

The Breeze

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 2

Parents and Citizens

Meetings

The first P & C meeting of the year will take place next Wednesday the 11 February in the school library. The meeting will begin at 6pm.

Our P & C are an extraordinary group of people that work tirelessly to provide amazing opportunities for all of our students. It would be delightful to see some new faces come along to the P & C meeting next week and have an input into our school's decisions, directions and future. Unfortunately I am unable to attend the first meeting due to a school planning day being held in Tamworth on the same date. However, I will have a report tabled bringing up many topics of interest for the P & C. I hope you can make it.

School Improvements and

Thank you

If you have entered the school recently, you may have noticed we are gradually making improvements to our grounds and gardens. During the holidays we had multiple projects take place including the extension of our bore to access further water sources. We have also levelled an old tree stump near the eating area, covering it with top soil and laying grass seed. Our garden under the COLA is also beginning to take shape with ventilation moulds attached and the garden beds filled. We will now start the process of planting some beautiful plants (particularly if our box hedges don't survive the replanting process).

I would like to express a huge thank you to Mr Noel Saunders and Mr Lindsay Andrews from Quirindi Excavation, who gave up their time and donated many resources into making the garden and tree stump projects happen during the holidays.

WANTOKS make use of resources

Many of you may remember last year when we had a much needed update of school library resources and a clean out of uncirculated items. These resources have been put to valuable use with the Calala Rotary Club shipping many of the items to the WANTOKS in Papua New Guinea to support many of the educational programs running in the community. Calala Rotary, with community assistance have now sent 19 shipping containers since 2006. A short thank you card with some photographs will be on display in the school notice board.

Calendar

FEBRUARY 2015

6th – Swimming Carnival – Werris Creek

11th – P&C Meeting

13th – Zone Swimming Carnival

2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

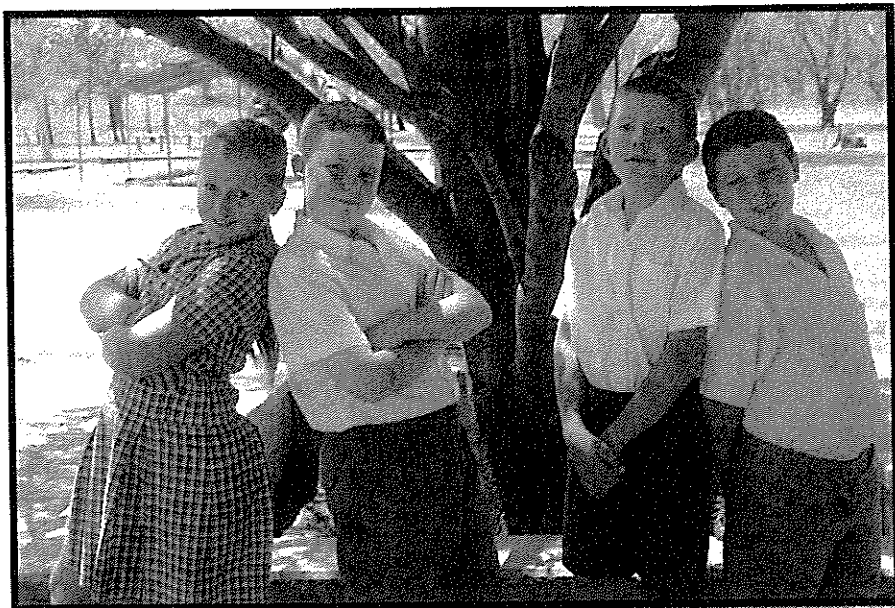
Our 2015 swimming carnival will be held tomorrow, 6th February 2015 at the Werris Creek Swimming Pool commencing at 9am. Students will need to be assembled at the pool by 8.45am. Tomorrow will be a day of competition swimming combined with novelty events for all swimmers throughout the day. Students are encouraged to come dressed in house colours.

Banksia – Green & Gold
Waratah – Red & White

Parent helpers will be required to help assist with time keeping throughout the day. Please make sure your child/ren have plenty of sunscreen, water and a hat.

2015 ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2015 Zone swimming carnival will be held on Friday 13th February 2015 at the Werris Creek swimming pool. Further information will be handed to students who will be eligible to compete at the zone carnival. Some events will require a qualifying time to participate. Parent helpers will be required to assist with time keeping throughout the day. If you are able to assist please contact the office. Students will be supervised by at the carnival by Miss Bale.



Pictured from L-R: Banksia Captains, Tara Barwick & James Redgrove & Waratah Captains, Leelan Watts & Dominic Hyde

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Last Friday students voted on house captains. Congratulations to the following students who have been elected house captains for 2015.

