Whole School Assembly
Thursday Week 5

For Your Calendar

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Education Week 2017
‘I Learn We Learn’
Please join us in the celebration.

Monday August 28 – NAIDOC Week (students only)
• Theme - Our Languages Matter
• Classroom Activities include Rainbow Rock Painting - we are all different but the same
• Aboriginal story read in Dharwal language
• Song - ‘Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes’ in Dharwal

Tuesday August 29 – Book Week Parade (community invited)
• Theme - ‘Escape to Everywhere’
• 1.30-2.30pm Dressing up as a book character who has escaped from ‘everywhere’ or anywhere- prize draw (early recess 1pm) - under the COLA in front of the hall
• Skipping squads display skipping skills as part of parade
• 8.15-3.15pm Book Fair in the Library

Wednesday August 30 – Celebrating Literacy & Numeracy Day (Open Rooms)
• Mrs Nicol (K-2), Mrs Clark(3-6) and Mrs Gruden will be your tour guides to explain our best practice in literacy and numeracy and are available to answer your literacy and numeracy questions.
• 9-9.20am Stage 2 Daily 5
• 9.30-9.50am Stage 1 (Year 1 L3; Year 2 Writing)
• 10-10.20am Kindergarten (KL L3; KS Writing)
• 10.30-10.50am Stage 3 Writing
• 11-11.30am Community morning tea in the courtyard
• 11.30-12.00 Stage 1 Numeracy
• 12.00-12.30 Stage 2 & Stage 3 Numeracy
• 12.45-1.45pm Lunch
• 8.15-3.15pm Book Fair in the Library

Thursday August 31 – Education Week Assembly
• 9.15am Start - proposed finish 10.45am
• Performances include our dance groups, choir, public speaking and a writing presentation
• Variety of awards including attendance, literacy and numeracy
• Tell Them From Me Parent Survey in library after assembly
• 11-11.20am Community morning tea in the courtyard
• 8.15-3.15pm Book Fair in the library

Friday September 1 – Celebration (students only)
• Disco including a special treat

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US TO SHARE AND CELEBRATE OUR LOVE OF LEARNING AND OUR SUCCESS IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT.
Stage 3/4 Berry Camp

On the 31st July 2017 Stage 2 went to Berry Sports and Recreation Centre. We did cable gliding, the dark maze, archery, treasure hunt and rock climbing/vertical challenges. My favourite obstacle was cable glide.

Riley 3/4B
Airds High School Gifted and Talented Program

On Thursday, August 10 six students were invited to compete in the Gifted and Talented Program at Airds High School. When we arrived we started off by doing a brain teaser which Declyn was very good at. Then Miss Hasvick instructed us on a SOLE lesson that had the topic ‘Which is better the fly or the elephant?’ Most people chose the fly. Airds High School were nice enough to provide all the students with a yummy lunch. After lunch we competed in some great challenges which helped us score some points for our team. Some of the challenges were Murder Mystery, Escape Rooms, Amazing Race and Let’s get Physical. We really liked the Escape Room. Throughout all the previous Gifted and Talented programs we came third over all. It was an amazing experience and super enjoyable.

Tamia and Ellie 5/6G

Congratulations Charlotte

Charlotte Wasson, earlier in the year, was selected through audition to be a member of the Gilli Dancers: a Department of Education initiative. Last Thursday, one of their many performances was held at Casula Powerhouse as part of another creative arts program, the Aboriginal Vocal Initiative Program. Mrs Badham, Mrs Smith and I attended the evening performance.

Charlotte was outstanding! Her skill and grace when dancing was a pleasure to watch. The item presented was called Elements and as part of a troupe, the choreography was inspiring. The performance allowed the audience to not only appreciate a quality performance but also gave us an appreciation of modern Aboriginal culture. Charlotte represented her heritage with pride and her school with a positive energy.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Children’s Day

Students from the Garamada group were invited to attend an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Children’s Day celebration with students from local schools. At the event they learnt how to throw a boomerang, had their faces painted, created a traditional artwork, watched and participated in traditional dance and learnt about traditional tools and instruments. It was an enriching day and the students all enjoyed learning about their culture.
MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Parade
This year the theme for Book Week is ‘Escape to Everywhere’. The parade will take place on Tuesday August 29 at 1:30pm. All students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. Prizes will be awarded to a student from each class at random.

Book Fair - held at school in the library
Book Fair will open from Tuesday August 29 to Tuesday September 5. Please come to the library and purchase a book, poster or novelty pens during the following times:

- **Tuesday 29 Aug**: 8:15am - 8:45am and 2:45pm - 3:15pm
- **Wednesday 30 Aug**: ALL DAY
- **Thursday 31 Aug**: ALL DAY
- **Tuesday Sept 5**: 8:15am - 8:45am

Children will be receiving a promotional Book Fair catalogue soon. There will also be a range of cheap items for sale. All proceeds from the sale support the library.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Numvahn Chounlamountry, Bilal Abbasi, Olivia Cairns, Jacob Flaus, Eloise Opulencia, Natalie-Mia Watts and Briella Perriotte for completing the Challenge. They will receive a merit award and token in the next assembly and they will also receive a large certificate at the end of the year from the Premier of NSW. Well done!

All students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge runs to 25 August. Students need to read 15 books from their Challenge list and 5 free choice books and record them onto their Reading Logs. Students in Kinder to Year 2 will receive a Premier’s Reading Challenge certificate at the end of the year as teachers will be reading 30 Challenge books to them. However, students are also encouraged to complete the Challenge themselves by reading 30 picture books.

