

The Breeze

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 3 Week 7

SAS RECOGNITION WEEK

Next week is a very important week in the school calendar. SAS Recognition Week is a special time to acknowledge and recognise the outstanding contribution SAS staff make to school life. We are blessed here at Willow Tree with some of the most outstanding SAS Staff you could possibly hope for. Mrs Wendy Barnett in the front office is the face of our school. Her bright and happy nature ensures everyone that walks through the doors of our school leaves with a positive experience. Mrs Kristy McCarthy works tirelessly both in the office and in the classroom. Her SLSO work in the classroom provides ongoing learning support for all students and her excellent organisation skills definitely shine through on her admin days. Mr Howard Matthews does an excellent job maintaining our school grounds, ensuring that our school is filled with pride and looking its very best every day. Mrs Gwen Cone works tirelessly to ensure our school environment is pristine for our whole community. She is incredibly proud of Willow Tree and this shines through in the work she does. Please take the time to acknowledge the valuable contribution these special people make to our school every week, not just during this week of recognition.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

We had some great characters come to school today! It is fantastic to see so many students getting into the spirit of book week. We had lots of cowboys and a cowgirl, a few fairies flew in for the occasion. Zac Power was out in force however, the army and Batman kept them under control. Billie B Brown was at school and Pippi Longstocking came in off her island. We had a dog rounding up his sheep and a vet to make sure he was kept in good health. Jolly Olly the clown came along and entertained the characters and Al the miner came up from underground for the day. Thank you to the parents who came to watch the parade and to parents who helped their students with their costumes.



REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Good luck to Emily, Giulia & Sam as they travel to Tamworth tomorrow to take part in the North West Regional Athletics Carnival. We wish you all the very best.

FATHERS DAY STALL

The P&C will be holding a Father's Day stall at school on Friday 5th September. Gifts will be available ranging in price from \$2 - \$6. Gift bags will be available to wrap your gift in for \$1. Don't forget your Dad this Father's Day.



AUGUST

29th – Regional Athletic Carnival, Tamworth

SEPTEMBER

3rd – P&C Meeting – 6pm at school

5th – Chess Tournament - Tamworth

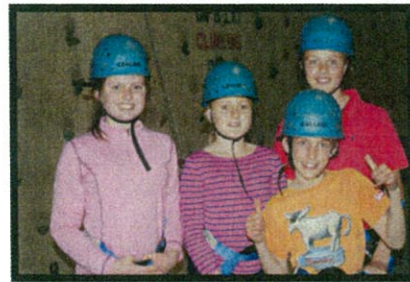
5th – Fathers Day Stall

11th – Premier Spelling Bee – Nemingha

16th – Life Education Van

THE GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

What a fantastic week students from years 3/4/5 & 6 had at The Great Aussie Bush Camp. Fears were conquered, team work was tested, skills were shown and a lot of fun was had. Students were put to the test straight up after arriving on Wednesday, rock climbing proved to be both challenging and rewarding when students reached the top. After rock climbing students braved the cold "Lost Island" or better known as mud world. There were tears and tantrums but more importantly there was triumph as students put themselves to the test conquering the cold muddy waters! After a much needed warm shower dinner was enjoyed before students went to the "county fair". There were milkshakes and cake, face painting, boxing and arcade games as well as the ever popular jumping castle, "Captain" tried to take out our instructor however all was well. Thursday saw students start the day with the national anthem at breakfast before honing their Archery skills. "Chicken Legs" was the only student to score a bullseye! After snow cones we were off to the high ropes. It took some convincing for some but everyone completed the course with the encouragement of each other. Due to the weather, Bushcraft was abandoned and more challenges were had, "T-Rex" and "Duddsie" showed great skills in the cup of water challenge with "Little Dawg" and "Smelly" gently being able to drop coins into cups. The GIANT swing proved popular amongst the students, "Bombination" was very brave when he took to the swing in the second round going straight to the top. Well done to the group who had to