Waratah – Leelan Watts & Dominic Hyde

Banksia - Tara Barwick & James Redgrove

Our house captains play an important role in our sporting events. We know you will all lead your sports house with great enthusiasm.

FRUIT BREAK

A reminder that each morning at approximately 10am the children will have a fruit break. Could you please ensure your child has some fresh fruit or vegetables cut up which will enable them to eat it in the 5min time frame. These short breaks re-fuel our students so they can continue their learning throughout the morning.

BLANDFORD HORSE SPORTS

Blandford Horse Sports will be held on Friday 6th March 2015. Entry forms are available at the front office for students who are interested in competing. Please make sure all entry forms are returned together with payment to the office by Wednesday 11th February 2015.

HOME READING PROGRAM

Home reading books have been sent home to enable students to start their home reading. Please encourage your child/ren to read each night or for the younger students parents can read to them each night. Reading is a vital skill for life. Don't forget to bring in your completed home reading book each Wednesday to Mr Ireland.

WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C 2015 HORSE SPORTS

The annual P&C Horse Sports is scheduled to be held at the Willow Tree Recreation Grounds on Friday 20th March 2015. This is our P&C's largest fundraiser for the year and we need YOUR help! You don't have to be horse orientated to be involved in helping with the horse sports. A canteen is also part of the horse sports, the running of the canteen is a huge job considering it is open from 7.30am for breakfast. All proceeds raised from our fundraising efforts go back into our school and students. We would encourage all parents to come along and help out, even if it's only for a short time in the canteen. It can also be a great social day working with fantastic people. If you are able to assist with helping at the horse sports, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

MATHS PLUS TEXT BOOKS

Each year students are issued with a Maths Plus text book. These text books are used in a maths lesson to consolidate what students have been focusing on in the maths lesson that day. The cost of the Maths Plus text book is \$15 per student. Please complete the note that was sent home with the newsletter and return to school together with payment by Friday 6th March 2015. Please note, part payments can be made at the office at any time.

BOOK CLUB

Book club has been sent home with the newsletter this week. For new families, book club is not compulsory but allows students to purchase from the catalogues if they wish. There is no limit and students can purchase from any of the catalogues they like. Please ensure orders together with payment are returned to the office by Friday 13th February 2015.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

A reminder to all families that our school canteen is open each Monday. Students have the option to order their lunch on Mondays from an extensive menu as well as purchase morning tea. Our school canteen is run purely by volunteers. Students need to place their order on a lunch bag in the morning, which is then placed in a box outside the canteen door. Morning tea is available from the canteen from 50c per item at recess time. If you would like to become involved in volunteering on the canteen roster, please do not hesitate to contact the canteen co-ordinator, Jacinda Moore. Our students are very lucky to have this facility and appreciate the volunteers assistance.

CANTEEN

Monday 9th Feb –
Kathy Redgrove

If you have any queries please contact canteen coordinator, Jacinda Moore on 0438138065 or email jak_bug83@yahoo.com.au

Notice of P & C Meeting Of

**Willow Tree Public School
To be held**

**Wednesday 11th February – 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
* Canteen Policy
* Principal's Report
* Horse Sports
* Sandpit Update
* Year 6 Sport Shirt

Business Arising

Closure of Meeting

All welcome to attend!!

QUIRINDI & DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION INC

**(Quirindi Junior Soccer 0-18yrs)
Annual General Meeting**

7.00pm Thursday 15 February 2015
Tony Caine Function Room, Quirindi
RSL Club

All interested helpers are invited to attend.

For further information contact:
Michelle Gallagher (Secretary) -
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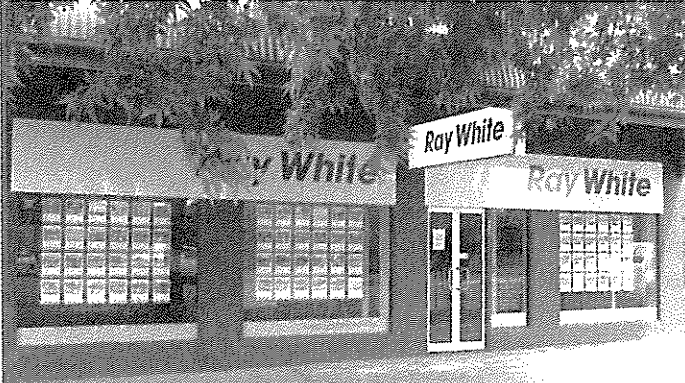
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