



Windellama Public School

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Term 1 Weeks 1 & 2



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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to students, families and our wider school community. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our four new families - the Nicholls, Lewis, McMartin and Barralet families. Windellama Public School is an excellent learning environment where students thrive and enjoy coming to school to learn in a stimulating setting. We hope everyone had a great summer break. The 2017 school year is already shaping up to be a fabulous year. We will continue to work with our network of schools, participating in all our sporting carnivals as well as working collaboratively on units of work. Another highlight is the students in Years 3-6 attending the Sport and Recreation Camp at Point Wolstoncroft, with 10 other small schools in our area. We will see the commencement and completion of the multipurpose court which our P&C have been tirelessly fundraising for over the past few years.

ENROLMENTS

We are still taking enrolments for 2017. If you know of any families with school aged children who are eligible to attend school please forward their details to us so we can make contact with them.

TERM PLANNER

At the beginning of each term we send home a term planner outlining the events for the term. Please find this attached to the newsletter. We recommend that you keep it handy and add any necessary dates as the term progresses.

TREC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This Thursday, 2 February, all students will participate in the Tablelands Rural Education Community (TREC – our network

of 5 schools: Breadalbane, Collector, Tarago, Tirranna and Windellama) Swimming Carnival to be held at the Goulburn Aquatic Centre.

A Permission Note is attached. Please fill out and return to school by Wednesday, at the latest please.

Attached is a note with information about the day. If there are any questions about the procedure please don't hesitate to ask for clarification.

This is a great day for families and everyone is welcome to attend! There are races and activities for all students and for all abilities.

There are special tabloid activities for the students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 with some activities in the children's wading pool.

The students in Years 3 – 6 have races in the Olympic Pool.

NURSING HOMES AND PRESENTATION NIGHT DVD

It's not too late to order DVDs of the 2016 Nursing Homes and Presentation Night performances. Please notify Mrs Carey if you wish to purchase, the cost is \$2.50 per CD.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Congratulations to students who had exemplary behaviour on Presentation Night with everyone doing a great job. The play was enthusiastically received from the audience and it is always especially nice to see students enjoying this event as it represents a culmination of their dedication throughout the year. It was great to see the event was again supported by our local community. If you would like to give feedback on the night please let us know, as we will be

discussing it at the next P&C meeting.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH

We always include photos of the children in our Newsletter, our school website, the Windellama News, local newspapers, the Skoolbag App and at times the Goulburn

Regional Conservatorium also use photos of our students. To enable this to occur, we need permission from parents. Attached to today's Newsletter is a 'Permission to Publish' form. Please fill in and return to school as soon as possible.

Please indicate whether we can include photos of your child/ren on all Medias.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Attached to the Newsletter is a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. This is an opportunity for families to order books for home. If you would like to order anything, please return order with money by this Friday.

LUNCH ROSTER

Each Wednesday we offer students the opportunity to purchase recess and lunch. These are known as Recess Buy Up and Hot Lunch. The senior students in the Student Parliament help prepare recess on the Wednesdays that we have hot lunch. Money they raise from this goes to purchasing a gift for the school at the end of the year. Over the last couple of years the gifts have been a sound system and a portable projector.

Hot Lunch is prepared and served by parent and community volunteers. Therefore hot lunches can only occur through the generosity of our volunteers. We

have a full kitchen at school and food can be prepared here or at home and reheated at school. Some healthy choices that have been made in the past are salad wraps, spaghetti bolognese, soup, homemade chicken nuggets, homemade sausage rolls and lasagne.

If you are able to help please fill in the attached form with what you would like to make and return to school as soon as possible. If you are new to this and would like some help, let us know and we're sure some seasoned volunteers will be happy to assist you.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is very important. When your child is absent from school it is important to send in a note on the day of their return to explain their absence.

LATE ARRIVAL EARLY DEPARTURE

It is important that students arrive at school on time and stay for the duration of the day. However, we understand that at times, due to unforeseen circumstances, students leave early or arrive late. It is a legal requirement that this information is documented. Parents need to sign students in or out. This book can be found at the office Monday and Tuesday and the main classroom Wednesday-Friday.

HOMEWORK

Homework will begin next week and there will be more information sent home about this.

SCHOOL TIMES

Below is a timetable of our day:

9.00 – Morning Session begins

11.00 – Recess

11.25 – Middle Session begins

1.00 – Lunch

1.45 – Afternoon Session

2.50 – End of day

Supervision of students begins at 8.40, when the first bus arrives. If a circumstance arises where your child/ren need to be dropped at school before this time please notify us of this.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is 'manned' every Monday and Tuesday. So please call anytime throughout those days. Wednesday through to Friday all staff are on class. If you contact the school during these days please call during the times of Recess or Lunch (as noted above in the School Times article) or you can always leave a message. You can also use email:

donna.edworthy@det.nsw.edu.au

LIBRARY

Students can borrow from our school library every Monday.

We provide all students with a Library Bag for book transportation. Students need to bring this library bag on Mondays.

LIBRARY BAG AND SCHOOL HAT

Kindergarten students received a library bag and a school hat today. Hats remain at school and if they get damaged or lost parents are able to purchase replacements.

P&C MEETING

Parent and Citizen (P&C) meetings are held at 6.00 on a Monday night at the beginning of each month. Parents, grandparents and community are encouraged to come along and contribute. Our school is proud of the positive

collaboration we have with our hard working and dedicated P&C. It is important to be involved so please spare some time and attend meetings. Our current executive are:

Shelly Andrews – President

Ian O'Donnell – Vice President

Secretary – Sabine O'Donnell

Treasurer – Tanya Roberts

Our next meeting is next Monday 6 February at 6.00. Everyone, including children are welcome to come along.

STAFF AT WINDELLAMA

Principal and K-6 Teacher:

Mrs Donna Edworthy

Learning and Support Teacher & K-

6 Teacher: *Mrs Vicki Hayes*

K-6 Teacher: *Mrs Nancy Ball*

School Administration Manager:

Mrs Julie Carey

School Learning and Support

Officer: *Mrs Sharon Alessi*

General Assistant: *Mr Ray Carey*

School Cleaner: *Mrs Belinda*

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TREC SOCIAL DAY AT WINDELLAMA HALL

At the end of last year we hosted our inaugural TREC social at Windellama Hall. Our P&C came up with the idea which was a raging success. We had a professional DJ and four of the schools from TREC attended. This event was made special by the P&C who supplied a tasty lunch and free afternoon tea which was donated by the P&C executive and staff.

CLUB FRIDAY

We are keen to get Club Friday up and running again this term. For this to happen we need volunteers. If you have a passion you would like to share with our students or know of someone who would like to come into school each Friday afternoon from 1:45 -2:50 please let us know.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 1

EVENTS	DATES
TREC Swimming Carnival (whole school)	Thursday 2 February
P & C Meeting	Monday 6 February – 6.00pm
District Swimming Carnival	Monday 27 February
Windellama Country Fair	Saturday 11 February



Congratulations to Shkeira who won the Goulburn Masonic Village Christmas card design. Well done Shkeira and how exciting to have your design on an actual Christmas card!

Our 2016 students who attended 3 Nursing Homes at the end of last year and sang Christmas Carols to the residents.

