Dear Parents,

Student Welfare
Please be reminded that if a parent or carer has any issues they are encouraged to contact the appropriate staff member to discuss this. If a parent or carer has an issue involving a student that is not his or her own child, it is not acceptable to approach or contact that student in any way. Any non-school related matters should also be left at home. Students need to feel safe at school, and along with their parents, have the confidence to know that staff can deal with any issues.

Social Media
Negative comments regarding the conduct of school staff have again appeared on Facebook. We have seen in the past that posts referring to a school issue attract comments from people outside the school community who have no knowledge of the issue or incident, no knowledge of staff actions and no knowledge of the school welfare system. These comments are usually strongly opinionated yet extremely ill informed, irrelevant and derogatory towards the school. Recent posts appear to be abusive and of a threatening nature. Rarely do we see any other workplaces and occupations subjected to this type of treatment.

Sports Report
Small Schools Rugby Union
Our Werris Creek Small School Rugby Union team had a tough time against some of the more inform rugby union teams that play on a Friday night. Although we were beaten in all games, we still managed to score a try against each team. The hottest day on the day was Scone Grammar who, in fact, took out the competition. We were lucky enough to have held them scoreless in the second half but the damage had already been done in the first half when they scored 6 quick tries against us.

The players player vote went to Georgia who had a blinder closely followed by Cameron.

I was very happy with the behaviour of all the players and I would like to thank all the parents who transported their child and others to the venue. Without your assistance the children wouldn't have had the experience of such an occasion.

North-West PSSA Rugby Union Trials
On Friday the 30th of May Georgia and Cameron who had a late call up travelled to Tamworth for the final selection trials for the PSSA North-West Rugby Union team. It was a warm day which tested out the fitness of our players. The skills and drills were based around safe play with scrums and tackling practice.

The players tried hard but were out played in the positions that they had been chosen in by some of the Northern Zone players.

Once again thank you to the parents for transporting their child to the venue.

Timothy Munday
Acting Principal
We had a lovely surprise last Monday when our silk worms hatched from their tiny eggs. However, things are looking a little grim for our tiny friends.

Over the last two weeks Kindergarten have been busy reading familiar books to encourage fluent, confident reading...to build their confidence to be able to move to the next levels. I know you are probably over the sight of many books but we are exhausting what I have in that level.

3 little words to help your child when they are reading: ‘Pause, Prompt, Praise.’

Pause: Once your child starts reading aloud, carefully follow the text as they read. If or when your child comes to a word they don’t know, try not to jump in straight away and tell them the word. Wait & give your child time to work out the word. Pausing creates an opportunity for your child to try to self-correction or work out the word.

Prompt: If your child works out they have stumbled over, it’s a good idea to suggest they go back to the beginning of the sentence & re-read the whole sentence again so they understand the meaning before reading on. If your child has not been able to work out the problem word, prompt them with some quick, low-key suggestions about what they could do by saying things like ‘Look at the sound the word begins with, use that clue, and see what makes sense there. Look at the pictures and see if they give you a clue as to what the word is.’ If prompts like these are not working, this is the at which you simply tell your child the correct word and briefly explain its meaning.

Praise: This is the easiest part of the process for parents. Praise your child reading efforts and successes during their reading time.

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 2. This term seems to be flying by.

This week we have started to focus on Procedure in English and commenced by writing a ‘How to’ guide.

This week we have welcomed a new student to our class Peter or PJ. PJ joins us from Sydney and has already made a great impact on the class.

If anyone would like to have a meeting with me about their child’s progress I am available most mornings from 8:30, Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11am and Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Courtney Lyon
YEAR 4/5

Year 4/5 are working on Unit 15 Spelling and Maths activities, including homework, this week. Students researched the mythical Bunyip and its place in Australian Folklore. They are looking at a modelled text called “The Camper And The Whistling Kettle”. Year 4/5 have begun assessments leading up to reporting. Along with other primary students, we are completing field activities leading up to this week’s Athletics Carnival.

