



# Windellama Public School

Friday 8 June 2018  
Term 2 Weeks 5 and 6



Congratulations to Shkeira for her efforts at the recent Regional Cross Country Carnival.

## RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY - EXCELLENCE

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### MINDSTORMS IN ACTION

Last week five students from 3 – 6 enjoyed two sessions of robot building. Will, Tyler, Toby, Cooper and Sam all took part in these workshops.



In teams the students created the base model for the Lego Mindstorms fully interactive robots. It was fantastic to see all the boys dedicate their energy and focus to this task.



By the end of the two sessions the boys had managed to complete their robots and have them function in demo mode.

On Wednesday next week the boys will code their robots in certain ways in anticipation for completion with the other TREC schools at the World of Maths day which will take place at Tarago Public School on Thursday of Week 7.



The students will each lead another team of students at the Maths Day.

Looking ahead all students will have the opportunity to be involved in building custom made robots using the Lego Mindstorms materials. The teams will be expanded and Will, Tyler, Toby, Cooper and Sam will mentor their classmates. I look forward to working with all the 3 – 6 students on this.

THE NEXT  
P & C MEETING  
WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
MONDAY 2 JULY  
6.00 pm

## A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This fortnight we have a number of announcements and information regarding staffing and the future at Windellama Public School.

I know many people are eager to find out what Donna Edworthy's plans are for 2019 and all I can say is I genuinely do not know. The information I have at hand is this; I have been seconded to the role of Teaching Principal at Windellama Public School for 2018 only. Therefore, it follows that Mrs Edworthy is due to return in 2019.

The only way this will alter is if Mrs Edworthy changes her mind. At the moment, I have not been made aware that her plans have changed since the end of last year.

If there is any change to the current situation I am sure the school community will be made aware of such a change in due course.

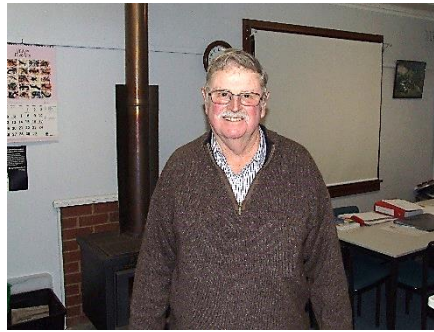
Now, I may not be able to speak about Mrs Edworthy's plans, but if you read on you will see that there are a number of staffing adjustments that will occur in the near future.

## GOODBYE

### MR and MRS CAREY

On Friday, 25 May, Ray Carey informed me that he plans to retire his position as General Assistant at Windellama Public

School. This will take place on the last day of Term 2 this year.



Mr Carey says he feels he needs to dedicate more time to the farm. It is the end of an era for Ray, who has been General Assistant at Windellama Public School since July of 1998.

Also, earlier this year I was informed by Julie Carey of her intention to further reduce her hours as a School Administration Manager.



As some of you might be aware Mrs Carey splits her working days between Windellama Public School and Tirranna Public School. The effect that this will have on Windellama Public School is that Mrs Carey will relinquish her days here.

This is again another milestone as Mrs Carey has been at Windellama PS since 1992. Julie has been a great source of knowledge and support during my first year here at Windellama

Public School and Ray has been fantastic in supporting the upgrades and installations that have been occurring around the school this year. I would like to wish them both all the best for the future.

In order to make these transitions as smooth as possible I have started speaking with the Department of Education's Staffing Unit and am in the process of getting the General Assistant position filled. Julie's position will not be advertised until later in the year.

## CONGRATULATIONS MISS MCGAHEY

Late last term I received the wonderful news from Miss McGahey that she is pregnant. It has been a few months since then so I feel it is necessary to let our school community know. We would appreciate it if you could broach this subject with your children at their own levels of understanding.

Of course this will mean that Miss McGahey will go on maternity leave before the end of the year. At present, Miss McGahey is looking to finish up at the end of Term 3. However, we are mindful of the need to be flexible with this timeframe.

