



WEE WAA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, 17th August, 2010

Wee Waa Public School - Where Great Things Happen!

Attendance

Due to the Schools in Partnership provision of funds for an Attendance Award Day at the end of the year, all classes have begun monitoring individual student attendance very closely. Please help your child meet the criteria so that they can have a wonderful day at the Lightning Ridge Aquatic Centre. This morning three students arrived late and that will have already made it harder for them to meet the 92% attendance and punctuality requirement. Our students need your help so that they can celebrate with their fellow students. They need to be at school every day and on time.

It is expected of every adult, in work and in social situations, that they be prompt and reliable. Our school is trying to instil these qualities in our students.

Numeracy Course for Parents

This course will be run between 1.00 and 3.00 p.m. today. Unfortunately several people who initially requested the course have informed the school that they will be unable to attend. We thank them for their courtesy in informing us, however as a result the minimum number of participants will not be met. This makes it difficult to arrange courses in future.

District Athletics Carnival

Just a brief reminder that the District Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday, 20th August at Cook Oval. All students who are participating are to go straight to the oval. The forecast is for light rain on Thursday but we hope to be able to go ahead anyway. Depending on the amount of rain and whether the council will allow Cook Oval to be used, students and parents will be informed on Thursday if there is any change to arrangements.

Year 6 Transition to High School

Friday is one of the organised Transition to High School Days. Students in Year 6 who are not participating in the District Carnival will be involved in the transition activities at the High School. If the District Carnival is cancelled, all Year 6 students will be participating.

Casual Teachers

On behalf of the students and staff of the school we thank the casual teachers who make themselves available at short notice to cover classes when teachers are absent. Today, Tuesday, two members of staff are on sick leave and another member of staff is on FACS leave. We have only been able to obtain the services of two teachers so Year 3 was split between other classes for part of the day until Mrs. Boehm could take the class. Thank you to Mrs. Boehm for her willingness to change her programme. The casual teacher who was to cover Year 3 had a sick child today.

Technology Camp

The students who attended Technology Camp had a very productive two days. Mrs. Smith said there were only 30 students in total so there was a lot of "hands on" work with new technology applications. It was fortunate that we were able to switch to this Technology Camp as there are between 90 and 130 students enrolled in the next two camps.

Extension Programmes on Wednesday

This week the Art Extension programme will be focussing on Indigenous Art presented by Clifford Toomey. Mrs. Keys will also be working with her extension groups on the same day.

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>

Class	Name	Award.	Class	Name	Award.
KM	Cooper Hilderson	Outstanding writing about Brown Bear	3B	Katie Hooke	Creative story writing
	Acacia Bell	Outstanding listening in class	Lachlan Trindall	Fantastic story writing	
	Michael Duddle	Beautiful manners	4T	Luke Revell	Citizenship while working in groups
1B	Jordyn Hayne	Her positive attitude in class	5D	Clay Mitchell	Your participation during maths discussions
	Nicholas Kable	Excellent work in mathematics		Britney Haverhoek	Your positive assistance when using the computer
	Saxon Paulston	Excellent work in mathematics			
2R	Kymberley Williams	Always giving her best effort		Tyson Cooper	Very good answers during maths discussions
	Owen Williams	Working well independently in English	6T	Thomas Macklin-Shaw	Effort in QuickSmart
	Michael Horne	Continuing to read harder books		Rodney Dixon	Greater participation in all lessons
3B	Reece Pfeffer	Working hard and having a positive approach towards his work		Danielle Elford	Great effort in QuickSmart
				Thomas Maples	Great participation in QuickSmart

Canteen News

Menu for District Carnival

Bacon and egg muffins and roll - \$3.00

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Steak and sausage sandwiches and coleslaw - \$4.00

Pumpkin soup and bread roll - \$3.00

Savoury mince and rice - \$4.00

Tea/coffee - \$1.00

Popcorn - \$1.20

Drinks - from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

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District Carnival is on this Friday. We need donations of cakes, biscuits and slices, as well as volunteers to help in the canteen - mainly at lunch and afternoon.

We would love to see you there!.

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A Cheftool Box party will be held at the Canteen on Tuesday, 24th August from 3.00 p.m. onwards. Everyone is welcome to come and have a look at the kitchen ware that will be on display. Afternoon tea will be provided. For catering purposes, please let Debbie know. All proceeds from sales made will go to the Canteen.

