Expectation of the Week: Be a good sport - take turns & play fair; show sportsmanlike behaviour

Points of Interest

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**Principal’s Message**

The staff were very pleased with the number of people who attended our Meet and Greet BBQ last week. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to get to meet with you on an informal basis. We plan to make this a permanent part of our school calendar. I would like to thank the P&C for catering and the staff for staying back to support this event.

Good luck to our team of swimmers, Oliver Wilson; Jesse Patterson; Hayley Morris; Erica Bizant; Jamiah Hunt; Larri Carter; Malik Hunt; Hash Porter and Levi Allan, who will compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Armidale today. Yesterday Hayden Daw attended the Tennis trials in Quirindi. He just missed out on selection and we are very proud of his efforts.

It’s a big week for sport with the Rugby 7’s Competition on tomorrow in Quirindi. We look forward to hearing how the team gets on. Mrs Parsons from Spring Ridge P.S. will be in charge and Mr Slater will be there to support the students.

Quicksmart, a mathematics support program has been implemented to provide assistance to children requiring support in mathematics. Mrs Vicki Saville from Quirindi High School has been assisting with the implementation of the program. I’d like to thank Mrs Clarke, Principal at Quirindi High, for releasing Mrs Saville to assist us.

We had very exciting news last week when we were contacted by a representative from 92.9FM to say we would be the 92.9 Back to School for March. It should be a fun filled exciting event set down for Friday 27 March. Mrs Wand will coordinate this event. More information will be distributed closer to the day.

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.

**Head Lice** – We have been advised once again of a case of headlice in the school. Please check your child’s hair and treat accordingly.

**Meet & Greet BBQ**

Last Tuesday evening, the teachers of Werris Creek Public School held a Meet and Greet BBQ for our families. We had a very successful evening with many families in attendance. Parents were able to mingle with their child’s teacher, ask any questions and see how their child was settling into their new class. Thank you to all of our families who were able to come and join us and a BIG thank you to the P&C who catered for the event. Please don’t hesitate to make an appointment with your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns as the year continues.

Mrs Wand Assistant Principal and Kindergarten Teacher.

**Quirindi Zone PSSA Tennis**

On Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March, Hayden Daw travelled to Quirindi Tennis Club to compete in the PSSA Zone Tennis team trials. Hayden competed against two Year Six students. One student was from Spring Ridge Public School whilst the other was from Quirindi Public School. He lost both games 4 – 2 and missed out gaining selection into the PSSA team for the Northwest trials.

Hayden played some wonderful tennis and showed great sportsmanship while representing the school. Hayden will have another chance to participate next year in the PSSA Tennis Trials.
IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: We will continue to update & advertise these dates

Term 1, 2015

Wednesday, 4th March, 2015 – Rugby 7’s

Tuesday, 10th March, 2015 – 3-4 Werris Creek Hospital visit; School Leaders photo in Northern Daily Leader

Thursday, 12th March, 2015 – Kindergarten Photo published; P & C Meeting – 1:00 pm

Friday, 20th March, 2015 – Harmony Day – 12:00 pm

Tuesday, 24th March, 2015 – Yr 2 visit Werris Creek Hospital

Wednesday, 1st April, 2015 – QHS Taster day – Year 6

Thursday, 2nd April, 2015 – Easter Hat parade; Last Day Term 1

Year 5/6 Hard At Work

Maths On The IWB

Look, Cover, Say, Write, Check

Reading With Year 1

Spelling with play dough

Hangman Spelling

P and C News/Community News

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Meet and Greet BBQ – Thank you to those people who were able to assist with the barbeque last Tuesday.

Working With Children Check – As part of Department of Education & Communities requirements parents working in any volunteer role that places them on the school grounds or at a school run function they are required to complete a Working With Children check by 21st April, 2015. To apply for a check please visit www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au

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.

P & C Meeting – The next P & C Meeting will be held on Thursday, 12.03.15 at 1:00 pm

Easter Hat Parade – Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday, 2nd April. This year all children will be making their own hat in class for the parade. Donations of decorative items such as glitter, plastic eggs, chickens, coloured crepe paper etc is optional and may be sent with your child over the next couple of weeks to be shared amongst the classroom. Further details on the time of the parade will be announced in the coming weeks. How exciting!!!!

What is the Family Energy Rebate?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- Up to $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:
- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:
- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY
- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.
Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

Werris Creek Minor League
Come and try afternoons
Thursday 5th - 12th March 5-6 pm
David Taylor Oval
AGES 5-12 years
All new and current players interested are encouraged to come along and enjoy some footy skills and meet some new friends.
You will also be able to register for the 2015 season at these days

Relay for Life
28 & 29 March 2015
2:00 pm – 10:00 am
Quirindi Showground/ Polocross field
QUIRINDI
Lots of entertainment, activities, food and refreshments plus heaps more.....
Create a team, join a team or become a sponsor.
www.relayforlife.org.au

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