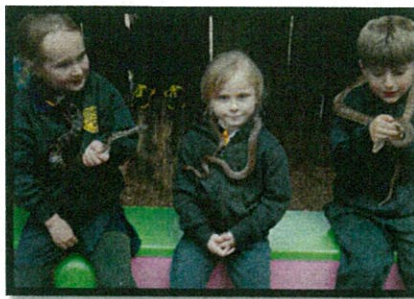


perform the chicken dance at dinner. Unfortunately once again due to weather students were unable to do commando but seemed more than happy to relax in the movie theatre before supper, a story and bed. Friday morning was yet another fun filled morning. Initiatives tested team work and "Skunk Face" showed off his limbo skills as he maneuvered through the spider web. The last activity before home time was the much awaited dual flying fox. Students had a ball as they soared over the lake.

A special mention to "Sparrow", "Nugget", "Mini-man", "Parko" and "Gasman" who all gave everything a go all week and conquered many a fear. Thank you to The Great Aussie Bush Camp for a great few days and our Instructors Princess Muscles, Big Dawg and Jake for their help throughout the week. Thank you to the students who make it a pleasure to take them away on excursions and to Mr Ireland and Mrs McCarthy for accompanying the students. A great time was had by all.

K/1/2 EXCURSION

An amazing day was had by K/1/2 on their excursion to The Australian Reptile Park. The rain held off long enough for students to enjoy the many attractions the Reptile park had to offer. After an exciting stop in the park admiring all the bats we arrived at the park ready to explore. Students enjoyed Spider World where Ned got a fright by a red back on the outback dunny! Students enjoyed learning about nocturnal animals, exploring through Lost World and the reptiles but one of the favourite things were the show pit and bushwalk. In the show pit students got to feel, pat and hold all sorts of reptiles including lizards, snakes and an alligator! Students were excited to see a Tasmanian Devil, Wombat, Dingoes, Koalas, many birds and the main attraction, Elvis the crocodile. Students burnt some energy on the lizard shaped play equipment before making the journey home with a stop at McDonalds on the way. A huge thank you to Mr Thomas for driving the bus for us and to Mr Ireland, Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Barnett for accompanying the students on the excursion but most of all a big thank you to the students who were exceptionally well behaved. We are very proud to take our students on excursions knowing they are always representing our school with pride.



THANK YOU

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all your love and support throughout my second pregnancy. Every day I come to work, I say to myself "How did I get so lucky!!" I work with the most amazing staff, the greatest students and the most awesome parents and community. I love Willow Tree P.S with all my heart, and even though I'm super excited about baby Ramage Number Two, I'm sad to be leaving. I am looking forward to returning in 2015.

"Thanks So Much" for the beautiful flowers and the lovely party. It makes me feel so special!!

Love Mrs Ramage



CANTEEN

Mon 1st September – Jacinda Moore

Wed 3rd September – Caroline Sevil

School Spectacular Assembly

Term 3 – Week 7

James Redgrove, Darcy Devine, Bella McCarthy, Molly McKinley & Holly Martin

Notice of P & C Meeting Of Willow Tree Public School To be held Wednesday 3rd September – 6pm in School Library.

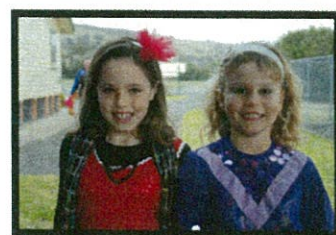
Agenda for the meeting is as follows:-

Present/Apologies
Reading of Previous Meeting Minutes
Correspondence In/Out
General Business

- * Treasurer's Report
- * Canteen Report
- * Principal's Report
- * Zinderella & Spring Ridge Wrap Up
- * Sand Pit Revamp – P&C Shed
- * 2015 horse sports

Business Arising
Closure of Meeting

All welcome to attend!!





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