



## WEE WAA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, 9th February, 2010

### ***Wee Waa Public School - Where Great Things Happen!***

Last week it was wonderful to welcome back our students and staff. We are very pleased to see the smiling faces of more than 20 Kindergarten students who have started school this year. We have a new student in Year 4, Jacob Dixon, Danielle Elford has returned from Woolgoolga and entered Year 6, and Will Leverton has joined Year 5.

Mrs. Monica Rodgers has transferred to Rowena Public School. We wish her well at her new school and thank her for the work she did while at Wee Waa Public School.

Classes for 2010 are as follows :

Kindergarten	Mrs. Jemma Martin
Year 1	Mrs. Anna Baird
Year 2	Mr. Adam Ross
Year 3	Mrs. Diana Burtenshaw
Year 4	Mrs. Charmaine Tancred
Year 5	Ms. Maree Daskey
Year 6	Mrs. Jennifer Treverrow

Reading Recovery	Mrs. Heidi Fragar
Release from Face to Face	Mrs. Jodie Keys (Monday/Tuesday), Mrs. Vanessa Charlton (Wednesday)
Library & Reading Recovery	Mrs. Sue Smith
School Learning Support	Mrs. Sue Cameron (Mon, Tues, Wed), Mrs. Ann Boehm (Tues, Wed).
Music Teacher	Mrs. Julie Fawcett (Tues)
Playgroup Teacher	Mrs. Jodie Keys
Aboriginal Education Officer	Mr. Clifford Toomey

#### *Administrative & Support Staff*

School Administration Manager	Mrs. Jenny Brown
School Admin. Officer & Library	Mrs. Carmen Conomos
School Admin. Officer	Ms. Leanne Combo
School Learning Support Officer	Ms. Jenny Carrett
General Assistant	Mr. Francis Drysdale
School Chaplains	Rev. Simon Carter, Mrs. Fiona Turner

P&C President	Mrs. Sue Young
Vice President	Mrs. Merril Johnson
Secretary	Mrs. Jodie Barnes
Treasurer	Mrs. Susanne Kable

#### **Congratulations to Jack Hawkins**

Year 4 student, Jack Hawkins, is featured on the front page of the Wee Waa paper last week for winning a photography competition. His photo of his sister Sophie surrounded by cotton, is called "Maid of Cotton" and is also on the front page.

Class	Name	Award.	Class	Name	Award.
KM	Kyanne Croaker	A great start to Kindergarten	3B	Sam Gallagher	Showing enthusiasm for learning
	Tiarna Harrington	A great start to Kindergarten	4T	Thomas Kable	Excellent recount writing
	Alyssa Elford	A great start to Kindergarten		Kyle Croaker	100% effort in all class work
	Cameisha Biles	A great start to Kindergarten	5D	Georgia Dickinson	Beautifully presented work
1B	Tyanna Gayden	Excellent application to work		Anabelle Russell	A very detailed recount of your holidays
	Adam Apps	Settling into Year 1	6T	Cassie Hicks	A good recount of your holidays
	Saxon Paulston	Excellent participation in reading		David Gligorevic	100% in division and multiplication quiz
	Archie Smith	Excellent application to work		Amber Conomos	Effort in multiplication and division
2R	Lara Ciesiolka	Excellent writing in English		Rhys Mortimer	A great start to Year 6
	Mathew Barnes	Great work in Accelerated Literacy		Thomas Macklin-Shaw	A good start to 2010
	Joseph Gordon	A great start to the school year		Jacob Haynes	Effort in multiplication and division
				Connor Cathcart	A positive attitude to class work

### Swimming Carnival

On Friday of this week we will be having our annual swimming carnival for students in Years 3-6 and any students in Year 2 turning 8 this year. The carnival will commence at 9.15 a.m. All students will be required to have their name marked against their class roll at school prior to leaving the grounds. *As a result, all students will commence the excursion/swimming carnival at school. Students cannot be dropped at the pool.*

If you wish to take your child home early, please advise class teachers. Otherwise, all children will return to school to travel home.

Please ensure your children have the usual necessary items including lots of cold water, sunscreen, a shirt, and of course a hat. Children may order their lunch from the canteen on Thursday, or may buy food at the pool kiosk. Hopefully some parents will be able to help with timing events.

Let's hope we all have a fun filled day. Good luck to all students.

