



WEE WAA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, 31st August, 2010

Wee Waa Public School - Where Great Things Happen!

Premier's Spelling Bee

Last Thursday we held Wee Waa Public School's Spelling Bee. We were very excited to see a large number of students participate. The students who participated are all winners in the fact that they had a go, stepped out of their comfort zone and improved their spelling knowledge.

Congratulations to the following students : *Caitlyn Galagher, Sophie Hawkins, Kirsten Lowder, Reece Pfeffer, Jack Hawkins and Georgia Cone* in the junior section. The two winners were Thomas Russell and Laura Treverrow. Both these students were declared winners as they both spelt the same number of words correctly.

In the senior section the following students participated : *Anabelle Russell, Amber Conomos, Jordan Ferguson, Maddison Galagher, Tarisha Scaysbrook and Tyrell Toomey*. The winner was Georgia McKenzie and runner up, David Gligorevic.

The Regional finals will be held at Glen Innes on the 15th September.

Canberra Excursion

The Primary School numbers are very depleted this week as the Stage 3 students are on their excursion to Canberra and the snow. Yesterday Mrs. Treverrow phoned the school to say that everything was going well. Those students who had suffered from travel sickness on the way down on Sunday had recovered and were enjoying themselves. Yesterday afternoon the excursion was at Parliament House and in the morning at the Telstra Tower. It is a very full itinerary but the weather augurs well for the rest of the excursion and for the day at the snow.

Chaplaincy Update

We welcome our new chaplain, Mrs. Margaret Morrison, who started last Wednesday. Mrs. Morrison joins Simon Carter in providing pastoral care to staff, students and parents at the school as Mrs. Fiona Turner leaves to have a baby.

Mrs. Morrison will be in the school on Wednesdays, while Simon Carter is here on Thursdays.

Our school chaplaincy partnership is implemented through the National Schools Chaplaincy programme and is available on an "opt in" basis. If you would like to talk to a chaplain, please call the school (67954-284).

Literacy Week Activities

As part of National Literacy Week, 10 secondary students will be coming to read with our Stage 1 students tomorrow. Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students will have an opportunity to be read to by a secondary student during the visit.

It is important for our younger students to recognise the value of developing their reading skills and seeing these older High School students participate in this programme will encourage them to focus on literacy learning. This is also a great opportunity for parents to read with their children every evening to show them they value literacy skills.

Father's Day Stall

Just a brief reminder that the Fathers' Day Stall is on this Friday. If you haven't already done so, please remember to send your child to school with a small gift and \$2.00 - or \$5.00 if you haven't found a suitable Fathers' Day gift to donate to the stall.

Tamworth Regional Athletics Carnival

Not all the students selected to participate in the Regional Carnival will be able to attend as several of them are on the Stage 3 Canberra excursion. Thank you to Ms. Carol Grant who will be transporting Kyle Trindall (her son) and Thomas Maples from Canberra on Thursday so that they can participate. Congratulations to all students on their selection and we wish those who are travelling to Tamworth on Friday the best of luck. Thank you to Mrs. Burtenshaw for her organisation of the zone carnival which ensured that our students could participate at the next level of PSSA competition.

Narrabri Shire Dance Spectacular

Our Stage One students have been rehearsing their dances for this event. There will be a rehearsal of all performing students at the Crossing Theatre on Tuesday, 7th September. The Narrabri Shire will be providing free bus transport to the Theatre on the day. The dress rehearsal and performance will be on 9th September. On this day students will be travelling to Narrabri at approximately 12.00 noon - again on buses provided by the Shire. After the dress rehearsal, students will be provided with dinner, at no cost to them. The performance will be from 6.30 p.m. to approximately 8.30 p.m. and bus travel will be available for our students to return to Wee Waa. A note with this information has been sent home with all the Stage One students. Please return these as soon as possible so final numbers can be given to the Spectacular organisers. Parents and community members are invited to the performance - entry is by gold coin donation.

Car Rally

Congratulations to the P&C for organising this event. It promises to be a lovely way to spend family time together on Fathers' Day - rain, hail or shine. Please read the notices from the P&C regarding this event.