Personal Development

On Wednesday, 25th August Margaret Burns from Community Health will be presenting a follow up session to the Personal Development evening. The girls' session will be from 9.00 a.m - 10.20 a.m. and the boys' from 10.20 a.m. - 11.10 a.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Daskey at the school on 67954-284.

Carpet Laying

On Monday, 23rd August the carpet layers contracted to replace the frayed and damaged carpet in several classrooms will be commencing work at the school. This might mean some re-arrangements during the week but as a result of this, we will have new carpet in several rooms where the current carpets are beyond patching and repair.

Father's Day Car Rally Flyers

Well done to the P&C helpers for their organisation of this event. The letter box flyers, posters everywhere in town and the article in "Living" have ensured great publicity for this event. There should be a large turnout on Sunday, 5th September.

Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion.

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focussed on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist with meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. The school has factored this amount into each student's cost and the excursion fee was reduced by this amount.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this programme.

Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are :

Old Parliament House; National Archives; Federal Parliament House; High Court; Black Mountain Tower; Australian War Memorial; Government House Tour; National Museum; Australian Institute of Sport; Cockington Green Miniature Village; National Gallery of Australia; Questacon; Snowy-Hydro Visitor Centre; a visit to the snow.

We hope that the excursion is a rewarding experience for all students.

Billy Cart Derby

Year 6 is holding its Billy Cart Derby Day on Tuesday, 24th August at 2.00 p.m. in the school's playground. You are invited to come and cheer the students on.

Students will need safety clothing for the races :

*motor bike, push bike or skate board helmets; chest plates;
elbow pads; long sleeved shirts and pants*

If your child is able to share equipment with team members, this would be great. All students will have a turn to race their billy cart.

On the 14th September the boys will race the billy carts in Warialda. We need parents to transport the boys and billy carts to Warialda. Do you have a trailer or float that could do the job? If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs. Treverrow.

Dates for the Diary

17th August	1.00-3.00 p.m. Numeracy Course for Parents
20th August	District Athletics Carnival
	Year 6 - High School Transition
23rd August	Carpet laying starting
24th August	2.00 p.m. Billy Cart Derby
29th Aug - 3rd September	Years 5/6 Canberra Excursion
3rd September	Fathers Day Stall
5th September	Fathers Day Car Rally and Festivities
9th September	Narrabri Shire Dance Spectacular

Playgroup and Transition Dates for Term 3, 2010

<i>Playgroup - 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Transition - 11.15 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.</i>	
Monday, 23rd Aug.	Monday, 6th Sept.
Monday, 30th Aug	Monday, 13th Sept.
Monday, 20th Sept.	

Happy Birthday

*Elsie Platt, Kiera Trindall, Cooper Hilderson,
Jake Mitchell, Shantai Biles, Thomas Kable,
Geogia Cone, Jacob Dixon*

Don't forget School Banking each Thursday

P & C News

Father's Day Car Rally - Sunday September 5th

Registration for the Car Rally will be from 8.00 a.m. on Sunday, 5th September at Seplin Estate. Cost is \$50.00 per car and BBQ breakfast will be available. Final registration will be at 9.30 a.m. and the Rally/Scavenger Hunt will kick off shortly afterwards. The event will be on main roads in the local area ... not dirt ... so the family car will be fine to use - i.e. you won't need a "bush basher". There will be a prize for the Best Decorated Car, so get your thinking caps on. Keep your eyes peeled for posters and flyers appearing around Wee Waa and please ask your friends to come along to Seplin on Father's Day.

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. Father's Day car raffle tickets are now available. 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 \$1.00 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.

Megan Hawkins

Father's Day Stall - 2010

Don't let your child/children miss out on this wonderful opportunity to select a special gift for Dad for Father's Day.

When? Friday, 3rd September - commencing at 9.10 a.m. in the Extension Room.

What to do? Each child needs to bring in \$2.00 and a suitable, inexpensive gift for the stall by Thursday, 2nd September.

Students who DON'T bring a gift may purchase something from the stall for \$5.00.

Donations? Donations of additional items for the stall and wrapping paper would be greatly appreciated.

Helpers? Helpers will be needed on the day to assist the children select and wrap a gift. Your help would be appreciated - morning tea will be provided.

Thank you for your support.

Nicole Piper

P&C Father's Day Stall Co-ordinator

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