



Windellama Public School

Friday 2 February 2018
Term 1 Week 1 and 2



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Congratulations to Montana Jackson on receiving fifth place in the Junior National Finals Rodeo for the Under 11 Juniors Barrel Racing.

Montana Jackson, Mr Paranthoienne and Miss McGahey lead our first assembly for 2018.



Attachments:

- Swimming Carnival Note
- Note regarding phone lines being down
- Flyer for Southern Tablelands Athletics Club

**P&C MEETING
NEXT MONDAY
5 FEBRUARY
6.00 pm**



The students of Windellama Public School standing proudly in front of the new enclosed fence around the multi-purpose court.

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello to all our parents/caregivers. For anyone I have not had the opportunity to meet yet, my name is Ryan Paranthoienne. I will be relieving as Teaching Principal at Windellama Public School for 2018.

I am astounded at just how fast 2018 is already moving. We are already in February and I already feel as though there are not enough hours in the day to get things done.

I would like to welcome all the students back from their holidays. I trust that everyone had a nice relaxing time.

To all of our new families I would like to extend a warm welcome. I know your children will feel as at home here at Windellama as I have been made to feel.

We do have a number of events on the horizon and this newsletter will touch on some of them, but the rest of the future newsletters will make sure you are made aware of any important dates/events that are coming up.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

This year we have a few new staff members to welcome. As has been mentioned Mr Paranthoienne has been made to feel welcomed. We also welcome back Miss Mahalia McGahey onto K – 2. Miss McGahey has brought some great ideas to the table for 2018 and we will endeavour to implement as many of them as possible.

We also welcome Karen Charnley who will be working as a teacher's aide in the K – 2 classroom. We are extremely fortunate to have Karen with us as she is not only an experienced school learning support officer, but is currently training to be a primary school teacher. Karen brings a wealth of experience and a can do attitude to Windellama and we are grateful to have her.

Mrs Ball and Mrs Hayes are with us this year also. Mrs Ball will be teaching 3-6 children on Mondays and every second Wednesday teaching K-2 children. Mrs Hayes is our Learning Support Teacher work individually or in the classroom with the children.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual TREC Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday, 12th of February in Week 3. Students will need to arrive at normal time to school. We will then depart by bus to Goulburn Aquatic Centre. If any parents are able to transport their children to and from the venue it will make transportation of students by bus a lot more manageable. A note is attached to this newsletter regarding the carnival and there will be a section for you to nominate if you are driving your child to and from the event.



HOT LUNCHES & RECESS BUY UP

At our next P & C Meeting we will be discussing what days would be suitable for Hot Lunches & Recess Buy Up. It is the feeling of the staff that these two activities occur on different days.

We will also discuss getting volunteers for both rosters and the general procedures involved with each activity.

ASSEMBLY

Our first Assembly will be held in Week 4 on Tuesday 20 February at 2.20pm. All welcome to come along.

SCHOOL UPDATES

As you might be aware we have had issues with the school phone line. Simply put, the phone line is currently dead. Telstra has been informed and is in the process of sending out a technician to rectify the situation. In the meantime, you can still contact the school. Telstra has supplied us with a satellite phone until the phone lines are fixed. Please read the attached note regarding this matter.

SCHOOL TIMES

Below is a timetable of our day:

9.00 – Morning sessions 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 8.47, 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.

LIBRARY BAG AND SCHOOL HATS

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

HOMEWORK

The homework survey we sent out last year has been collated and assessed. We will be discussing the future of homework at Windellama at Monday's P & C Meeting. If you would like to have some input, please come along.

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be attended on Monday by Mrs Carey, Tuesday by Mrs Carey and Mrs Alessi. The office will be unattended on Wednesday and Thursday. On Fridays Mrs Alessi will be in the office.

UNIFORMS

For those of you wishing to purchase uniforms this can be done on Tuesday or Friday when Mrs Alessi is in the office. A note can also be sent into to school with money included.

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. Our next meeting is Monday 5 February at 6.00. Everyone, including children are welcome to join us.

ART, CRAFT AND FLOWER SHOW

Every year the children go down to the Windellama Hall and make vegetable people and flower arrangements, to enter into the show for judging, with the help of the ladies from the Garden Club. The show is on Saturday 24 February. We will be going to the hall on Friday 23 February to create our wonderful entries. More information to come.

NEWSLETTER

A new day for our school newsletter. This will now be sent out to each family on a Friday afternoon with your children.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 1

EVENTS	DATES
TREC Swimming Carnival	Week 3 Monday 12 February
School Assembly	Week 4 Tuesday 20 February
Students assisting in set up for the local Country Fair	Week 4 Friday 23 February
Country Fair	Week 4 Saturday 24 February



What's Happening in K – 2

What a wonderful week the infants class has had. The new kindergarten students have settled in beautifully and they have all made many new friends. This year K-2 has a class mascot, Tommy the toucan. Tommy will be shared among the students for weekends. Both the students and Tommy are excited about this.

What's Happening in 3 – 6

Well, what a fantastic bunch of students I have!

They have all worked hard this week and we have now started to establish our classroom procedures. Also, the students have all demonstrated what they have learned over the years as they all undertook some pre-testing in preparation for this year's teaching.

