic Hyde

Runner-Up: Darcy Devine

11yr Girl

Champion: Giulia Duddy

Runner-Up: Tara Barwick

11yr Boy

Champion: Billy Swain

Runner-Up: James Redgrove

Senior Girl

Champion: Zara McCarthy

Senior Boy

Champion: Sam Avar

Runner-Up: Jack Swain



Age Champions & Runner-up



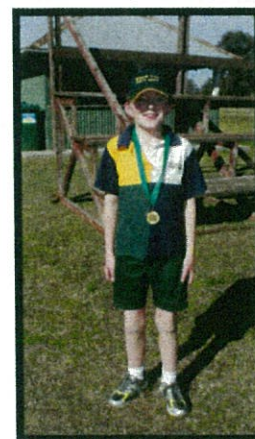
Banksia Captains – Annabel Sevil & Tara Barwick with their fellow Banksia team mates celebrating their wins

The R&S Harris Highest Point Score Trophy was a three way tie awarded to Giulia Duddy, Zara McCarthy and Sam Avar. Well done to these students.

Congratulations to Leelan Watts who was the recipient of the JEM award for participation.



Absent: Giulia Duddy



SPRING RIDGE SMALL SCHOOLS SPORTS CARNIVAL

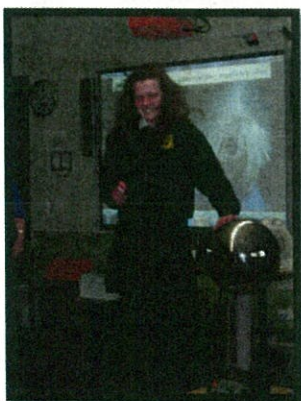
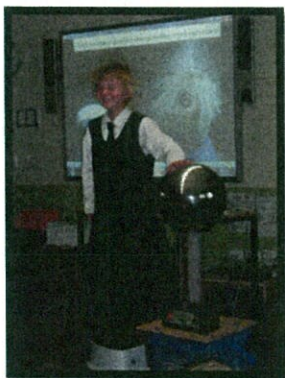
The annual Spring Ridge Small Schools Sports Carnival will be held at Spring Ridge on Friday 25th July 2014. All students are eligible to compete in their age race. Notes have been sent home earlier this week with information relating to other events that students have been entered in. Please make sure permission notes are returned to the office at school by Monday 21st July 2014 stating whether your child/ren will or will not be attending the carnival. Please note that all staff will be in attendance at the carnival and there will be no supervision at school. Transport to and from Spring Ridge is the responsibility of the parents. We thank you for your support at this event. It is important for our students to interact and socialise with other schools along with some friendly competition.

CWA INTERNATIONAL DAY

This year students in years 3-6 have been invited to join the annual CWA International Day on Wednesday 6th August commencing at 10am. Students will either walk to the hall accompanied by staff or in the event of inclement weather travel by private car. The country of study this year is Botswana. Each year our school participates in this event where the CWA ladies kindly provide morning tea to the students. For students in years 3-6 please make sure the permission note on the back of the newsletter is completed and returned to the office by Friday 1st August 2014.

SCIENCE DISCOVERY AFTERNOON

On Tuesday we were lucky enough to have a visit from Jo and Paul from the Science Discovery Project. All students were involved in an afternoon of science experiments. Firstly, our Year Six students were able to launch a water rocket each. Giulia's travelled the greatest distance but Jack's went the highest into the air. They were amazing! Next we went inside to see lots of experiments and explanations about magnets and electricity. We particularly liked creating our own chain of electricity and check out the photo of Bridget and Zara showing the effect of static electricity on their hair. It was awesome! Thank to Jo and Paul, we really enjoyed our afternoon of science fun!



CANTEEN

Mon 21st July - TBA

Wed 23rd July – Tracy Swain

For all canteen related enquiries, please contact Jacinda Moore – 0438 138065
Or jak_bug83@yahoo.com.au

NEW CANTEEN PRICE LIST

Please note there have been some slight increases in prices for the canteen. This price increase will take place as from Monday 21st July 2014.



SCHOOL SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY

Term 3 Week 3

Sam Avar, Amber Fowler,
Joshua Curmi, Jake Wamsley
& Haley Fowler



Sam & Zara present Jo & Paul from the science discovery with thank you gifts.



Willow Tree Preschool currently has vacancies for four year olds. If you know of anyone who has a four year old child who starts school next year and they may be considering sending their child to preschool please can you let them know about our vacancies? If you or anyone you know would like to make enquiries please let them know to contact Melanie Jones, Nominated Supervisor Willow Tree Preschool on 02 6747 1440 Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday and we will arrange a day for you to come and have a look around the preschool and speak with staff.

CWA INTERNATIONAL DAY – YEARS 3-6

I give permission for my child/ren _____ to attend and participate at the CWA International Day at the Willow Tree Hall on Wednesday 6th August 2014. I understand my child/ren will walk to and from the hall accompanied by staff or in the event of inclement weather will travel to and from by private car.

_____ (parent/guardian)

_____ (date)

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