

# The Breeze

[www.willowtree-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.willowtree-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Term 1 Week 3

#### SCHOOL PLANNING

Last week all families would have received an A3 page about dreaming/visioning for Willow Tree Public School. This page is part of the consultation process I am going through to prepare our School Plan for the next 3 years. Thank you to those families who have returned their feedback, it has been extremely helpful and valuable to the process. I urge as many families as possible to participate in this wonderful opportunity, particularly with any fresh and innovative ideas some of you may have. Here at Willow Tree we are always looking for new and innovative ways to engage our students in learning.

#### 3/4/5/6 READING/ENGLISH HELPERS REQUIRED

Every day, Reading is a focus for learning in our classrooms. If there are any parents, carers, grandparents or community members who would be willing to come into our school and work closely with students on their reading skills it would be greatly appreciated. A reading timetable will be sent home next week. If you are able to support our learning at any of the allocated times, please fill in the form and return it to school. We thank you in anticipation for your support.

#### SIDS FOR KIDS RALLY

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March our school will be having a visit from a Sids for Kids Bush Rally. The P&C will be catering for the event and helpers will be required to assist with serving of lunch. If you are able to help throughout the morning of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, please contact the school. This promises to be a fun filled morning all whilst supporting a fantastic cause. Further details will be in next week's newsletter.

#### SCHOOL SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY CHANGES

This year, our school spectacular assemblies will change to a Public Speaking Assembly. This will provide our students with a wonderful opportunity to work on and build their skills of speaking in public, which we all know can be quite difficult. Information and an assembly schedule will be sent home in the near future outlining the requirements for each stage group and when students will be required to present their speech. It was decided that this year, students would have free choice of topic to make the process easier for them to participate. Students may seek teacher assistance in preparing for their speech, but this should be done well in advance of their allocated date. Happy Public Speaking to all!!!



Katie Martin who was successful in breaking the 8yr girls 50m Freestyle record at the swimming carnival last Friday.

## Calendar

### FEBRUARY 2015

13<sup>th</sup> – Zone Swimming Carnival

### MARCH

3<sup>rd</sup> – Regional Swimming

4<sup>th</sup> – P&C AGM

6<sup>th</sup> – Balndford Horse Sports

20<sup>th</sup> – WT Horse Sports

23<sup>rd</sup> – Sids 4 Kids Rally

23<sup>rd</sup> – Hallogen Youth Conference

46 Merriwa Road  
Willow Tree, NSW, 2339

Ph: 02 6747 1371 F: 02 6747 1210  
E-mail: [willowtree-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:willowtree-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



## **2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The weather was in our favour on Friday for our annual swimming carnival. What always amazes staff is the way our students always 'have a go'! Our swimming carnival was another example of how proud we are of our students, whether they were competing against or supporting their fellow peers they always show amazing sportsmanship. A huge thank you to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and community members who come along and support and encourage our students, we know they love having you all there. Well done to the following students who were awarded Champions & Runner-up champions in their age division

### **Minor Girl**

Champion – Holly Martin  
Runner Up - Kira-Lee Moore

### **Minor Boy**

Champion - Jake Wamsley  
Runner-up - John Thomas

### **Junior Girl**

Champion - Katie Martin  
Runner-up - Emily Wamsley

### **Junior Boy**

Champion - Ned Swain  
Runner up - Stirling Gallagher

### **11yr Girl**

Champion - Annabelle Avard  
Runner Up - Amber Fowler

### **11yr Boy**

Champion - Cody Thompson  
Runner up - Darcy Devine

### **Senior Girl**

Champion - Tara Barwick  
Runner up - Annabel Sevil

### **Senior Boy**

Champion - Billy Swain  
Runner up - James Redgrove

It was a fantastic battle between Waratah and Banksia all day! Congratulations to Banksia who took home the N&K Barwick Trophy for the winning house.



Congratulations to Leelan Watts who was the recipient of the R&S Harris trophy for participation and to Annabelle Avard who was awarded the Schofield Family Trophy for the highest point scorer. A special mention to Katie Martin who was successful in breaking the 8yr girl 50m freestyle record.

The previous record of 50.70 was set by Alice Evans in 1988, Katie took a whopping 6 seconds off the record to set a new one of 44.12sec. Congratulations Katie. Thank you to all helpers prior to and throughout the day, your help is always appreciated.

## **2015 ZONE SWIMMING**

### **CARNIVAL**

Good luck to all our swimmers who will be representing Willow Tree Public School at the Quirindi Zone Swimming carnival in Werris Creek tomorrow, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Miss Bale will be the teacher in charge. Please make sure you have your name marked off with Miss Bale when you arrive and leave the carnival. Parent helpers will be needed to help time throughout the day. We wish you all the very best and look forward to hearing everyone's fantastic results.

