



## WEE WAA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, 27th July, 2010

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

#### **Education Week**

We invite parents, relatives and community members to join us in celebrating Education Week 2010. The theme this year is “NSW Public Schools - leading the way, learning for sustainability”.

Education Week at Wee Waa Public School will commence with morning tea for visitors at 11.00 a.m., open classrooms, a special assembly and sausage sizzle lunch on Monday, 2nd August.

#### **Timetable :**

Monday, 2nd August

11.00 - 11.30 a.m.	Recess and morning tea. Guests are invited to have morning tea, which will be set up in the car park near the canteen.
11.30 - 11.50 a.m.	Stage One (Kinder, Year 1, Year 2) Open Classrooms.
11.50 - 12.10 p.m.	Stage Two (Year 3 and Year 4) Open Classrooms
12.10 - 12.30 p.m.	Stage Three (Year 5 and Year 6) Open Classrooms
12.30 p.m.	Special Education Week Assembly
1.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.	Sausage Sizzle Lunch

Please come and join us in celebrating Education Week.

*Happy Birthday*

*Sheree Howison and Amelia Cruickshank*

#### **School Development Day**

Mr. Brian Tickle presented an intensive one day workshop on Sunday for the school staff and two participants from Fairfax Public School. Yesterday Mr. Tickle also presented workshops for Kindergarten, Year Two, Three and Six on efficient mental number strategies. Students were very engaged in the lessons and teachers found his presentations most stimulating. Another professional learning day is planned for Term Four when Mr. Tickle will be focussing on the Working Mathematically strand of the Maths syllabus.

#### **Parent Courses**

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer offering a range of courses for parents. The Priority Schools Programme consultants make these courses available if there are sufficient numbers to warrant them being run. Please return the expression of interest slip if you would like to attend one or more of the courses and we will try to coordinate their presentation. This is a terrific opportunity to keep up to date with recent teaching innovations, Departmental policy changes and the latest in technology. Many of the courses have been developed to help parents help their children in a range of subjects.

#### **NAIDOC Week**

This is the first year that the High School, Wee Waa Public School and the local area Land Council have combined to celebrate NAIDOC. Today between 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. students from both schools joined with Elders and members of the community at Dangar Park for a formal ceremony, followed by a sausage sizzle and Indigenous games. We congratulate the recipients of the special NAIDOC awards announced at the ceremony at Wee Waa Public School :

*Mr. Clifford Toomey, Ms. Leanne Combo, Mr. Rodney Dixon, Thomas Maples and Curston Small*

Tomorrow students in all classes will be having Indigenous art as a focus. Year 5 and Elders will be visiting the Pilliga forest on Thursday for a Digital Elders project excursion. Year 6 students are selling NAIDOC stationery sets containing a pencil, pen and ruler, as well as a wrist band for \$3.00 each packet.

Class	Name	Award.	Class	Name	Award.
KM	Axel Currey ) Elsie Platt ) Brae Collett	Clever thinking in Mr. Tickle's maths lesson Great effort at Athletics Carnival	4T	Madison Doring Janett Lamb Olivia Gligorevic	A great first week at intensive reading Beautiful singing during music Showing great sportsmanship
1B	Sheree Howison Rhianna Williams Gemma Tancred	Consistent high standard of work Settling into her new school Consistent high standard of work	5D	Georgia Cone Amelia Cruickshank Cassie Hicks	Participation at the Athletics carnival Participation at the Athletics carnival A good recount of your holiday
2R	Ben Paulston Amba Ross	Outstanding listening in class An excellent effort at the Athletics Carnival	6T	Douglas Anderson Shannon Passmore) Nikita Pfeffer )	Very good character description Outstanding participation at the Athletics carnival An outstanding effort at the Athletics carnival
	Lachlan Trindall  Margaret Goodwin Jiordan Gaydon Elizabeth Horne	Trying hard to improve his hand writing  Having a go in mathematics lessons Being a good helper in class Working very well in class		Curston Small ) Jamie-Lee Hooke ) Danielle Elford	
3B					An excellent effort at the Athletics carnival

#### Participation at the Athletics Carnival Awards

*Drew Pearse, Jesse Stanford, Jermaine Toomey, Kyle Trindall, Kyle Ballangarry, Thomas Maples, Rodney Dixon, David Gligorevic, Jayden Hayne, Jacob Haynes, Curtis Booby, Connor Cathcart, Joshua Kerr, Jake Mitchell, Rhys Mortimer, Darren Cooper, Thomas Macklin-Shaw*

#### Congratulations to Thomas Maples

Thomas Maples has been successful in his application to attend Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School next year. Students from the school have attended Farrer in the past and it is good to see that Thomas will be continuing this tradition. We wish him well when he enters Year 7 next year. He will be able to catch up with previous Wee Waa students who are still attending Farrer like Sam and Richard Hunt, Thomas and Daniel Shaw.