Billy Cart Derby

Thank you once again to the sponsors and carpenters/welders who supported the Year 6 students with assistance and material to build their billy carts. The practice derby was held last Tuesday afternoon with great excitement among the students, teachers, parents and sponsors. The actual New England Region Derby will be held at Warialda on 14th September and we wish our Year 6 boys well on the day.

New Carpets

Last week eight more classrooms had new carpet laid. Now that all classrooms with ripped, damaged and frayed carpet have been refurbished, they look much more inviting. Thank you for the forbearance by the teachers and their classes who had to be relocated during the laying process. The next refurbishment will be the replacement of the vinyl tiles in the canteen area.

School Evaluation Survey

Attached to this newsletter is a survey about "Opportunities Beyond the Classroom". Your response is very important to the Evaluation Committee, as it will inform the Annual School Report and planning for the future at the school. Please return the survey before 17th September, when the Evaluation Committee has its next meeting.

Happy Birthday

*Margaret Goodwin,
Alice Haire, Rhys Organ,
Joseph Gordon*

Dates for the Diary

29th Aug - 3rd September	Years 5/6 Canberra Excursion
3rd September	Fathers Day Stall
5th September	Fathers Day Car Rally and Festivities
7th September	Narrabri Shire Dance Spectacular Rehearsal
9th September	Narrabri Shire Dance Spectacular
10th September	CWA International Day choir performance
14th September	Billy Cart Derby - Warialda
15th September	Premier's Spelling Bee, Glen Innes
17th September	School Evaluation Committee meeting
24th September	Last Day Term 3

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

Hall Inspection

Last Thursday Mr. Konrad Harvey and Mr. Stewart Pyne joined the representative of Reed Construction, Mr. Jarrod Reynolds to do a pre-handover inspection, during which it was found that some finishing touches need to be completed before the new building is handed over to the school.

Father's Day Stall - 2010

A reminder that the Father's Day Stall is only 3 days away. Don't let your child/children miss out on this wonderful opportunity to select a special gift for Dad for Father's Day.

The stall will be held on Friday, 3rd September in the Extension Room. Each child needs to bring in \$2.00 plus an 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.

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

(Phone 67967-232)

Community News

Soccer - 9/10 Years Team.

The 9/10 Years Namoi Cotton Team have made it into the finals for Soccer and all team members are required to be at training this Thursday afternoon.

Keighley Cameron.

Community News.

An ABBA-Solutely Fabulous Fundraising dinner for Tracey Holcombe will be held at the Wee Waa Bowling Club on Friday evening, 10th September - 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. start. Cost is \$50.00 per ticket which includes dinner and entertainment. Featuring Helen Conroy, Harmony Inc., and Kylie Hogan - multi talented artist.

Please phone Jenny Parish (67955168) or Connie Smith (67956181) for table bookings with tickets to be purchased at Robbie's Country Clothing by 3rd September for catering purposes.

P & C News

Father's Day Car Rally - Sunday September 5th

We have had a great deal of interest shown to our car rally, with 16 teams wanting to register already - so, please, if you can spare some time in the afternoon to serve food/assist with an activity, we would be most appreciative.

Rain, hail or shine, the rally will proceed from the Golf Club.

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Registration for the Car Rally will be from 8.00 a.m. on Sunday, 5th September at Wee Waa Golf Club . 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 the Golf Club on Father's Day.

If you are able to help out at the Car Rally, either by serving food, working on a "Kids" stall or manning a checkpoint, please either phone Megan Hawkins (0429 953224) or complete the following and return to school by next Monday, 30th August. Remember - either half an hour or 5 hours - we value any assistance you can give us.

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The Canteen Committee would appreciate donations of cakes and slices to serve with tea and coffee at Sunday's Car Rally.

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All raffle tickets sold. unsold need to be returned to school by this Friday.

Megan Hawkins

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Please complete and return :

☐ *I,, am able to help out with
at the Father's Day Car Rally on Sunday, 5th September from until*

OR

☐ *I am unable to help out but am thinking of putting a team in to the Car Rally/Scavenger Hunt.*

Signed