



Windellama Public School

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Term 1 Week 10 and 11



RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY - EXCELLENCE

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THE NEXT P & C
MEETING WILL TAKE
PLACE ON MONDAY
9th APRIL AT
6.00 pm



Week 8 Assembly

Last Tuesday was our second assembly for this year. It was great to see so many children receiving awards for academic, social and sporting achievements. Our Merit Award Winners were:

Academic Award

Sophie
Cooper

Behavioural Award

Jack
Victoria

Citizenship Award

Bella
Sienna

Our two Principal's Award
Winners were:

Lacey
Tamara

Montana has received her awards for the TREC Swimming Carnival and the K – 2s sang a lovely song all about being harmonious for Harmony Day.

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Wow, it is already Week 10! Where does the time go? I am pleased to say that the school is making progress with its various updates. After a fresh coat of paint for the school buildings and the installation of our brand new multi-purpose court we are now moving on to updating the technology for delivering lesson content in our classrooms. Two brand new 70 inch interactive panels have been ordered for both the K – 2 and 3 – 6 classrooms. With the assistance of the school's P and C Committee we have been able to really future-proof the two classrooms here at Windellama Public School. I know that Miss McGahey is as excited as I am. The Primary classroom will also offer a connected classrooms feature. This means that Windellama PS students will be able to continue interacting and learning from their peers around the world. An exact date on when the installation for both the panels has not yet been determined, however I imagine at the latest we will have the new boards installed sometime in the second half of Term 2.

Onto another topic, the staff at Windellama Public School have received phone calls of late regarding changes that have taken place at Windellama Public School in 2018. I think the biggest change that has attracted the most comments has been the cross country, which I have informed the P & C and parents/caregivers via the newsletter in the past was a change that was out of my hands. However, it would seem that for some any adjustment that has been made under my leadership is viewed in a negative light. Therefore, as I have said in the past, I urge any parent/caregiver that has an issue with a change to make an appointment to come and see me. I am more than willing to work in with parents' schedules to organise a meeting time and discuss any issues you may have. What I don't want to

see happening in the future is the staff at Windellama Public School having their valuable teaching and/or administration time interrupted with impromptu phone calls concerning changes. If parents have an issue I would like them to please speak to me first. Like all the other staff members at Windellama I only want the best for the students.

A REFRESHING CHANGE FOR THE LIBRARY



The library has also benefitted from a few changes. We have updated the shelving and introduced more flexible storage for books and resources.

The library has also received a fresh coat of paint and some new carpet. Mrs Ball has been busily reorganising the library, so it is an inviting space for students to come and learn.



K – 2's SCARECROW RECEIVES HIS AWARD

On Thursday, 29th March Jackie Waugh from the Goulburn Show Society visited us along with Bonnie from Bunnings to present class K – 2 and the school with a \$100 gift voucher for winning first prize in the scarecrow making competition.



The students from K – 2 were very pleased with their efforts and were very enthusiastic in talking about all the work that went into making their scarecrow.



PARENT SURVEY ABOUT GOULBURN HIGH'S FOCUS DAYS

The staff members at Goulburn High School are very appreciative of your efforts in taking your children to their recent focus days. They would like to hear from parents/caregivers about what you feel they are doing well and what they can improve. A survey has been set up to help the staff in their endeavours to make Goulburn High School a great place for future students to engage with. The link to complete the survey online can be found at <https://goo.gl/oSVVUZ>

UPCOMING GOULBURN HIGH FOCUS DAYS

Please be aware parents that the following dates have been set aside for future Goulburn High School Focus Days:

Science Focus Day – Tuesday, 11th April in Week 11 of Term 1

Mathematics Focus Day – Tuesday, 5th June in Week 6 of Term 2

Please contact the transition coordinator, **Mrs Katrina Flynn** on **0421818530** or at **katrina.flynn1@det.nsw.edu.au** to express interest in your child attending either of these two focus days.

NO RECESS BUY UP

Please be aware that in Week 11 the school will not be offering Recess Buy Up.