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **CANTEEN – TERM 2**

The P&C have decided to change the day of canteen in Term 2 to a Wednesday. Our school canteen relies on volunteers to run the canteen each week. Our students love being able to order their lunch and purchase their morning tea from our canteen. A roster will be placed in the canteen for any volunteers or alternatively please contact canteen co-ordinator, Jacinda Moore on 0438 138065 to express your interest. Jacinda will be more than willing to assist any new volunteers. The canteen is certainly an asset we don't want to lose at 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 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Please note, part payments can be made at the office at any time.

## **BOOK CLUB**

A reminder for families wishing to order book club to please have all orders in by tomorrow, Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.

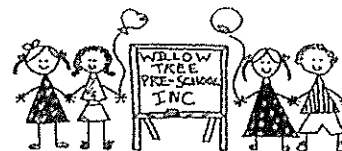
## **CANTEEN**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb –**

Caroline Sevil

**Don't forget, our canteen is open on Mondays this term.**

Our volunteers provide a fantastic service to our students. If you have any queries please contact canteen coordinator, Jacinda Moore on 0438138065 or email [jak\\_bug83@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jak_bug83@yahoo.com.au)



**WILLOW TREE  
PRE-SCHOOL INC.**

## **VACANCIES**

Positions available  
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday  
Operating Hours  
9am – 3pm  
Subsidies available for  
Indigenous children and  
families with  
a current Health Care Card  
Please contact Val Davis on  
Phone: 67471440 Email:  
[admin@wtpschool.com.au](mailto:admin@wtpschool.com.au)





**PURSEHOUSE RURAL**  
agbusiness services

**Quirindi Ph. 02 6741 2500**  
Leading Independent Agbusiness

**MURRURUNDI PHARMACY**  
**PHONE 6546 6502**

73 Mayne St  
Murrurundi


**Opening Hours**  
Mon - Fri 9am - 5.30pm  
Sat 9am - 12pm  
E: [murrurundipharmacy@bigpond.com](mailto:murrurundipharmacy@bigpond.com)  
Open till 6pm Mon - Fri during daylight saving hours



**QUIRINDI**  
**WELDING & FABRICATION**  
Martin Redgrove

6 Dragon Street Quirindi, NSW 2343  
0409 891 815 | [quirindiwelding@gmail.com](mailto:quirindiwelding@gmail.com)


**Railway Hotel**  
**Bistro**  
**Murrurundi**



**OPENING HOURS**  
DINNER  
Tuesday - Sunday 6pm - 8.30pm  
LUNCH  
Thursday - Sunday 12 - 2pm

**6546 6220**  
Catering For All Occasions

**Ray White.**



For all your rural, residential and commercial sales and property management needs, contact the friendly staff at Ray White Quirindi.

The active agents in the market.  
Ph: 02 6746 1270  
[www.raywhitequirindi.com.au](http://www.raywhitequirindi.com.au)  
26 George St, Quirindi NSW 2343

**ALL - TERRAIN**  
**4x4**  
Specialised Vehicles pty ltd

14-15 New England Highway  
WILLOW TREE NSW 2339

**02 6747 1414**

**QUIRINDI ROYAL THEATRE**

For Your Next Function Or Birthday Party  
Contact the Royal Theatre To Discuss Our Flexible Options.

Phone - (02) 6746 1755 or Email - [royaltheatre@psc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:royaltheatre@psc.nsw.gov.au)

**need a printer that understands your marketing goals?**

call our design & print consultants to help bring your ideas to life

**1800 245 077**  
[art@austnews.com.au](mailto:art@austnews.com.au)

**austnews**  
MAKE BETTER CONNECTIONS

**advertise here!**  
to be seen by local families

**1800 245 077**  
[sales@austnews.com.au](mailto:sales@austnews.com.au)

**austnews**  
MAKE BETTER CONNECTIONS

**KOMBAT CARPET CLEANING**



Carpets | Upholstery | Windows  
Vertical Blinds | General Cleaning  
Call Fiona on **0487 133 900**

Servicing  
Quirindi and  
Surrounding Areas



**Howard's**  
**BUS & CHARTER PTY LTD**  
ABN 11 070 105 298



PO Box 61  
MURRURUNDI  
NSW 2338

**Tel 02 6546 6178**  
Fax 02 6546 6610  
Email [aho87197@bigpond.net.au](mailto:aho87197@bigpond.net.au)