#### Personalised Learning Plan Meetings (PLP).

Every class teacher will be sending home notes today asking parents to nominate the time for their PLP meeting. Please indicate first and second preferences. The time shown on the return slip will be the allotted time for the meeting with your child's teacher.

The Personalised Learning Plan meetings are very valuable as they reinforce regularly that there is a partnership in learning of parents, the school and the student. When all three partners work together the result is the successful educational outcome for the student. The PLP meetings ensure that all of the partners are working towards achieving the same learning goals.

#### WANTED! - "Wheels for Billy Carts"

Year 6 students are designing and making four billy carts for a science and technology project. The class will be racing their billy carts at a district derby day in Warialda.

Last Thursday we built the frames but we have had trouble sourcing wheels for our project. We need 16 wheels URGENTLY. We are looking for those people who have a "stash" of old bikes and prams. If anyone can donate a **pair of pram or bike wheels**, Year 6 would be grateful.

#### Schools in Partnership Meeting

On Thursday, 5th August there will be a Schools in Partnership meeting in the AEO room at 11.00 a.m. Interested community members are invited to participate in the decision making of the SiP Committee.

#### Thank You to Mrs. Liz Berger

July is rose pruning month and we are very happy to see Mrs. Berger back to prune the Memorial Rose Garden at the school. We thank her so much for continuing this tradition, even though it has been years since she has had a son at the school.

## Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to everyone involved in the wonderful day on Friday last. Students, staff, parents and relatives, Debbie and P&C helpers all contributed to an extremely Athletics Carnival. The level of participation was commendable and it was encouraging to see that just about every student tried their hardest and participated in the events they were eligible to enter. The school has been congratulated on the good behaviour and courtesy of the students.

Champions on the Day : Congratulations to :

5/6 Years Champion	Zack Doring	Brae Collett
Runner Up	Saxon Paulston	Bronte Ciesiolka / Keira Trindall
7/8 Years Champion	BJ Cruickshank	Emily Haynes
Runner Up	Lucas Piper	Ellen Young
9/10 Years Champion	Bailey Organ	Olivia Gligorevic
Runner Up	Kyle Croaker	Amelia Cruickshank / Breanna Scaysbrook
11 Years Champion	Connor Cathcart	Tarisha Scaysbrook
Runner Up	Jacob Haynes	Danielle Elford
12 Years Champion	Thomas Maples	Nikita Pfeffer
Runner Up	Jordan Dallas	Jamie-Lee Hooke

## Transition

Welcome to our Transition to Kindergarten students. Included in this newsletter are photos of the first day of transition. We welcome the students and their parents into the Wee Waa Public School community.



## *Transition Buddies*



## P & C News

\*\* The school has a few functions next week which starts with our Education Week on Monday. We have lots of morning teas to provide so I was wondering if our wonderful parents could make some cakes and slices for Monday, 2nd August and drop them at the Canteen. Your help would be greatly appreciated.  
Thanks. Amanda Platt (Canteen Treasurer).

### Father's Day Car Rally - Sunday September 5th

A sub-committee meeting was held today to gather ideas for our major fundraiser for 2010. We are currently planning the "Scavenger Hunt/Car Rally" side of the event, which we hope will commence at about 10.00am on the BIG day, plus an afternoon of Father's Day Fun at Seplin Estate, with food stalls, jumping castle, music, family games, face painting and much more! We really want this day to be a spectacular success and would love the whole community to enjoy the celebrations.

If you are interested in helping out, whether by selling raffle tickets, advertising the event, or being involved in some other way please let me know.

Car raffle tickets are available from today. Please collect from the office if you are able to assist in selling these tickets. Books of 10 tickets will be available.

Father's Day Car Rally Raffle - Tickets \$2.00 each - Drawn Sunday, September 5th at Seplin Estate.

1st prize 2 nights in a 2 bedroom apartment at Waves Maroochy River, Maroochydore - valued at \$500.

2nd prize CD stereo system with iPod docking station, MP3 player connectivity and FM radio - valued at \$200.

3rd prize RM Williams car gift pack - valued at \$120.

\*\* The next P&C meeting will be held at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 11th August at Seplin Estate. Please make a note of this meeting date in your diary.

### Dates for the Diary

26th July	2011 Kindergarten Transition programme commenced
2nd August	Education Week commences - Open Classrooms - sausage sizzle lunch
3rd August	PLP meetings - 2R, 5D, 6T
4th August	PLP meetings - KM, 1B, 3B, 4T
13th August	District Athletics Carnival - Cook Oval
5th September	Fathers Day Stall and Festivities

### Playgroup and Transition Dates for Term 3, 2010

<i>Playgroup - 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.</i> <i>Transition - 11.15 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.</i>
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Monday, 2nd Aug.  
Monday, 9th Aug.  
Monday, 16th Aug.  
Monday, 23rd Aug.

Monday, 30th Aug  
Monday, 6th Sept.  
Monday, 13th Sept.  
Monday, 20th Sept.