Manner of the Week

Show respect to others, to school by wearing uniform correctly, by being tidy.

Northern Daily Leader

I hope you saw our school captains and our Kindergarten in the Leader last week. They looked wonderful.

Young Leaders Conference—Monday 25th March

National Young Leaders Days are an inspiring opportunity for those who have already demonstrated their capacity within the school to continue their own development. This conference will develop some of the skills that will help you to assist others, including your capacity to set goals, work in teams, speak in public, and solve problems. We all need opportunities to reach our personal potential and our community.

Bearing this in mind, each year we send our captains to this very prestigious conference held at the Entertainment Centre in Sydney. This year Angie, Shay, Broden and Adrian will represent our school and region at this event. They will have the opportunity to listen to and learn from some excellent speakers. These include: Nathan Hindmarsh, Creel Price (young entrepreneur), Brett Lee (INESS creator - Cyber-bullying, not the cricketer), Jess Fox (Silver Olympic kayak medallist and Dux of my old school Blaxland High).

Easter Hat Parade

Just a quick reminder that our annual Easter Hat Parade will take place on Thursday 28th March 2013. It will commence at 10 am on the middle terrace (aka Platform). It would be a good idea to commence making your Easter Hats now in order not to miss out on the big day. Lots of prize awards for the each grade winners.

Easter Service

Our annual Easter Service will be held here next Tuesday 26th March after recess.

Live Well, Live Life

As well as academic excellence, we are always in pursuit of creating / promoting a healthy active lifestyle and healthy diet at Werris Creek Public School. This week Mrs Roser-Witney is attending a two day course, where she will be reviewing our practices and procedures in this area.

Head Lice

We are still getting reports about students with head lice. Please be vigilante and check your child’s hair (and treat as required) as well as bed linen, hats and the rest of the family.

SRC

On Wednesday and Thursday our SRC members will be selling tickets for a cake raffle which will be drawn at the end of each week on Friday. All tickets are 50c each.

Together we make a difference

Mr Michael Windred
KINDERGARTEN

Congratulations to Zoe, Sam, Bailey and Nicholas on receiving their 25 nights Home Reading Award at assembly last Friday. They are on their way to the Home Reading Picnic in June (for those who have 100 nights). There are a few children who are very close to 25 nights. I will be sending the children’s books home on Friday to be covered in clear contact. Please take a minute to have a look at their work. Will you please make sure that their books are returned on Monday.

This week I will be putting the children into reading groups. This means that group reading activities will become more structured, so I will be introducing ipads with reading activities on them as one of the activities.

New sounds – ‘d’ & ‘g’.
New sight words— ‘she, with, went, one

Homework is due on Friday. Please try and glue each sheet in on a separate page.

Thank you

L. Windsor

YEAR K/1/2

K/1/2 have started their formal computer lessons where we were working with microsoft word.
The students looked at centring headings, underlining, changing font and size, typing text, inserting pictures and saving their work. This will be an ongoing process for the class.

This week we are looking at division in mathematics.
Just a reminder that with homework your child can choose an extra 3 activities from the sheet. Spelling, Sight words and reading are compulsory.

C. Roser-Whitney

YEAR 2/3

We are off to a very busy start to this week. We will be involved in NAPLAN practise and test techniques and will be doing so each week leading into next term. I will also, just for your knowledge, remind you of our morning routines in Literacy. Spelling— Monday: Pre-test and word analogies. Tuesday: Word Definitions and Alphabetical Order. Wednesday: Word Building and Editing. Thursday: Partner Tests and activity. Friday: Test and Dictation. In Reading: The students rotate through a five day cycle of reading to the teacher plus response, comprehension exercises x 2, online reading comprehension and reading with a helper plus response. In Writing we will write a draft piece on Tuesday and publish Thursday. The students will also be looking at other students writing texts and appraising these pieces for good writing and poor. In Grammar we label sentences with nouns, adjectives, verbs, prepositions and articles. In Handwriting, I am introducing Year 3 to cursive writing and Year 2 are targeting letter structure and having a go at cursive. Homework: Home Reading, spelling, and NAPLAN type maths and reading questions. * It is our turn to run the cake / slice stall next Thursday 28/3/13. This is a great opportunity to cater for our Easter Parade crowd.
YEAR 4/5

In week 6, Year 4/5 held a successful biscuit stall raising money for the Primary Lake Keepit excursion. Students in Year 5 are continuing NAPLAN practice. Year 4/5 are currently analysing the elements of advertisements as examples of persuasive text which is also a preparation for NAPLAN.