### Fitness Programme

At the staff meeting it was decided to continue with the regular whole school fitness programme in Terms 2 and 3 when the weather is cooler. Friday sport and weekly Personal Development, Health and Physical Education lessons will continue to be part of each class regular timetable.

### Kindergarten Parents' Morning Tea

Thank you to the Year 1 parents and P&C members who organised a welcome morning tea for the parents and families of our Kindergarten students. This is a wonderful example of how supportive and welcoming the parents of the Wee Waa school community are. It also helps the Kindergarten children's parents who need a bit of support when their child starts "big school".

### "Crunch and Sip Time"

"Crunch and Sip" time will be commencing on 15th February at 10.00 a.m.

Please provide your child with a water bottle and a piece of vegetable or fruit every day so they can join in. Remember to suit the size of the crunch food to your child's appetite. Some suggestions are carrot and celery sticks, pieces of cucumber, some little tomatoes, a small bunch of grapes, quarters or halves of apples, pears, oranges, a peach, a nectarine, an apricot.

**No Swimming Club this week due to the Wee Waa High School Swimming Carnival being held.**

### Severe Allergies

Some students at the school have serious allergic reactions, and as a preventative measure Wee Waa Public School is a NUT FREE ZONE

Please do not include the following in your children's lunch or recess :

- Peanut Butter
- Nutella or other spreads made with nuts
- Muesli bars that include nuts
- Little packets of nuts or mixed fruit and nuts
- Chocolate containing nuts -

or any product which contains nuts.

One student is also allergic to cats so we are trying to find a home for the black and white cat which took up residence in the school last year. The cat has been neutered and is very placid. Mr. Drysdale has taken it home temporarily but we need to find it a new owner. Please see Mr. Drysdale, Mrs. Lean or another member of the staff if you can provide the cat with a new home

### Out of the Bag - Promoting the importance of friends and cooperation.

This performance will be presented at the school on Friday, 19th February at 2.00 p.m. It will cost \$5.00 per person. Please return the cost of admission and permission note to your child's class teacher.

*"Out of the Bag uses a combination of stand-up comedy, sight gags and puppetry as it cleverly weaves together a number of different storylines that demonstrate the importance of friends and promote self confidence.*

*Variety is without a doubt the key to this show's continuing success. There are stories about dinosaurs, Africa, a fractured fairy-tale, an Aesop's fable and the issue of what to be when you grow up. There are shadow, glove, rod and hand puppets and a humanette, six year old James who hilariously explores his career options. The zany marionette cabaret finale is a memorable ending to this energetic performance.*

*Always a highlight in the show, the audience participation segment sees two students on stage making their own puppet. Using two paper plates, students only need to make two folds, three cuts and ten staples to produce this great puppet with a moving mouth. It all takes about six minutes and they are six of the funniest minutes in the show.*

*Be warned that all your students will want to make their own paper plate puppet straight after the show and with a little more time, imagination and a little recycled material the results will be amazing."*

Please complete and return.

I give permission for my child/children .....	Class .....
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to attend the "Out of the Bag" performance on 19th February and enclose the sum of \$ (\$5.00 per student) to cover the entrance fee.

Signed : .....  
Parent/Caregiver

### **Playgroup**

Please note that Playgroup will start this term on Monday, 22nd February. Mrs. Lean incorrectly told a few parents the wrong date. Mrs. Keys will run the Playgroup in the room next to Kindergarten from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Children 3 years or older are invited to come, and Mrs. Keys would be very happy to have parent helpers contact her if they are able to assist.

### **Dates for your Calendar**

10th February	7.30 p.m. - P&C meeting, staff room.
12th February	School Swimming Carnival
15th February	“Crunch and Sip” starts.
18th February	Thursday - Active After School
19th February	Performance “Out of the Bag” - \$5.00 per student
22nd February	Playgroup starts - 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

### **Community News.**

Wee Waa Boys’ Brigade and Wee Waa Girls’ Brigade are starting back this Friday, 12th February.

All boys and girls in Kindergarten to Year 6 are welcome to attend.

Wee Waa Boys’ Brigade meet at Namoi Valley Christian School from 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. every Friday.

Wee Waa Girls’ Brigade meet at Wee Waa Presbyterian Church from 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. every Friday.

For more information, please contact Simon or Erin Carter on 67954-236.