

# Walla Walla Public School

## Weekly Newsletter



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*Week 9 Term 3    Tuesday September 14th 2010*

*Dear Parents and Friends,*

It was a weary, but excited group that returned from the Ballarat and Bendigo excursion last Friday. From all reports, the children had a fantastic time and made the most of every opportunity. I would like to thank Erin Widdison for organising our children and for accompanying the group. I know that this is an enormous undertaking and without the dedication of staff these opportunities could not take place.



Miss Widdison with our group

We have been extremely fortunate to have had two very capable and enthusiastic pre service teachers from Charles Sturt University working in the school for the past few weeks. Miss Melissa Gush and Miss Haidee Salzke-Spurr have both enjoyed very rewarding practicums with both students gaining invaluable experience throughout their time. We will say farewell to Melissa at the beginning of week ten and Haidee will complete her practicum at the end of next week. I would like to thank both girls for their dedicated and professional approach to their time here and wish them all the very best as they pursue a career in teaching.

As spring approaches and the weather warms up, we notice an increase in the prevalence of head lice. It is a good time to begin a weekly check of your child's hair, which can be done simply by combing through some regular hair conditioner and checking for any live lice. If any are found then a follow up treatment should take place. Should you require any information about treating and eradicating head lice please contact the school and we will forward this on to you.

Also at the end of the term, the teachers are finalising their rolls and catching up on any unexplained absences. I will be sending home reminder notes for any outstanding absences and would really appreciate it if you could fill in the explanation, sign and return by the end of next week.

NAPLAN results were sent home yesterday for those children in Year 3 and Year 5 who sat the test earlier in the year. I would encourage you to look over the results and contact the school should you have any questions regarding your child's results.

Have a lovely week,

*Des Knight*

### *A Report from our CSU Speech Pathology Students:*

"Over the past five weeks, the students from Years 3 to 6 have been working with us on Wednesday mornings. We have been working on a project based on listening to each other.

The students have helped us make posters for the classroom, develop a "Listener of the Week" competition, and this week we will be writing a song about listening. The students have been enthusiastic to work with us each week and we have been very happy with their participation.

We would like to give the students the opportunity to present the project and will be holding a project launch on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September at 11.30am. Parents are welcome to attend. This will be the final day of our placement and we will be handing to the school a copy of our project so that it can be implemented with other student groups."

## **Walbundrie Show**

All entries for the colouring competition must be at school by Friday of this week. If you have lost or damaged your copy of the colouring sheet, further copies may be obtained from the office at school.

If your child is interested in entering any of the other categories in the show, these are:

1. Best Picture - to be no larger than A3 in size
2. Craft Article
3. Needlecraft Article
4. Colouring Competition (as above)
5. Lego - Must be child's own original idea
  - Must be sent in individual box
  - No responsibility will be taken for broken entries or lost parts.

Please clearly name all entries. They will be officially labelled at school, and taken over to the Show office on Monday for judging.

## **AFL Day**

Don't forget our Footy Colours Day next Tuesday. Wear your favourite team colours, and bring a gold coin donation.

## **NSW Bike Week**

Please find attached to this newsletter information on the Culcairn Bike Ride, and a Bike Week Quiz. Please have completed quizzes back at school by Monday 20th September to enter the draw for prizes.

## **P & C News**

### **• Henty Field Days Shed Cleaning**

A big Thank You to everyone who assisted on the weekend - a job well done and a good fundraiser for our P & C. Apologies to Leanne Voss who turned up on time and had to wait to be let in!

## **Diary Dates**

Friday September 17th - Entries for the Walbundrie Show required at school

Tuesday September 21st - AFL Day

Wednesday September 22nd - "Listening" Project presentation 11.30am

Friday September 24th - Quizworx Puppets  
Last day of Term 3

Monday October 18th - P & C Meeting 7.00pm

## **Canteen Roster**

**September 20th:** Kristen Hall & Lyneen Merkel

## **Community Notices**

### **FAMILY FARM PLANNING DAYS**

Three **FREE** Family Farm Planning Days are to be held in September at the following venues:-

**ALMA PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH HALL**-

Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 3:00pm

**BALLDALE RECREATIONAL HALL** -

**Monday** September 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 3:00pm

**URANA BOWLING CLUB** -

Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 3:00pm

Topics to be covered at the Planning Days include:-

**Don Burrowes – Dept. Industry & Investment** -

"The importance of developing Networks for information and support".

**Jeanette Lloyd – Centrelink Social Worker & Nicola Barrie – Greater Southern Area Health Service** "Signs and symptoms of mental health issues and where to go for help."

"The impact to the welfare of family members undergoing change and succession of the family".

**Barry Membrey - NAB Agribusiness** – "The importance of your banking relationship".

**Geoff Jones – Centrelink** – Accessing Centrelink Payments and Services including information on Farm Exit, Exceptional Circumstance payments and other information covering the various services and financial assistance provided by Centrelink.

**Derek Woolcott – Centrelink** "How you and your family can undertake planning for the future of the family after the farm".

**Rob Brown – Peppin Planners** – The process of Family Farm Business planning and the importance of planning for the future of the farm, finances and the family.

**Carl Scroope OR David Sheather** – Rural Financial Counsellors **will be available for private consultation as well as any of the above speakers.**

I would urge farmers and their families to attend these Family Farm Planning Days as the day will be jammed packed with useful information to take into consideration regarding your farming business and your future in the farming industry. Even if you aren't interested in accessing any of this information it would be worthwhile attending so as to access the various Agencies who will be present on the day. Also it would be a great day to catch up with friends and family.

For catering please RSVP to Lois at 02 6026 3001 OR Don Burrowes at 02 6033 4245 by 17/09/2010

*Lois Dunchue*

*Drought Relief Co-ordinator*

*Rural Care Link Inc.*

## **Billabong Little Athletics**

The next meeting of Billabong Little Athletics will be held at the Henty Public School Library on Tuesday 14/09/2010 starting at 7.30 pm.

Anyone who is interested in being involved with Little Aths is welcome to come to the meeting.

Contact Lauren Coe on 0269293212 for more information.

Registration for Little Athletics will be held at the Henty Showground on Tuesday 5/10 and 12/10 at 5 pm.

The cost of registration is \$55.

Little Athletics competition nights will be held at the same venue starting on Tuesday 19/10 at 5pm.