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3. The planets distances from the sun are measured using AU (Astronomical Unit).
4. Earth is exactly 1 AU, Mercury is 0.38 AU.

Students have also been enjoying these authors; Mem Fox, Roald Dahl, Pamela Allen, Paul Jennings and Morris Gleitzsman.

Chris Lyon

YEAR 5/6

Another busy week ahead. We are working hard on instant recall of 6x tables. We are also learning about prime, composite, square and triangular numbers. Children are still trying to perfect persuasive writing. We are trying to incorporate as many elements to add interest as possible. Students have been given a speech to prepare for homework. This will be presented in week 9 so they have 2 weeks preparation time.

I will be accompanying Year 6 captains and vice captains to the Young Leaders conference in Sydney. We leave Sunday and will be back at school Tuesday.

Catherine Anderson

LIBRARY

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Chris Lyon
Principal’s Awards
5 Gold slips— Mia Constable; Chloe Symington; Emma Bridge; Amber Perrett
10 Gold slips—
15 Gold slips—
20 Gold slips—

Home Reading Nights
25 Nights— Josey Bizant; Mitchell Croucher; Sara Ryan; Nash Porter; Hailey Hicks; Jesse Patterson; Jenna Angel; Jacob Doolan; Jai Richmond; Zoey Croucher; Bailey Patterson; Samuel Smith

Debating
On Friday, 15.03.13, 8 of our students went to a debating workshop at Oxley Vale Public School.
We got there at 9:00 am we met Mr Scarborough and he showed us where to go. We sat in the hall and waited for the rest of the school. They were Quirindi, Tamworth South, Westdale, Nemingha and Oxley Vale.
We talked about debating things like rebuttal and S.E.E.L.. We also had to write parachute. We finally had a debate on “That every child should have a pet”. The Stage 3’s were the negative and Stage 2 the affirmative. The best arguments were given by Luke Baldo, Kaleb Squires and Shay Flett. Oxley Vale was an interesting school to visit. The canteen had a slushie machine which was yummy. In the Library there was a giant dragon that lit up. They also had goats and chickens.

Quirindi Junior Basketball
FINAL
Registration Day
Saturday 23rd March
Quirindi High School Hall
9:00am to 11:00am
$70 High School Students
$50 Primary Students
(No additional court fees charged)
Enquiries: Terry Beresford
0412787680

P & C. News
CANTEEN NEWS
CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 1, 2013

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P & C. News
Easter raffle tickets are due back on 25/03/13. Donations of eggs are still being accepted at the school office.
Bulb orders are due back by the 5.04.13. Please ensure that your name is on your order when you are sending it in.
Chinese Day in the canteen is on 11.04.13
Next P. & C. Meeting is on Wednesday, 10.04.13 commencing at 7:00 pm at the school.

Moonbi Horse Sports Results
Tom
Best Presented 1st Sporting Events
Hack Class 3rd Barrel 1st
Rider Class 1st Sack race 1st
Bareback 1st Keyhole 1st
Handler 1st Bending 1st
Pairs 3rd Running T 1st
8 year old boys overall highest point score Champion

Georgia
Hack Class 1st Sporting Events
Bareback 2nd Barrel 1st
Handler 4th Sack race 1st
Pairs 2nd Bending 2nd
Running T 1st
10 year old girls Runner-up overall highest point score Champion.
Poor Georgia just missed out on being 10 year old girls overall Highest point score Champion by half a point.

Quirindi Netball
Registration days will be be held this coming Saturday, March 23 and a fortnight later on Saturday, April 6. We will be at the netball courts in Rose Street Quirindi on both days from 10am to 1pm with grading for 8-12 year olds taking place on the second Saturday.
All inclusive registration fees: 5-7yrs $55 (participants receive a starter pack), 8-12yrs $60, 13-17yrs $65, 18+yrs $80