



WEE WAA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, 10th August, 2010

Wee Waa Public School - Where Great Things Happen!

Extension and Focus Programmes

At Wee Waa Public School it is our goal to cater for the full range of students' interests, abilities and talents. Some of the programmes that have been implemented are :

- *the music programme, which incorporates fortnightly class music lessons, recorder group and primary and infants choir;*
- *the art programme for students who have displayed interest and talent in the visual arts;*
- *the academic extension programme for students who have shown an interest in research, projects and working independently and in small groups;*
- *technology camp for students who enjoy working with a range of computer and other technology applications and learning new skills.*

Students are selected to participate in these programmes on the following basis :

- *class teachers are asked to identify those students who show particular interest or have an obvious talent in an area;*
- *the teachers co-ordinating or running the courses put together students from the initial class lists to make up groups who will work well together.*

These programmes are not reward activities, they are designed to extend students in particular areas, and students are given the opportunity to participate on the basis of their skills, talents and interests.

STOP PRESS :

The Athletics Carnival has been postponed to
Friday, 20th August.
The Goodooga Indigenous Games Day has been
postponed to Friday, 10th September.

**** 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.**

Owing to printing problems with the photocopier, this
newsletter is a limited edition.

Have you visited the Wee Waa Public School web site yet?

- The web site is continually being updated with photographs, news items and information. The web page address for Wee Waa Public School site is <http://www.weewaa-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Parent Courses

Thank you to the people who have responded to the flyers about parent courses being offered by the Priority Schools programme. The first course, Numeracy, will be held on Tuesday, 17th August in the extension room. The minimum of 5 participants needed before the course can be run has been met but other parents/caregivers are more than welcome to also attend.

If you would like to participate, please return either the Expression of Interest slip from the flyer or the slip below.

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Please complete and return.

I,, will be attending the Numeracy course from 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th August in the Extension Room.

Signed :

Class	Name	Award.	Class	Name	Award.
KM	Bronte Ciesiolka	Fantastic sentence writing	4T	William Jackson	Excellent work during drama workshop
	Nick Treverrow	A great retell of Pig in the Pond		Kirsten Lowder	Enthusiastically participating in all class lessons
	Damali Trindall	Great work with patterns			
1B	Shannia Scaysbrook	Creative writing	5D	Jacob Dixon	Improved attendance in Week 3
2R	Benjamin Williams	Very good behaviour		Darcy Lang	Implementing your working mathematically
	Emma Hawkins	Answering more questions in Accelerated Literacy		Tyson Cooper	Very good answers during maths discussions
	Lucas Piper	Contributing more to class discussions	6T	Curston Small	Excellent engagement in billy cart making
3B	Ben Paulston	Working hard to improve his writing		Amber Conomos	Excellent engagement in billy cart construction
	Noah Platt	Giving excellent answers in Accelerated Literacy		Rhys Mortimer	Excellent construction skills in billy cart making
	Katie Hooke	Very attentive listening		Darren Cooper	Active participation in constructing the billy cart
	Laura Treverrow	Her participation in all lessons		Allister Lowder	Active participation in the billy cart building day

Attendance Award Day

At the Schools in Partnership meeting on Thursday the SiP committee decided to allocate funds to improve school attendance. SiP funds have been allocated to support an Award Day at the end of the year for students who meet set attendance criteria.

At the staff meeting yesterday afternoon these criteria were set as requested by the SiP committee :

- Students are to have a 92% attendance rate (the current New England Region average)
- Medical certificates are required for sick leave above the 8% absence permitted in this criteria
- Students have to be at school on time to have their attendance counted towards the 92%
- Class charts will be a visual reminder for students in every class to help them monitor their attendance

The period for this attendance monitoring will commence Monday, 16th August and conclude on Friday, December 3rd, a period of 14 school weeks. This means students who are *late or absent* on more than *6 days* will not be eligible to participate in the Attendance Award Day. The SiP committee chose a one day excursion to the Lightning Ridge Aquatic Centre at the end of Term 4 and will provide funds for transport. The Aquatic Centre has been booked for Wednesday, 15th December.

School Evaluations.

Ms. Susan Coleman, the relieving School Development Officer - New England West, met with the school evaluation committee last Friday to begin the process of review for the annual school report and to set targets for the future. The two areas identified at this initial meeting were the Creative and Practical Arts programme and Teacher Professional Learning. Committee members are the school Teachers' Federation Representative, Ms. Anna Baird, P&C President, Mrs. Megan Hawkins, Mrs. Susan Smith and Mrs. Lean. The next meeting of the committee is on Monday, 30th August.

Personalised Learning Plan Meetings

Tuesday and Wednesday last week were busy days as parents, students and teachers met to discuss goals and strategies for the coming semester. Teachers will be arranging for catch up meetings in the next week or so, for those students and parents/caregivers who were unable to attend last week. It is important that all students can participate in this important component of the assessment/reporting and follow up cycle.

BILLY CART DERBY DAY

Thank you to all the people who sent in wheels for the billy carts and for the people who helped Year 6 to construct their vehicles.

Derby Day will be on Tuesday, 24th August in the Primary playground, starting at 2.00 p.m. Parents and friends are invited to come along to the school and cheer on the teams. This is a practise run for the Derby Day in Warialda on the 14th September.