



Willawarrin Public School

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— A window into the schoolyard —

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Term 3 Week 5

Monday 9th August, 2021

COMING UP

Tuesdays - PCYC

Fridays - Dhalayi Doctors

Monday 16th August - P & C Meeting 3.30pm

Wednesday 18th August - MNC Health Hearing Screening

MERIT AWARDS

K-1-2

Jassmel for consistent effort and high achievement.

3-4-5-6

Makiey for her research into child rights.



ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

K-1-2

Bailey for working so hard in writing.

3-4-5-6

Lily for explaining her thinking in math activities.

AUSSIES OF THE MONTH

Bill and Paige



Dear Parents

Congratulations to our students for their performance in the Macleay PSSA Athletics Carnival last Wednesday. A couple of personal best (PB) results and a second place for Piano in the junior discus which means she can progress to the next level. We wish her all the best.

Covid19

Our school continues to be updated daily on the latest requirements to keep our students and community safe. We rely heavily on our families to comply with Covid safe procedures. At our school these include:

All visitors signing in to the school through our QR code, wearing masks and social distancing;

Maintaining safe hygiene through the use of sanitiser and soap for staff, students and visitors;

All non-essential visitors are not permitted on site;

Students will be brought to the pick up points when leaving school;

Keeping children home if they are unwell.

Laptops

I have found one more laptop to be given away. If you would like a chance to win the laptop please submit an expression of interest (EOI) on a piece of paper explaining how your family would use it at home and return the EOI to school Friday at the latest. All expressions of interest will be placed in to a hat and drawn out on Monday 16th August. The laptops do not come with any additional software so you will have to pay for this yourself. The laptops are for families of Willawarrin PS only. I am reliably informed the laptops given away have been put to good use already.

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) takes place every year. The NCCD is a collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to them requiring additional support. Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school. The data collection is confidential and whilst it refers to students with a 'disability' it includes any student who receives additional support. If your child receives support in any of our social/emotional or learning programs they may be included in the data collection. This data influences the amount of funding that schools receive to support all students.

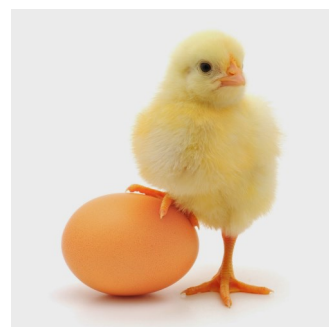
Kindergarten Transition

We are planning for our 2022 Kindergarten enrolments. If you have, or know of, children turning five this year or next year please contact the school so we can add the details to our program.

Chickens

Most of our chickens have hatched. Mrs O'Connell has taken them home for the weekend for safekeeping but they will return tomorrow. We have a lot of very excited students – especially the K-1-2 students but I think the older kids are pretty happy about the chickens as well. It has been a fantastic exercise in the life cycle of chickens.

Each student was assigned an egg to keep an eye on during the hatching process and many students have expressed an interest in keeping their own chicken and taking it home. If you have the facilities for chickens at home and this is something you are interested in, please contact the school.



Wellbeing on Wednesday (WoW)

In WOW each week our learning intention is "we are learning to work as a team." We are explicitly focusing on the success criteria of:

- I can listen respectfully to others;
- I can take turns; and
- I can perform my role and stay on task.

Dhalayi Doctors

Each Friday the Dhalayi Doctors come to our school to work especially with our students developing leadership and resilience skills. The skills taught to our students are similar to the social skills program we have established on our WoW sessions.

PCYC

The PCYC are continuing their support of our students through the Activ8 program. This program is designed to enhance social skills through physical activity. This program also supports our wellbeing school improvement targets.

P & C meeting

Don't forget the P & C meeting on Monday 16th at 3:30pm. The role of the P & C is to support the work of the school in providing the very best environment for learning. The special occasion uniforms will be an item for discussion at the next meeting.

Persuasion texts

This week we have some work samples from our Year 5 and 6 students. Miss Parker has worked with these students producing some incredible pieces of writing. Thanks for your hard work Years 5 and 6 and Miss Parker.

Wellbeing

Our school strongly supports the right for all students to attend school in a safe and supportive environment. We explicitly teach social and leadership skills as a whole school and small groups as well as guiding individuals to make positive social decisions. If you would like more information on how we are supporting all of our students to be caring of others, empathetic and socially aware please contact me on the phone numbers above.

Have a great week.

Kindest regards

Stephen de Roos



DEFORESTATION OF THE AMAZON

Have you stopped in a blink of an eye to think of the oxygen is going low because of deforestation? Scientists on the field can prove it because of bulldozers. You are busted bulldozers.

I strongly believe the world is lazy to save the Amazon. We must do this to help our own. We must plant more trees - why not, we are helping ourselves and the trees.

Save the beautiful Amazon or let it be destroyed. It is our responsibility to help the Amazon and the trees. Save the trees and the Amazon, it has been bad as the 2020 fires effected the Amazon badly and the Amazon is best place ever!

No more to Amazon murder. The Amazon has had it and it is effecting climate change. It is bad. Low air is killing us. We must stop killing the Amazon.

We must change to make it right and do something to help the Amazon. It is not to late to save the Amazon.



By Marshall



It is cruel to keep animals in cages

So, you think you would like to be held behind bars all day every day, hearing kids whine, people staring at you, kids telling you to do tricks and worst of all not being able to be free! Some people despise the thought of keeping animals in cages for really no reason although, sometimes its better off that way because animals might just need a bit of human help (sometimes).

Animals are **MEANT** to be in the wild and when humans throw them into cages it changes that animal life **FOREVER**. And because of our overpowering greediness those poor animals don't live as long! In the wild whale sharks can live up to 100 years! But when held in manmade surroundings that beautiful creature can only live for 3 to 4 years! Allowing this to infect more areas around the world is a crime in itself and should be banned in **ALL** countries!

It is quite easy to see that animals need loads of space to make them feel at home but zoos are obviously blind. They **DON'T** have all the essentials that animals need and can cause harm to them. Elephants go through masses of agony every day because their enclosures are brutally designed and make their feet badly damaged. Countless species of animals have been somehow surviving in barley liveable enclosures, making their species extinct.

Zoologists declare that captive animals do not have the qualities or skills that they need to survive in the harsh and brutal environment called: **THE WILD!!!** Zoo keepers try to imitate the animals (especially the predators) enclosures to the habitat they would have, if they lived in the wild but plastic figurines aren't going to save the day. In nature animals adapt to their environment very quickly because as soon as they are born they are surrounded by predators ten times the size as them and much more powerful!

Through out this text you have probably gathered that keeping animals in cages is something that should be wiped off the face of the earth but human kind just doesn't think that way, but just maybe one day we might.

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