STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Lawrence Walford

Lawrence is a delightful member of 1/2/3. He is always willing to contribute to class discussions and help others when he can. He has worked hard and made huge improvements in reading and writing this term. Well done Lawrence.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 12th: Regional Cross Country at Coolah
June 18th: Excursion Sculptures in the scrub Pilliga National Park 1/2/3
June 22nd: Primary Merit Day
June 25th: NAIDOC Day

TERM 3
August 7th: Jeans for Genes Mufti and Crazy Hair Day
August 11th: School photo’s

Principals Report

Vanessa Coates [Rel.] Principal

Another week has come and gone! I had unexpected visitors arrive on Thursday afternoon. The Variety Club of Australia have chosen our school as a major pit-stop in May 2016 as part of their Variety Bash Tour. Our school will host 300 guests for lunch. Not only will we have the club cars to look at, they are landing a helicopter in our playground. One lucky student will have a flight with a family member – yes that’s right a flight in a helicopter. However, to get the chance to win you need to achieve 100% attendance. Each week students with 100% attendance will receive ticket to enter the draw.

School attendance is very important for all our students. All students need to be at school before 9am and stay until 3pm to receive 100% attendance. If you require any assistance to get your children to school, please come and see us. All matters are treated confidentially.

Our uniform proposal is coming along and is a lot of work but we hope to get it out soon to the community so you can vote. The P&C is also about to start at the school so if you would like to join the group please come and see the front office. Finally the parents and carers dropping of students to school are not to use the student toilets.

Until next week

Vanessa Coates
Principal
Secondary Newsletter
Ms. Judy Campbell [Rel]
Head teacher Secondary

Links to Learning

This week the Links to Learning Team conducted workshops with the Years 7-10 students on a range of skill building activities to assist our students reach their potential. The program supports students to increase their confidence, self-esteem and resilience as well as helping them to set education, training and career goals. Students were also introduced to relaxation techniques and have all been given a USB with meditation music to use when stressed or when they have difficulty sleeping. Don’t forget that the School Counsellor is also available to support students through difficult periods.

Students also participated in First Aid training which is often something particularly important in geographically isolated areas. Year 10 and 11 students will complete the formal assessment on Friday to receive the First Aid certificate which has been fully funded by the Links to Learning Program (this would normally cost several hundred dollars).

Personalised Learning Plans

One of the final activities in this term’s Links to Learning was the opportunity for students to consider what they are good at, what they want to be when they grow up and something special they would like to do in their life time. As a follow up to this we are planning to meet with students and their parents/carers to develop their Personalised Learning Plans. Planning has begun with the senior students and will continue with Years 7-10 over the next few weeks.

University of Western Sydney Indigenous Student Workshops

The University of Western Sydney is once again offering an opportunity for Year 10-12 Indigenous students to visit the university, stay on-campus and attend workshops to gain an understanding of what uni life can be like and how there are a number of ways to gain entry to university.

The visit is planned for Week 1 of Term 3 (13-17 July) and is cost free. Travel, accommodation and meals are paid for by the university. Please discuss this opportunity with your son/daughter and let Ms Campbell know early next week if they would like to participate.

HSIE and LOTE

Over the course of the term in HSIE students in Stage 4 have been learning about some interesting topics, that increases their understanding of different periods in European history

This term students finished looking at the Vikings and Medieval history, exploring the Feudal system, the Renaissance and the Enlightenment periods. Over the
last couple of weeks students have started a new and interesting topic that has been introduced under the new Australian Curriculum for History called Polynesian Expansion. In this topic students will be learning about the settlement of the Pacific Islands and New Zealand by the first inhabitants of these areas. So far students have learnt about why and how these people first began to spread across the Pacific. This expands student knowledge of the experiences of other indigenous peoples.

In their Geography studies Stage 4 have been learning about World Heritage and its importance to our lives and the world around us. Students have researched both culturally and geographically important areas within Australia and globally.

While in Stage 4 LOTE students have been learning about ways of making friends and meeting people in the Indonesian language. Indonesia is one of our closest neighbours to the north consisting of over 3,000 islands and more than 270 million people.

In Stage 5 History students have been looking at the importance of indigenous rights and freedoms and the impact that this had on the history of Australia. Students have explored the importance of the 1967 Referendum, land rights issues through the Wik and Mabo decisions, the establishment of Tent Embassy and other changes to laws and policies that were the results of the efforts of committed people – both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

In their Geography studies students have been learning about Australia’s landforms and drainage basins, they have been investigating Australia’s unique climate and weather.

Mr Jeremy Hobbes
Secondary Teacher

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**PRIMARY REPORT**

**Ms. Allyson Hynch**
Assistant Principal

We are now waking up to colder mornings so all students are reminded to bring tracksuit pants to school as well as a jumper. Students who are in shorts are absolutely freezing as they enter classrooms at 9:00am. Please ensure that your child is warm and rugged up attending school on these frosty mornings.

**Coolah Cross Country:**

Next Friday students will be travelling by car to Coolah. Permission notes will be given out today and will need to be back in by Wednesday next week. We will be leaving the school on Thursday and staying overnight. Our students run in the early morning and we will be returning in the afternoon.

**School Reports:**

The semester 1 reports are being written by the teachers and will be distributed to parents before the end of term.

**Sustainability Expo**

On Monday, students in kindergarten to year 12 participated in a Sustainability Expo. They rotated through five, 20 minute session, which promoted positive relationships with the environment and minimising waste.

All students enjoyed learning through a variety of hands on activities, including using a bike to produce power, recycling scrap material to make wrist bands, hunting for and learning about bug in our school and cooking garlic bread with a solar oven.

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**WEP Student Exchange – Learn and Discover the World!**

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in NSW, QLD and VIC. Applications for short and long-term programs commencing from November 2015 onward are open now. Students can choose from over 25 countries to live with a volunteer WEP host family and attend an overseas high school for a summer, semester or year. To request program information for your family, visit www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.
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