



# Wakool Burraboi Public School Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 1 2018

## Principal's Report

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing break over the school holidays.

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April most students travelled to Deniliquin for an excursion as part of learning in both History and Geography. Students learnt about local history through a visit to the Peppin Heritage Centre and the Deniliquin Museum. As part of the students learning in PD Health students also had a tour of the new Deniliquin Police Station. Thank you to Miss O'Meara for organising a great day.

All students enjoyed the Whole School Term 1 Reward on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April with a school disco which was held in the brick room. Students had been earning parts of the reward each week during the term. Well done students on some great behavior throughout Term 1. This term students will be working towards earning a whole school reward on the last day of term. Students will be working towards earning a "Movie, Popcorn and Games" reward. We look forward to seeing students work towards this reward each week. A reminder that reward charts are on display in the classroom if parents would like to come and see them.

Well done to students who attended the Cross Country which was held in Barham on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Most students interacted well with peers from Barham PS and competed in their event. The times and results will be emailed through to the school this week. I will confirm all placings and notify runners if they have qualified for the District Cross Country in the coming week. The District Carnival will be held in Moulamein on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Yesterday staff had a Staff Development Day at school. Teaching staff spent time looking at Early Action for Success implementation throughout Literacy and Numeracy in the school. The new Learning Progressions which are being used by the school this year were also discussed with a focus on assessing students and teaching where the child is at.

This Wednesday Miss O'Meara will be in Deniliquin attending Professional Learning on Road Safety. This Thursday I will be in Deniliquin attending training on the School External Validation process which the school is a part of this year.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the main classroom building will be out of bounds at the school, as the building is having a new roof installed. This is part of the Departments planned maintenance schedule. Scaffolding will be installed around the building whilst the works are being carried out. Students will be using the library and the art room.

Have a great week!

*Lisa Chambers*

Principal

## Upcoming Events

### **This week:**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**

> *Staff Development Day*

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

> *Students return*

> *School Library*

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

> *Road Safety Training Deni – Miss O’Meara*

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

> *External Validation Training – Mrs Chambers*

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**

> *Homework Due – K-3*

### **Next Week:**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>**

> *Homework Due – 4-6*

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

> *School Library*

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

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**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

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**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**

> *Homework due – K-3*

> *Literacy Training Moulamein – Miss O’Meara*

## Anzac Day Service

On Anzac Day most students attended the Wakool Anzac Day Service which was held at the Hall. Students proudly wore their school uniform and represented the school. Mitchell Lowry spoke on behalf of the school about why Anzac Day is special to him. Mitchell did a great job and should be very proud of his efforts. Bailey and Mitchell were very responsible carrying the school banner for students to march behind and for laying the wreath on behalf of the school.



**Reminder:**  
**Any overdue  
school library  
books need to be  
returned to school**

## School Uniform

A reminder that students are required to be dressed in full school uniform each school day. This includes a school hat and suitable footwear.

School uniforms and hats are available to purchase from the front office. Second hand uniforms are also available from the front office free of charge.

With cold mornings and days ahead, please make sure that students are dressed appropriately, with jumpers that are clearly labelled and navy track pants.

## Cross Country

More details on placings and times, as well as District Cross Country qualifiers will be sent home in the next week, when it has been sent through to the school.



## Pie Warmer

As in past years, the school will offer a Pie Warmer option for lunch during Term 2 and 3. Please be aware that students should be eating a variety of healthy food. Staff will review this mid term. Pie warmer will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

All food to be warmed MUST be wrapped in aluminium foil and clearly labelled with the students name.

## School Disco



*Students enjoying lunch before the disco*

## NAPLAN

### National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2017

Years 3 and 5 students in all government and non-government schools will sit the NAPLAN in 2018. The program assesses literacy and numeracy.

Tests will be sat across Australia on the same dates.

- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May:** Language and Conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and Writing
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Reading
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May:** Numeracy

Please contact the school if you have further questions about the 2018 NAPLAN Program.

# Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No 1: Responsibilities



Parent/s or caregivers are required – by law – to provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school.

It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:

- (1) It is a parent's legal obligation to explain their child's absence within seven days
- (2) It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences
- (3) It avoids the school and the School Attendance Officer from making unnecessary investigations
- (4) It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school

If you have any difficulties in providing a written explanation for your child's absence, please contact your school principal.



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Hints and Tips No. 2: Teaching good habits



It is important for parents to make attending school a priority.

Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only sends the wrong message to your child, it is also against the law.

Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older.

Teach your children that being on time is important. Children that are often late to school miss the part of the school day when the teacher explains new activities. The beginning of the day is also when many students are freshest and can concentrate better.

Students that are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.



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