Werris Creek Public School

CONTACT
SAFETY, RESPECT, ACHIEVEMENT

Term 1 Week 5
24th February, 2015

Principal: Leonie Byrne
Administration Manager: Helen Schumann
Assist. Principal: Deeanne Wand
Administration Officer: Kaye Beaton

Expectation of the Week: Be a good example for our school – speak & act sensibly

Points of Interest

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CLASS AWARDS

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<td>Sophie Davis, Jay Patterson</td>
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<td>Caden Doolan, Tobi Kelly</td>
<td>Working well in Maths Working well in all KLA’s and for making good choices in class</td>
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<td>Laura Davis, Josh Peterson</td>
<td>Fantastic effort in writing with great sentences and punctuation Amazing enthusiasm towards school</td>
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<td>Connor Piper, Jasmine Verrall</td>
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<td>Clare Grattan, Sara Ryan</td>
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Principal’s Message

Last week we inducted our student leaders. I look forward to working with the student leadership team in the future.

I thank the P&C for providing morning tea. There was some confusion on the day regarding Vice House Captains and badges. Advice prior to, and following the Induction was that these students do not receive a badge and have not done so for many years. I should have however acknowledged them on the day, an oversight for which I have apologised to the children concerned.

Today ‘The Bully is Back’ performers visited the school. The students who attended had a wonderful time. The performance examined strategies to help children deal with bullying an issue often raised with me by parents.

This afternoon we are holding our Meet and Greet - a free barbecue provided so families can join staff for an informal meeting. Thank you to the many families who have indicated they will attend. We look forward to getting to know you and your children better.

A Dental Mascot visited last Thursday. The giant tooth was visiting to promote the upcoming visit from a dental clinic. Information went home on the day. This program involves an entire dental surgery visiting the school so your child can access a dental examination and some treatment through Medicare.

The Sydney excursion is set for 8th – 11th September. This excursion is offered to years 3 – 6. The estimated cost is approximately $510 per child. Payments may be made by instalment at any time. Further information will be distributed closer to the date.

PBL – our Positive Behaviour for Learning values of Safety, Respect and Achievement were developed in consultation with the community a few years ago. These values apply to students, staff, parents and visitors to the school. Please remember these values when dealing with staff at the school.

Reminder – Primary swimming for sport is from 1:30 to 2:30 pm on Friday.

Due to Department of Education & Communities regulations if you are driving children other than your own to a sporting fixture or on an excursion could you please provide your drivers licence and current vehicle insurance to the school office to be copied for filing purposes.

Quirindi Zone Swimming Carnival

What a great day Werris Creek Public School Swimmers had at the Quirindi Zone Swimming Carnival. Swimmers from all over the Quirindi area gathered at the picturesque Werris Creek Pool on Friday the 13th of February. With fine weather and the temperature just right for swimming our children were ready to go to compete for a place in the Quirindi Zone Swimming Team.

Swimmers who were placed 1st and 2nd will travel to Armidale on Tuesday 3rd of March.

Nash Porter blitzed the field in the pool being awarded the 11 Years Boy Quirindi Zone Champion.

“Well Done Nash!”
I am happy to announce that Werris Creek Public School have 9 swimmers going onto Regionals. They are:

- Jesse Patterson – 9 years Boy 50m Freestyle & 50m Junior Boys Backstroke;
- Larni Carter – 8 years Girls 50m Freestyle & Nash Porter- 11 years Boys 50m Freestyle, 11 years Boys 50m Butterfly, 200m Individual Medley, 100m All Age Freestyle, 11 Years Boys 50m Breaststroke, 11 Years Boys 50m Backstroke.


Senior Boys Relay Team - Nash Porter, Oliver Wilson, Malik Hunt and Levi Allan.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the parents and grandparents that supported their children/grandchildren at the pool that day. Without your support we wouldn't be able to offer these wonderful opportunities.

We wish all the swimmers the best of luck next Tuesday in Armidale.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:** We will continue to update & advertise these dates

**Term 1, 2015**

- Tuesday, 3rd March, 2015 – Regional Swimming Armidale
- Tuesday, 10th March, 2015 – 3-4 Werris Creek Hospital visit; School Leaders photo in Northern Daily Leader
- Thursday, 12th March, 2015 – Kindergarten Photo published
- Tuesday, 24th March, 2015 – Yr 2 visit Werris Creek Hospital
- Wednesday, 1st April, 2015 – QHS Taster day – Year 6
- Thursday, 2nd April, 2015 – Last Day Term 1

**Year 3/4**

Students have been working hard through Units 1,2 and 3 for Spelling, Maths and Homework. They have also commenced a Maths Unit on Whole Numbers. Year 3/4 have learnt 3 songs, ‘I Can't Spell Hippopotamus’, ‘The Rainbow Connection’ and ‘Colour My World’. Students are currently looking at picture books, featuring ‘Drac And The Gremlin’ and ‘Windows’. Year 3/4 are soon to commence their study of British Colonization of Australia.

**P and C News/Community News**

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**Meet and Greet BBQ** – Helpers are required at the barbeque on Tuesday 24th Feb from 4:30. If you are available please come along.

**Canteen:** We are currently calling for volunteer workers to help man the canteen during Term 1. Attached is a blank roster for your information. Please contact Tara Hughes on 0409 288 007 or the school office if you are available. Unfortunately if we do not get the volunteers needed we will have to consider closing the canteen two (2) days a week

**Easter raffle** – With Easter coming up very quickly we are starting to put together prizes for the Easter Raffle. Donations can be left at the school office.
Quirindi Junior Basketball
Registration Days
February 28th & March 14th
9:30am – 11:30am

Quirindi High School Hall
Quirindi’s 2015 local Junior Basketball Competition will see some changes this season with the Mini Ball and year 3, 4 & 5 Divisions moving to Thursday nights at the Quirindi High School Court. The years 6 and 7 Division as well as the years 8, 9 & 10 Division will remain on Friday nights. The small court size at the Recreation Centre prompting the need for the change.

Competition is set to commence on Thursday 23rd of April and will wrap up with Grand Finals and Presentations for all Divisions on Friday the 11th of September.

Fees for the 2015 season will be $60 for Primary School and $75 for High School students. Please start budgeting for those days now as no registrations will be accepted without payment in full.

( Reminder to all those participating in the Tamworth Schools Competition on Wednesday Nights will be required to register on Saturday the 28th regardless of whether you are playing in our local Friday night competition or not.)

Quirindi Junior Soccer Registration Is Open!

Registration and payment must be completed online at www.myfootballclub.com.au by Wednesday 11 March 2015. Registration enquiries may be directed to Rikki Tetley Ph: 0413 137079.
2015 Registration Fees are:
□ 5-7yrs - $70
□ 8-11yrs - $85
□ 12-18yrs - $95

Players must be turning 5yrs in 2015 to take to the field and may register up to 18yrs (boys) or 19yrs (girls). Age ranges are based on the age your child turns in 2015. All 5-7yr old children will receive a free "small side" soccer ball and shin pads. Further information including details for the Grading Days will be in the Quirindi Advocate and via email to registered players.

ABS TRAINING GROUP
TRAINING 2015

The time has come...
X country training will commence Tuesday March 10 at 3.45pm on No 1 oval, Henry st. Trainings will be Tuesdays and Thursdays and at No 1 until further notice.

Bring plenty of water and keep your swimmers in your bag for the hot afternoons when we will go to the pool.

Any queries ring Abs on 0427473816.