Mrs Nackovski – Teacher Librarian

WRITERS AWARD

My Excursion to Symbio Zoo.
Stage 1 students and Stage 1 teachers went to Symbio Zoo on Friday 2nd of June 2017.
First, we marked the roll before we went on to the bus.
Second, we chose our buddy for the whole entire day. Then we went on our bus to Symbio Zoo. It was a long, long ride there. Finally we got there. We walked to the stadium to eat recess before we started walking to look at a lot of animals.
Third, we fed kangaroos and watched the animal show to talk about Australian animals. Then we looked at more animals. Finally we hoped on to the bus to school and we ran on the oval.
Great, cute excursion. Karly
Dear Parents and Caregivers

In two weeks time we will be acknowledging Education Week, NAIDOC Week and Book Week. On the front cover you will see an outline of our activities. In particular as well as our wonderful Education Week Assembly on Thursday, we are also having open classrooms on the Wednesday. We are very excited with the progress our students have made in reading, writing and numeracy. We want to share with you the great work your children are doing. If possible please join us on both days, we love showing off your children and they love showing off for you!

Focus for the Week – Speak and Act Kindly
This week students and staff will be focussing on the social skill of speaking and acting kindly. As we know, the world would be a much better and safer place if we all spoke and acted with kindness. I remember my mum teaching me the golden rule ‘treat others how you would like to be treated’. With increases in technology and violence on TV and in media games it is easy to become desensitised. The majority of fights amongst students at school almost always go back to a student who has not spoken kindly about the student and/or their family. Again, as my mum would say ‘If you can’t say something nice, don’t say anything at all’. We have a great school community but many students need to be reminded to speak and act kindly. It is not acceptable to say nasty words to others because ‘it was only a joke’!

GALA Day
Last Friday was GALA Day and our soccer and netball students represented our school with pride. Mrs McLoughlin, Miss Love and Miss Gibbs, our coaches as well as Mrs Badham, the soccer convenor, all came back extremely happy with the good sportsmanship and teamwork they saw on the day. Our next GALA Day is on Friday, September 8.

NAPLAN
Student reports regarding 2017 NAPLAN will be arriving next week. Hopefully, they will be sent home next Wednesday August 23. If you are a parent of a Year 3 or Year 5 student please keep your eyes open for the report. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the report please contact the class teacher.

Kindergarten Enrolments and Getting Ready for School Program
Kindergarten enrolments are now due. If you know of any children in your area who are going to big school next year please remind them now is the time to enrol. Our Getting Ready for School program will begin next week on Tuesday August 22. It starts at 9am and finishes at 10.30am. For details please contact the office.

P&C Association
Congratulations to our new incoming P&C representatives. It is with great honour that I advise you of the following positions.

President - Lee-Anne Hanney
Vice President - (1) Ann Borg (2) Ashlea John
Treasurer - Vacant
Secretary - Jen Spannenberg

I look forward with working with them all. The focus of the P&C Association is to support all the children who are part of our learning community. Please support all their effort as they are working towards improving our school environment and student learning outcomes. Their next fundraiser will be the Father’s Day stall on Tuesday August 29 in the hall 9am - 11am.

Payment of Excursions and Camps
Please be aware that we are operating under a new financial structure and computer system. Under the new system we are unable to accept late payments. All monies must be paid by the due date. If you are using the Parent Online Payment (POP) system on our school website, it takes 24 hours before we are informed payment is made. Prior to the excursion we must know who is attending and who isn’t so excursion rolls can be printed and alternative arrangements made based on accurate numbers for students not attending the excursion. Often, especially camp numbers, must be confirmed and payment made several weeks prior to the camp. Telling the class teacher your child is attending without a deposit is not effective. If you are having financial difficulties and need extra time, you must contact Mrs Connor, our school financial manager early in the process, so arrangements can be made.

Whole School Public Speaking
Please note that due to Education Week being in Week 7 our Whole School Public Speaking Competition will now be in Week 8. Sorry for all the changes as it has been a busy term.

Regards

Carol Gruden Principal
Student banking is every Thursday morning at the P&C Room (AV Room next to Canteen) from 8.15am to 8.45am.

Student Banking

Thank you to all that came to our AGM last night. I would like to congratulate the new office bearers for 2017/2018. I am honoured to be elected president again for the next year. I look forward to the year ahead. We still have a vacancies in the treasurer position, if this is something that interests you please see me for more information. Thank you to all the members/volunteers/office bearers of last year, your hard work has been greatly appreciated.

Last night it was approved at the meeting that the P&C will pay for the buses for the 2017 Swim Scheme this will save $48 per student who attends. A note will be going home from the school with more information in regards to the swim scheme closer to the time. Also it was approved that we continue to pay for the Moving into Teens Program for the year 6 students. These programs could not be subsided or payed for in full without your support of our fundraisers. Thank you!

Father's Day Stall

Father's Day falls on the same week as Education Week in Week 7. As this is a busy week for the school, we will be holding our stall on the Tuesday 29th August from 9am in the hall (each class will come down with their teacher) and then on Wednesday (30/8), Thursday (31/8) and Friday (1/9) between 8.15-8.45 outside the hall until stock last. We also have a range of Grandfather gifts at $3 each. Dad's gifts are priced between $2-$10.

Keep up to date via our Facebook page.

If you would like to contact the P&C you can do so by email: wrpspnc@gmail.com or by our Facebook page: Woodland Road Public School Community and Parents

Lee-Anne Hanney
P&C President