



WEE WAA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, 3rd August, 2010

Wee Waa Public School - Where Great Things Happen!

Education Week

Thank you to all the people who contributed to making our Open Day yesterday such a success. There were up to 10 people in some classrooms during the open classroom sessions and a pleasing attendance of parents, relatives and community members at the formal assembly. Our captains and vice captains have developed good presentation skills and carried out the role of Masters of Ceremonies very well. It was also pleasing to see every class present an item and the performance by the Infants and Primary choir were a highlight.

The staff selected three recipients for the Education Week awards and we congratulate Mrs. Debbie Ross, Mrs. Megan Hawkins and Ms Leanne Combo.

Thanks also go to the members of the P&C who provided refreshments for morning tea, helped with serving lunch and, of course, Mr. Colin Strickland for cooking the barbeque. Your support is greatly appreciated by the Wee Waa Public School community.

Other events during Education Week included the Drama workshops presented by Mrs. Jean Freer, also held yesterday. Students enjoyed the range of drama activities which Mrs. Freer exposed them to. She was also extremely complimentary about the behaviour and engagement of all of the classes. Considering what a busy day we were having, this is a very positive comment about our students' ability to deal with changes in routine and to work with visiting presenters.

The Personalised Learning Plan meetings for three classes are being held today and the other four classes are having their meetings tomorrow. The PLPs are an example of the effective school/student/community partnerships that are being developed and maintained. Thank you to all of those parents who are making the time to participate in this important component of the school's learning programme.

Compliments to Staff and Students

In the last week the school has received written and verbal compliments from Mrs. Jean Freer, Mr. Brian Tickle and Ms. Julie Rees. The behaviour of the students has been very positively commented on, as has the collegiality and support of the staff. Mr. Tickle wrote an email to say that he would be very happy to work with the teachers in the future because of their positive attitude and engagement in improving their teaching practice.

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Staff Collegiality and Support.

Last Friday three members of staff took leave unexpectedly due to illness. Because there is such a shortage of casual teachers available in Wee Waa, it was not possible to employ casual staff at such short notice. All casuals contacted had other commitments. In a wonderful display of staff support Ms. Daskey taught the combined Years 5/6 classes for the day and Mrs. Burtenshaw taught Years 3/4 classes. They both commented that because there were so many across the school structures, including Accelerated Literacy and the whole school maths programme, they were able to work with such large groups of students by making adjustments to their day plans.

To enable the PLP meetings to go ahead, Mrs. Sue Smith and Mrs. Boehm are not carrying out their usual roles. They are taking classes so the teachers are available to participate in the meetings. Tomorrow Mrs. Smith will again be taking a class and Mrs. Keys will be working an extra day to ensure there are enough casual staff to release teachers for the PLP meetings.

Class	Name	Award.	Class	Name	Award.
KM	Cooper Hilderson Ian Small	Neat book work Great participation in Mr. Tickle's maths lesson	3B	Reece Pfeffer Amba Ross Thomas Kable	Good writing in Accelerated Literacy sessions Her keen participation in IR Excellent contributions in Accelerated Literacy
1B	Cameisha Biles Dylan Smith Robert Davidson Angus Galagher	Blending sounds to read words Consistent high standard of work Great improvement in reading Consistent effort in music and choir	4T	Jack Hawkins Dwayne Dixon Maddie-Lee Dewson	Excellent work in maths Participation in class activities Great work in Accelerated Literacy
2R	BJ Cruickshank Jiordin Gayden Emma Hawkins	Having a positive attitude towards learning Excellent effort in music and choir Answering more questions in Accelerated Literacy	5D	Tarisha Scaysbrook Will Levertton	An excellent holiday recount Excellent participation in literacy discussions
			6T	Jacob Haynes Curston Small Jayden Hayne	Excellent strategies in maths with Mr. Tickle Great use of maths strategies with Mr. Tickle Excellent use of maths strategies with Mr. Tickle

Digital Elders' Project

Unfortunately the one negative aspect of the rain we had last week was the postponement of the Digital Elders' excursion to the Pilliga salt caves. Ms. Daskey is trying to make alternative arrangements with the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Tomorrow, 4th August, Mr. Ross will be editing the Digital Elders' footage filmed so far.

Dates for the Diary

3rd August	PLP meetings - 2R, 5D, 6T
4th August	PLP meetings - KM, 1B, 3B, 4T
13th August	District Athletics Carnival - Cook Oval
3rd September	Fathers Day Stall
5th September	Fathers Day Car Rally and Festivities

Playgroup and Transition Dates for Term 3, 2010

Playgroup - 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Transition - 11.15 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Monday, 9th Aug.	Monday, 6th Sept.
Monday, 16th Aug.	Monday, 13th Sept.
Monday, 23rd Aug.	Monday, 20th Sept.
Monday, 30th Aug.	

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.

P & C News

****** 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.

Father's Day Car Rally - Sunday September 5th

A sub-committee meeting was held 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 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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