Term 2, Week 9
June 28th, 2007

From the Principal

I start this newsletter item off with the exciting news that the paving is finally complete... that's right complete! It looks fantastic and we all look forward to putting our new area to good use. We have also saved some money in this process and we are now looking at purchasing some pergola blinds for the classroom end. We feel this will make this area more of a multiuse space.

We have also been sprucing up the Front Office by adding a bit of colour and school promotion to this area.

A number of changes are happening within our Wharminda Primary School family, with Jodie Kirchner leaving. Jodie will be heading back to Melbourne during the next school holidays. Jodie has been an asset to our school and will be missed by all. She has shown an enthusiastic approach to her teaching and the fact that she is leaving the teaching profession is a great loss. With Jodie leaving, it means that we will be welcoming a new staff member for the remainder of the school year. Another addition to our site will hopefully occur next term with the introduction of a school sheep! We are following up a number of leads that will hopefully see the students caring for a sheep. The kids are looking forward to having a sheep... although I think I might be looking forward to the sheep more!!!

Book Club has been very popular over the last few terms and this has allowed the school to earn a number of bonus points that we have converted into new books for the library. Our library shelves are looking chock-a-block with new titles and a big thank you must go to Card Roberts for her work each week in the library. It is through Card’s work that our library resources are being utilised to their full potential.

The Upper Primary class are continuing with their space theme and have also been looking into Global Warming and Carbon Emissions. The class presented a Drama skit to demonstrate the process that leads to Global Warming and the effect it has on Earth. Also in the last few weeks Scott, Sid and Alice went to Nyroca for this term’s Leadership Camp. The camp was organised by Lake Wangary Primary School. Vicki Shakes and Darian Treasure did a fantastic job in organising a fun and interactive time for all students.

The Junior Primary class travelled to Port Lincoln to tour the local radio stations and the Port Lincoln Times. The kids had a great time and could be heard on air and then made it into the headlines at the paper. They have also continued with their Nursery Rhyme theme and focused on Little Miss Muffet. As Lou was away I taught the students during this time and had to endure a cup full of curds and whey... after eating it I don’t think it was the spider that frightened her away! It is amazing what kids will eat and the JPs loved it.

Over the weekend in Adelaide I presented at the Spanish and Creek Teachers Conference about the value of language teaching and about the involvement of boys in language learning. This was a great experience that enabled me to re-connect with other Spanish teachers that will prove a valuable resource as we introduce Spanish into Wharminda’s curriculum from next term. I am currently purchasing Spanish resources and the kids are very excited about the introduction of a language. I am also very excited, as I have missed teaching Spanish over the last few years and will be looking for other resources to bring back to school after my next trip to Spain at the end of the year.

This Friday we will meet with Andrew Gravestocks in regards to Education Works. I believe this is a great opportunity for us to be able to receive all the correct information regarding the viability of Wharminda Primary School into the future. It is at this meeting that we can achieve active and positive communication in regards to our school. It will also be great to have Andrew in the school, as he was once Principal of Wharminda.

Next week is the final week of Term 2 and it has been a very busy term and I am sure Term 3 will be no different. Friday will be a casual clothes day and I ask that students bring a gold coin donation that can be given on behalf of the school to the Royal Flying Doctors. As Friday next week will be last day of the term, school will finish at 2:30 with buses running according to this.

Cheers,

Matthew
Reading Awards

Alice Nield, Natasha Rosenzweig, Leah Forrest, Jackson Heron and Joel Horne for 75 Nights Reading

Keep up the great reading!!

Principal's Awards

Natasha Rosenzweig
Good Work Award
For a fantastic presentation of Global Warming

Sidney Masters
Helping Hand Award
For helping and mentoring through fitness.

Jonathon Forrest
Good Attitude Award
For improvement in reading and sight words
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At our school assembly last week the Junior Primary Students performed the Nursery Rhyme “Hickory Dickory Dock”
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FREE Bus & car Tour of the district
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PIRSA, Country Health SA and SAFF are conducting FREE workshops in your area soon.

7th August 2007 – Lock, Bowling Clubrooms
8th August 2007 – Cummins, Bowling Clubrooms
9th August 2007 – Streaky Bay, Sports Clubrooms

Phone : 08 86672458 for registrations and information

Wharminda Community Library

The library books at the Wharminda Hall have been changed over.
Come down and have a look.

Happy Reading!!

TAFE TALK

TAFESA Cleve Campus is now able to offer the First Aid DECS-BELS course for any DECS employees who are no longer covered by funding for this training. Any other staff may enrol, even if DECS pays for the training. Classes will run on demand for a minimum of ten enrolments.

First Aid Recertification Tuesday July 31st,
Senior First Aid August 2nd & 3rd
First Aid CPR is planned, date to be advised.

Digital Camera 6 pm July 4th, Digital Photos 1:30pm July 4th. Cost $35 or conc $25

Internet and Email, and Basic Computing will be offered early Term III. Please notify me of any other computing training needs, so I can advise you of options.

We can run Publisher and Power Point locally, also an introduction to MYOB or Quicken software applications. Phone 8628 2456 Tuesday to Friday 9 am – 5 pm.