Tim Munday

Year 5/6

Class 5/6 have been very welcoming of me as their new teacher, for the remainder of the year. I am very much looking forward to sharing the final part of primary school with the year sixes, and also look forward to meeting all the families of 5/6. The students of 5/6 have continued their involvement in numerous sporting events this week, with students travelling for rugby, basketball and netball competitions. With the athletics carnival coming up on Friday, it will be lovely to see family supporters there to celebrate in their sporting successes.

In the classroom, students have been finishing off their individual learning projects as we move into our new classroom structure and topics. They will continue to explore ‘Antarctica’ and ‘Celebrations and Festivals’, with new book studies and challenging maths tasks to commence. It’s all very exciting and I am thrilled to continue their learning experiences with them.

Rosie Sims

LIBRARY

Chess - Last week we had our first day of the two day chess tournament. It was a fantastic day and all our students behaved in a wonderful manner. Many teachers from other schools commented on this and stated that "Their parents must be proud of how good they are!" I was very pleased by this, as should be the entire school community as any student representing our school at any function is seen to be a reflection on all of us.

A big thank you is needed for all the workers in the canteen who provided food and drinks for the students during the day. They faced an unending onslaught of hungry faces.

Also a big thanks to Craig Foody who has always been a big supporter of chess at our school. He gave up his day to support and help our students. I really appreciated this, as I am unable to provide much help as the coordinator.

Library and Science have been slightly altered with athletic events needing to be done prior to the carnival this week. As a result I have held off sending overdue notices home. I will send these out near the end of term when class sessions return to normal.

Don’t forget that if you have a 10, 11 or 12 year old at home and would like them to be considered for the soundscape project, I will need their notes by this Wednesday.

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Welcome to Werris Creek Public School
PJ Day 2014

Stay in your PJ’s to help people with asthma

Did you know that one in 10 adults and children has asthma? Sadly, asthma symptoms can often mean that people miss out on school or work and other activities they enjoy.

YOU CAN HELP reduce the impact of asthma by raising awareness and money for this chronic condition that affects over 2 million Australians.

Although PJ Day is traditionally run to coincide with World Asthma Day (on Tuesday 6 May 2014), Werris Creek Public School will hold our fundraiser on Wednesday, 18th June 2014.

Money you raise will go towards vital asthma research and asthma support programs.

Principal’s Awards
5 Gold slips— Kyle Daw; Nick Hicks; Joshua Koppers; Georgia Murphy; Matthew Piper; Sam Smith; Erica Bizant; Darcy Lyon; Connor Piper; Jasmine Verrall
10 Gold slips—
15 Gold slips—
20 Gold slips—

Home Reading Nights
25 Nights -
50 Nights—
75 Nights— Pip Moore; Laura Davis; Tremayne Millgate
100 Nights—Angus Woods

P. & C. News

Next Meeting — The next P&C meeting will be held this Wednesday, 11.06.14, commencing at 1:00 in the school hall.

Term 2 Canteen Roster — We are still looking for helpers to fill Tuesdays. Please contact the office to have your name placed on the roster if you are available.

Pie Drive— Have arrived today and can be collected from the hall.

Athletics Carnival— Pre-order form and money to be returned by 28th May along with times if you are able to assist.

New Ideas— Canteen are trialling some new ideas for our winter menu during the month of May: Fish Fingers (30c each) and Potato skins with cheese (80c). The most popular item will be added to the winter menu.

Upcoming Events—
Movie Day — Sunday 15.06.14 at 2:00 pm ‘Frozen’ $5.00 (includes Popper & popcorn);
Christmas in July— 26.07.14, to be held at the Golf Club - Dinner and Entertainment (More details to come)
Thank you to Simone Richmond from the Golf Club Bistro for supporting this event. Golf Club Bistro is open for Friday dinner and Sunday lunch.

P. & C. News

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 2, 2014

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