



Windellama Public School

Friday 25 May 2018
Term 2 Weeks 3 and 4



RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY - EXCELLENCE

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Attachments:

- Mogo Overnight Excursion Permission Note
- Parent/Teacher Interview Note from Miss McGahey
- Parent/Teacher Interview Note from Mr Paranthoiene
- P & C Minutes

LIVING HISTORY AT MOGO



As part of our commitment to providing interesting and educational experiences for the students we have arranged a two-day/one night excursion to Old Mogo Town with the other TREC schools.



The Original Gold Rush Colony is located in Mogo. Students will experience first-hand what it was like in the colony, learning about the history, buildings and machinery, participate in gold panning, navigate the maze while learning about the Eureka Stockade and enjoy a traditional bush dance.

We will also visit the Mogo Zoo on the last day as a treat before returning to Goulburn.



A permission note has been included as part of this newsletter. Please note that the school, P & C and families will be sharing the cost to make it more affordable.



THE NEXT
P & C MEETING
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
MONDAY 4 JUNE
6.00 pm

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well, it is Week 4 and it is becoming increasingly apparent to me that we have a lot of great activities and opportunities coming up. In fact, I don't think there is a week where we don't have some significant sporting, cultural or educational opportunity in place for the students of Windellama to share with other students from our TREC Network of small schools.

Starting in Week 5, on Monday, Tirranna and Windellama Public Schools will come together to compete in the remaining Athletics events. On Tuesday and Wednesday the 3 – 6 students will start building their Lego Mindstorm robots for the upcoming competition at the World Maths Day. On Friday it will be Regional Cross Country where our very own Shkeira will compete.

In Week 6, we have both our Festival of Instrumental Music Cluster Rehearsal at the Goulburn Conservatorium of Music and our GCoPS Concert Rehearsal at Goulburn East Public School.

In Week 7, the District Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 12 June. We will travel to Tarago Public School on Thursday 14 June for our World of Maths Day and to

round out the week on Sunday morning the 17 June, we will be travelling to the Sydney Opera House to perform on stage for the Festival of Instrumental Music.

In Week 9, we have our TREC Sharing Day at Collector Public School, where students will present a performance based on pre-colonised Australia and The First Fleet.

In Week 10, we travel to Mogo to explore what life was like during the Australian Gold Rush.

All in all a jam packed and highly interesting second half of term awaits for our staff and students.

We look forward to sharing our experiences and adventures with you.

ETHAN COMPETES AT STATE LEVEL FOR TENNIS



Our Deputy Prime Minister, Ethan, recently competed at state level for tennis. Ethan is a keen tennis player and has worked hard to achieve this

result. His team from region came in 8th overall. I would like to congratulate Ethan and his family for all their hard work and success.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

I was fortunate enough to accompany the TREC students to Tuesday's District Cross Country Carnival. The representatives from Windellama Public School were:

Cooper (8/9 years boys)

Tyler (10 years boys)

Shkeira (10 years girls)

Sienna (10 years girls)

Montana (12/13 years girls)



These students did their school community proud and showed grit and determination as they competed against some of the best long distance runners in our district.



It was heartening to see these five students strive to reach their personal best goals.



Big congratulations to Shkeira who came in 2nd in her age group. Shkeira will now travel to Camberwarra on Friday, 1 June, to compete in the Regional Cross Country.



THE TIRRANA AND WINDELLAMA ATHLETICS DAY

On Monday, 28 May, certain students from Windellama Public School will travel to TIRRANNA Public School to compete in the remaining events from our recently washed out Athletics Carnival. As mentioned in the permission note that went out, we would like students to travel to this event by private

transport. I will be on site with Ms Jessica Pryor (Relieving Principal of TIRRANNA) to supervise the activities.

REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

At this stage we are aiming to send out reports on Friday, 29 June in Week 9. Miss McGahey and I will then hold parent/teacher interviews from Monday, 2 July to Wednesday, 4 July in Week 10. Please be sure to return the attached parent/teacher interview note by Friday of Week 7 (15/06/18) so that we can start organising dates and times for your interviews.

If you have any issues with the proposed dates or times let us know and we will look at alternative arrangements.

STAFFING AT WINDELLAMA

Mrs Hayes is away for the term relieving in an Assistant Principal / Learning and Support role in Goulburn. Miss McGahey has taken up the learning support role at Windellama and Mrs Keira Casey will teach K-2 class each Thursday.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Last Monday the School Photographer was here for Windellama Public School's annual school photos. I would like to thank all the families

who made such a fantastic effort to have their children dressed in school colours. I was particularly impressed with the amount of black shoes that students wore. All the students looked fantastic and I can't wait to see how the photos come out.

A MINDSTORM IS COMING



On Tuesday and Wednesday of next week students from 3 – 6 will start to build there "Lego Mindstorm" robots for the upcoming World Maths Day at Tarago Public School. In the initial phase Toby, Sam, Tyler, William and Cooper will design and code a number of robotic creations to compete. These 5 students will then head up teams comprised of students from 3 – 6 to get the robots ready for competition.

PRIVATE TRANSPORT THANK YOU

A big **thank you** to those of you that have been able to provide private transport to get the students to our activities where it is not feasible to hire the bus.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 2

| EVENTS | DATES |
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| Tirranna & Windellama PS' Make-up Athletics Day | Term 2 Week 5 Monday 28 May |
| P&C Meeting | Term 2 Week 6 Monday 4 June 6.00 pm |
| Festival of Instrumental Music Cluster Rehearsal at Goulburn Regional Conservatorium | Term 2 Week 6 Tuesday 5 June |
| GCoPS Combined Concert Rehearsal | Term 2 Week 6 Wednesday 6 June |

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN K – 2

We had a very busy and enjoyable start to Term 2! Students have begun a learning journey using a 'Growth Mindset'. This means they're learning how to make mistakes and learn from them by using a multitude of skills such as trying again, discussing their problems and many more. The students also made Mother's Day artworks which they were so proud to be taking home to the special people in their lives. Finally, we have immersed ourselves in learning all about Australian history beginning with Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This unit will take us on an adventure with the First Fleet, the Gold Rush, the Snowy Mountains Scheme and more. We can't wait!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3 – 6

A love of language and music has characterised the 3 – 6 classroom this term. We have been reading Roald Dahl's "Matilda" and learning about how to effectively create narrative texts. The most important facet of the students' writing has been the need to find a way to enage a reader's imagination. So, we have looked at simile, metaphor, personification and onomatopoeia. On the music side of things singing has been a big focus. We have learned many songs, but one class favourite is "I'm Still Standing" by Elton John.