As with Mr and Mrs Carey's positions I have started the process of writing the advertisement for Miss McGahey's position for Term 4 of this year. This process will take the form of an expression of interest which will be put out on the government's School Biz

website. This will enable the school to meet with a number of applicants; giving us the opportunity to pick from the best possible candidates.

I will be advertising the position in the middle of Term 3. I trust I can count on the community's support during this process.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mahalia and her partner Joel all the best as they enter the wonderful world of parenthood. Can't wait to meet the little one when he or she arrives.

## **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parents and caregivers please remember to send in your note indicating the times you are available for a parent/teacher interview. This is not a mandatory meeting, however if you would like to speak with Miss McGahey or myself we need you to let us know what your preferred times are. If you need another note let us know. This is a first come first serve arrangement, therefore I'd like to see the notes coming back as soon as possible.

## **FOIM CLUSTER REHEARSAL AT THE GOULBURN REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC**

On Tuesday, 5 June students from Windellama attended a cluster rehearsal for recorder with students from Tallong Public School and Wingello Public School for the upcoming Festival

of Instrumental Music concert at the Sydney Opera House.



The students put in a great effort at what was a long and intensive rehearsal. I'd like to thank Tyler, Will, Tobie, Sam, Cooper, Victoria, Charlotte and Sienna and all their families for supporting this fantastic cultural event.



Mr Erdley, Miss A and I were most impressed with the way students conducted themselves during the day.

## **P & C SUPPORTS THE END OF TERM EXCURSION TO MOGO**

At last Monday's P & C Meeting it was decided that the P & C Committee would fund the upcoming overnight excursion to Mogo's Gold Rush Colony. This means that students can attend this exciting educational experience free of charge.

Therefore, if parents have already paid your money will be refunded. If you have not yet returned the permission note then please return it as soon as possible, but ignore the cost for the excursion.

Refunds should start to go home with students from Tuesday of Week 7.

## **KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2019**

If anybody knows of any kindergarten aged students who are looking at attending Windellama Public School in 2019 please ask them to contact the office. As you may be aware staffing at Windellama Public School is dependent on enrolments. We will be losing at least four students from Grade Six at the end of the year, so we really need to have a few Kindergarten students, or students in any grade to ensure we are eligible again for the two full-time teacher allocation in 2019.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Attached is the latest Book Club brochure. All orders are due by Friday 15 June.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 2

EVENTS	DATES
<b>District Athletics Carnival at Hudson Park</b>	<b>Week 7 Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>World of Maths Day at Tarago Public School</b>	<b>Week 7 Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Festival of Instrumental Music Concert at The Sydney Opera House</b>	<b>Week 8 Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>TREC Sharing Day at Collector Public School</b>	<b>Week 9 Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Parent/Teacher Interviews</b>	<b>Week 10 Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN K – 2



In K – 2 this fortnight we've been busily working on many activities. In English, we've been rewriting the Dreamtime story of *"How The Birds Got Their Colours"* into a comic strip. We have also been engaged in learning more about growth mindset and how the human brain uses neurons to send messages throughout the body. In Maths, we have been learning how numbers work and exploring place value. It has been especially fun using the MAB blocks to create towers and then use our knowledge of place value to work out exactly how many cubes we used in their construction. We have all been excited about the lambs being born in the paddock next door, so we went for a walk this week to go and see them up close. They're just so adorable.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3 – 6



On Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June the 3 – 6 class from Windellama travelled to Goulburn East Public School along with students from the other TREC schools to participate in the GCoPS Concert Cluster Rehearsal. Other schools such as Goulburn North Public School, The Crescent School and students from Goulburn East Public School itself were in attendance. The students had a fantastic time going over their songs in preparation for their concert on Wednesday, 1 August in Term 3. Some favourites were sung such as "I'm Still Standing" and "If Only You Would Listen" and we practised hard on the more complex songs such as "Weingentlied" (a song which is partially sung in German).