SCHOOL UPDATES



On Sunday, 17th March, State Parliament Member for Goulburn, The Honourable Pru Goward, attended Windellama Public School to present the P & C Committee and the school with a cheque for \$20,000. This money will go towards the cost of the new multi-purpose court fence. It was great to see so many families and staff members in attendance. Mrs Goward commented on just how lovely she found the school grounds. Staff spoke with Pru about the need for a change in the speed limit on the stretch of Windellama Road which runs past the school. Tanya Roberts and I will chase this up, however as the saying goes the squeaky wheel

gets the grease, so feel free to contact Pru's office and voice your concerns.

FESTIVAL OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

On Sunday, 17th June students from Windellama Public School have the opportunity to participate in the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House. We will be travelling up to the Sydney Opera House on Sunday morning and returning Sunday night. Transport will be by bus. There is an expression of interest note attached outlining approximate bus costs and options for both student and parent/caregiver travel to and from the event. Once final numbers are established further information will be made available.

TERM 2 TREC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

In Week 2 of next Term on Thursday, 10th May, Windellama students will be involved in the TREC Athletics Carnival. Participation in this carnival (as with all school carnivals) is mandatory and goes towards reporting on your child's ability across a number of academic and social domains. All relevant information concerning the athletics carnival is included with this newsletter.

TREC SHARING SAY AT WINDELLAMA

On Tuesday, 27th March, Windellama Public School played host to the TREC Schools for our TREC Sharing day. Students from Breadalbane, Collector, Tirranna and Windellama engaged in a number of fun activities and shared their group projects on Australian Products with each other in the form of a presentation.



The K – 2 students worked together with their teachers to create an “Emu Stew”. They based their ideas on the book “Wombat Stew”. By all accounts their stew was delicious. The 3 – 6 Windellama Public School students were exceptional with the level of confidence and enthusiasm they brought to their presentations delivering quality pieces of work. Congratulations to all of you.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Of late I have noticed that while most Windellama students have been wearing the correct school uniform some students have been wearing jumpers and hair ribbons that do not match up with the government policy concerning school uniform. The wearing of appropriate school uniform is mandatory in all NSW Department of Education schools. Students at Windellama Public School should all be dressed in full school uniform at all times. Students should all be wearing a school jumper or jacket, or a plain navy blue jumper or jacket. If girls are wearing hair ties or ribbons, they must be in school colours. I will be communicating with the P & C Committee at next Monday's meeting about what we as a school community consider correct footwear. I understand that clothing a child for school is costly, so in terms of footwear I am open to hear thoughts on sports shoes versus black school shoes. As long as the school and the community can come to a consensus I am happy to go along with what your P & C representatives want.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 1

EVENTS	DATES
Science Focus Day at Goulburn High School	Term 1 Week 11 Tuesday 11 April
TREC Cross Country Carnival	Term 1 Week 11 Friday 13 April
TREC Athletics Carnival	Term 2 Week 2 Thursday 10 May
NAPLAN Online Tests for Years 3 & 5	Term 2 Weeks 3 & 4 15 – 25 May
Assembly	Term 2 Week 4 Tuesday 22 May

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN K – 2

What a busy couple of weeks we have had in the K-2 room. The students all had a wonderful time catching up with their TREC friends last Tuesday. During the TREC sharing day the students were involved in a reading comprehension task based on Wombat Stew which then evolved into making some 'Emu Soup' (chicken and corn soup). The students became marketing gurus trying to convince the general public that Emu soup is the next big thing! We had a lovely time preparing for the Easter activity day also and had a ball on the day. Tommy the Toucan has been to many different houses for the weekend and we've all enjoyed reading his diary and learning of his many adventures. In Mathematics, we've been learning about time which includes days of the week and months of the year; something to discuss around the dinner table perhaps?



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3 – 6

It has been a solid couple of weeks of project learning as well as learning about new concepts in Mathematics and Writing in 3 – 6. Firstly, students got to present their projects to the other TREC Schools on our most recent TREC Sharing Day at Windellama. Students all gave great presentations with some standouts from Shkeira, Sienna and Sam. The senior students were also fantastic in supporting the junior kids during the activities for our Easter Fun Day. Finally, I must say how impressed I am with the class' hard work during our Mathematics lessons. Division is not an easy concept to grasp, but I can see that many students are now seeing the connections between division and their times tables.

