This week we are celebrating Education Week. It was terrific to see so many people attend our Education Week morning tea, assembly and open classrooms. On Thursday we have our Book Character Parade and Disco. You are welcome to join your children for a Picnic lunch as well on this day.

During Education Week schools reflect on their purpose and celebrate the achievements of Public Education. Public schools play one of three key roles in developing children into responsible literate and numerate citizens who contribute positively to society.

Public schools aim to provide the knowledge children need to become active, responsible members of our community.

At Werris Creek Public school all of our decisions are underpinned by the PBL values of Safety, Respect and Achievement. We provide opportunities for children to engage in a wide variety of learning opportunities that not only teach children the academics but also help them grow as individuals, to assist them to grow into good people.

There are two other important players involved in the education of a child. Whilst the school can provide access to learning and counsel children in the correct social behaviours it is the parent or caregiver who holds the most influence in this area. Parents and caregivers provide the care, love and support a child needs. In the child’s eyes the parents or caregiver are the heroes.

The third player in educating the child is, of course, the child themselves. As teachers and parents we need to instill in our children the skills to help them make their way in the world. We need to help them recognise their own abilities and their own potential.

We cannot do it for them so we, parents and teachers, must help them to develop basic skills, such as good decision making and refusal skills, which allow them to effectively avoid participating in risky behaviors so they can successfully make their way in the world.

This is best done together. At Werris Creek Public if we can continue to work together – teachers – parents and children – in an environment of mutual trust and respect we can ensure all of our children will receive the very best of educations.

Working together is always better.

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

**Expectation of the Week:** Immediately show you understand the request by answer or action

**Points of Interest**

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**Principal’s Awards (5 Slips)**

- PBL Badge Award (15 Slips)
  - Jack Morris; Molly Arnold; Zaine McKay

**Citizenship Award (10 Slips)**

- Kalahni Daley

**Level ‘A’**

**Medallion (25 Slips)**

- Sophie Davis; Lilly Cope

**Home Reading Awards**

- Jack Morris (25); Aaliyah Millgate (75); Lilli-Lee Bull (100)

**Major School Excursion – Final Payment**

Final payments for the Major School excursion need to be in by Tuesday, 25.08.15. If more time is required to make this payment please contact the school office on 67 687 065 for alternate arrangements.
Education Week – Term 3, Week 6

Thursday, 20th of August
Students come to school dressed as their favourite book character on this day.
- Picnic Lunch 1pm. Parents and Carers are invited to share a picnic lunch with their children.
- Book Character Parade - 1:30 pm.
- Disco 2pm - Students conclude the day with a fun Book Character Disco. Lollies and drinks will be available from the canteen during this time. Entry is free.

Book Fair
The Book Fair will be set up for this entire week.

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

Term 3

Monday, 17th August, 2015 to Friday, 21st August, 2015 – Book Fair; Education Week

Monday, 17th August, 2015 - Education Week Morning Tea (11:00 to 11:30 am); Education Week Assembly (11:30 am); Open Classrooms

Tuesday, 18th August, 2015 – Year 5/6 Hospital visit; Debate vs Mullaley Public School at Werris Creek

Thursday, 20th August, 2015 – Picnic Lunch (1:00 pm); Book Character Parade (1:30 pm); Disco (2:00 pm)

Tuesday, 1st September, 2015 – Year 3/4 Hospital visit

Wednesday, 2nd September, 2015 – CAPERS Rehearsals

Thursday, 3rd September, 2015 – CAPERS Rehearsals

Tuesday, 8th September, 2015 to Friday, 11th September, 2015 – Major School excursion to Sydney – Years 3 – 6

Tuesday, 15th September, 2015 – Year 1 Hospital visit 14th

Monday, 14th September, 2015 to Friday, 18th September, 2015 – Dental Van Visit.

Touch Football Report
What an amazing day Mrs Byrne and I had at Gunnedah South Public School with the two Touch Teams. The girls were lucky enough to play first in the cool conditions. They looked good on the field taking the ball up doing some great forward drives however were out classed by the sheer pace of some of the Gunnedah South girls. Although they lost the game, we couldn't have been happier with the sportsmanship they displayed and the encouragement the older girls gave to our Year 3 players. We were very proud of their efforts. When the Gunnedah South boys appeared I thought to myself, they have a lot of reserves whereas we only had 3. That did not faze our boys at all.
The game was played at a very fast pace and our boys did extremely well to keep up with it. Nash Porter was our boys Captain on the day along with Malik Hunt who was Vice Captain. Both boys led the team well and were rewarded with a try a piece from some good team work.
At the end of the day Mrs Byrne and I were so proud of our Touch Teams and how well they displayed our school's values.
Once again we would like to thank all the parents/carers who transported their child or other children to the venue and back. Without your help our students wouldn't be able to participate in such wonderful sporting events. We would also like to thank Ally Paterson who was our Chief Photographer/Time Keeper on the day along with Tara Hughes and Ryan Wells who also assisted with Time Keeping.

Year 3/4

Students have been working hard through Units 17 - 24 for Spelling, Maths and Homework. They have also pursued Maths Units on Angles, Volume/Capacity, Fractions, Quadrilaterals and Chance. Year 3/4 have begun a Music unit called “Bicycles” which is about repetition, chants and ostinato. They still continue to look at the musical form of common songs. Students are beginning with our English unit based on “The Twits”. Year 3/4 have commenced a science unit on ‘The Planets’.
Indigenous CAPERS Dance (By-line Levi Allan)

Walhallow Public School came and they had lunch with us. Then we went to the hall and did some traditional Indigenous dances to music. At the start we all had a smirk on our faces; by the end we were proud that we could do the dance.

P and C News/Community News

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Canteen – Helpers are being called for to assist in the canteen. If you are able to assist please contact Tara Hughes on 0409 288 007.

Education Day Morning Tea – Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Education Week morning tea.

Treasurer’s Position – Welcome to Mrs Eileen Roach who has accepted the position of Treasurer for the P & C.

BBQ at IGA, Quirindi – We are holding a barbeque at Quirindi IGA on Saturday, 5.09.15. We will require helpers. Contact Ally Patterson (0437 306 344) if you are able to help.

Canteen Assistance – Canteen helpers are needed urgently for Monday, 31st August, 2015 and Friday, 4th September, 2015.

Photographic Opportunity

A letter has been received from the office of the Federal Member for New England, the Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP, in regard to a photographic calendar that his office is putting together for 2016. Students are being invited to submit photos of a favourite image that could be selected to be included in next year’s calendar. To be eligible for selection the images need to 1) depict and have been captured in the New England area in the past 12 months and 2) be in high resolution JPG format digital image in landscape orientation only. These can either be mailed to the Tamworth Electorate Office (PO Box 263, Tamworth, NSW, 2340) or saved on a flash drive and posted to the same address. Entries need to be received by 5:00 pm on 30th September, 2015. For further information please contact the Tamworth Electorate office on 67 613 080 or email Barnaby.Joyce.MP@aph.gov.au

September/October 2015 School Holiday Programs at the Sports Dome

Looking for something for the kids to do during the next School Holidays? Tamworth Sports Dome will be holding a full week of Multi Sports Days with plenty of fun and activities for children aged 7 – 14 years.

Date: Monday 28th September 2015 to Friday 2nd October 2015

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Cost: $40.00 per day

You can register your child for one day or for all!

Come along and play a multitude of sports, experience real team spirit and make new friends in a safe and supervised environment.

Register your interest at sportsdome@tamworth.nsw.gov.au or by calling Tamworth Sports Dome on 67675676.