



# Windellama Public School

Friday 16 February 2018  
Term 1 Week 3 and 4



## RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY - EXCELLENCE

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### Attachments:

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**Congratulations to Tyler Stanford and Montana Jackson for both qualifying for the District Swimming Carnival which will take place in Week 4 on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.**

**K–2 students from all TREC Schools had a fantastic time at the K–2 Carnival. They engaged in a number of fun activities and were able to come across and cheer on their 3–6 school mates and siblings during some of the 3–6 races.**



**P&C AGM & GENERAL  
MEETING  
WEDNESDAY  
7 MARCH  
6.00 pm**



## A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have reached Week 3 and I must say that all our education programs are in full flight. The TREC Principals met yesterday and we are looking forward to our first TREC sharing day at Breadalbane Public School this Friday. K – 2 have been working hard on making connections with Australian products using the picture book “Possum Magic”, while 3 – 6 have been researching what defines a product as Australian Made. Both classes will present their information to the other schools on Friday & then all students will move into a number of cross school and cross stage research activities.

Another matter that was discussed at the TREC Principals’ meeting was the viability of the cross country track at Windellama PS. As I am responsible for the safe running of the cross country I have agreed with the other principals to change the venue for 2018 only. Therefore, this year the cross country event will take place at Wollondilly Public School. I am more familiar with this track and will be able to more adequately assess any potential risks to student safety. Also, this will give students the opportunity to run the track they will be competing on for District Cross Country.

## CHANGE OF VENUE FOR CROSS COUNTRY 2018

As mentioned, the TREC Cross Country event for 2018 will take place at Wollondilly Public School. This will obviously mean a few changes to the existing processes that both the students and the P & C are used to. The students will either travel by car (with parents or a designated teacher) or by bus (depending on numbers) to and from the event. There will be no fee associated with bus hire. Of course if we have a similar showing of parents like we did at the swimming carnival we may not need the bus at all. I will send home a permission note that will allow me to gauge interest in hiring the bus for the day.

The decision on the change of venue was taken from a vote by all the TREC Principals. So, I agreed to respect the majority’s decision, but also took into account my need to feel confident that the course is familiar to me as I am the hosting principal. This **IS NOT** a permanent change of venue and I have told the TREC principals that this needs to be raised again in 2019 when Donna is back on board.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual TREC Swimming Carnival was another great success. We were very pleased to see so many Windellama students participating in the

events. Congratulations to Bodhi Stanford, Tyler Stanford and Montana Jackson who all successfully placed as age champions. Bodhi came 2<sup>nd</sup> for Junior Boys while his older brother Tyler came 1<sup>st</sup>. Montana came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Senior Girls.

**Our District qualifiers for 2018 are:**

***Tyler Stanford for Junior Breaststroke and Junior Backstroke***

***Montana Jackson for 12 Years Freestyle and 12 Years Backstroke***

Congratulations again to Tyler and Montana!



## HOT LUNCHES

At P & C Meeting we discussed 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.

As you may be aware a roster was sent out with our last Newsletter on Friday of Week 1. At present, we have received one Hot Lunch roster back. If you can assist with this roster please either send back the

paperwork we sent out to you or let one of the office staff know.

### RECESS BUY UP

We are still in the process of organising our Recess Buy Schedule. We will let you know as soon as Recess Buy Up starts.

### ASSEMBLY

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

### SCHOOL UPDATES

We are currently in the final stretch of getting the works done to the tennis court fence approved. Presently, we are waiting on the Department of Education's Asset Management team to employ a suitably qualified inspector. Once this is done all final payments should be made. I must admit coming into this late has made me appreciate the Herculean effort that has been put in by both the P & C and the School Staff to make sure this play area is ready to go for 2018. Currently, students have permission to access the court area and it has given students many more options for play during break times.



### CHANGE TO SCHOOL BREAK TIMES

Below is a timetable of our day:  
9.00 – Morning sessions begins  
11.00 – Lunch Eating Time  
11:10 – Lunch Playtime  
11.40 – Middle Session begins  
1.00 – Recess Eating Time  
1:10 – Recess Playtime  
1.40 – 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.

### SCARECROW COMPETITION

The children will be entering two scarecrows in the Goulburn Show. Years 3-6 will be making a superhero one and K-2 a traditional scarecrow. We are looking for volunteers to help us make the scarecrows. We are also asking for donations to make and 'dress' the scarecrows. Could we please have any donations at school by Wednesday afternoon as we will be constructing them on Thursday 22 February? If you can spare some time to help the children please send a note in to school.

### GOULBURN SHOW

Each year the Goulburn Show Society sends the school free tickets for each child. These are attached. We also have a show

schedule and entry form for anyone interested in entering events. Please let us know if you would like a copy sent home.

### P&C MEETING

Parent and Citizen (P&C) meetings are usually held at 6.00 on a Monday night at the beginning of each month. Parents, grandparents and community are encouraged to come along. There is a change for our next Annual General Meeting and General Meeting. This will take place on Wednesday 7 March at 6.00. Everyone, including children are welcome to join us.

### DENTAL CHECK-UP

Attached are permission notes for each child to have a dental check-up at school on Wednesday 21 March. Please complete and sign the consent form and return to school.

### BOOK CLUB

The way we have been doing Book Club has now changed. Parents are now asked to order online using the new LOOP platform (Linked Online Ordering & Payment). The school will no longer accept cash payments. Attached to the first Book Club brochure is a leaflet explaining how to register and order online using LOOP.



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 1

| EVENTS            | DATES                                   |
|-------------------|---|
| School Assembly   | Week 4 Tuesday 20 February<br>at 2:20pm |
| District Swimming | Week 4 Friday 23 February               |
| Country Fair      | Week 4 Saturday 24 February             |
| Goulburn Show     | Week 5 Saturday 3/4 March               |
| Dental Check-Up   | Week 8 Wednesday 21 March               |

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN K – 2



During the past couple of weeks, infants have been busy little bees! Kindergarten have begun using the computers and absolutely love Mathletics. Year 1 and 2 are expanding their vocabulary with a 'word of the day' to focus on. We have begun spelling and using our new text books as well as preparing for our adventure to Breadalbane Public School.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3 – 6



3 – 6 have gone from strength to strength this term. We have been learning about how to appropriately set out Mathematics sums, discussing aspects of recent history as we view episodes of "My Place", cheered on our school at the recent TREC swimming carnival and have been gearing up to present our findings on Australian made products to the other TREC Schools. The class have researched various products to determine if they are classed as Australian made and have a lot to say to the students and teachers from the other the TREC Schools.