Week 4 Term 4 Tuesday 27th October 2015

Dear Parents and Friends,

This week Kathie LeBusque updated the school website. There are now new photographs to look at. We are very grateful to Kathie who has volunteered to do this on a regular basis.

Water Bugs Activities

Last week Kathie LeBusque visited the school to teach the children about Water Bugs. The bugs were collected from a dam at Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre. The children were taught how to judge the condition of the water by the type of bugs that live in it.

Kathie also talked to the children about the different types of bugs and their features. All of the students enjoyed the activities and were totally engaged in their learning. Kathie also came to the school yesterday morning for a Design a Bug activity with the senior class.

Fire Safety Education

This Thursday the Rural Fire Service will visit the school to conduct Fire Safety Education. The infant’s class will be involved between 10.00am and 11.00am. The senior class between 11.45am and 12.45pm.

They will learn about how weather conditions affect bush fires.

Welcome Melissa McQuade

Today Melissa McQuade from CSU commenced a 3 week practicum in the senior class. We hope that she enjoys her time at Walla Walla Public School.

Remembrance Day

The school has been invited to attend a Remembrance Day Ceremony at Bicentennial Park on Wednesday November 11th commencing at 10.50am.

The students will depart school at 10.30am to walk to the park. Parents are also welcome to attend the ceremony.

Howman’s Gap Excursion

Just a reminder that payment for the Howman’s Gap Excursion is due this Friday October 30th. Please contact the school if you need further time to pay. Final information about the excursion is attached to this newsletter.

HOW2Learn Training

Mrs Noll and Miss Widdison will attend the final training for HOW2Learn next Monday and Tuesday in Narrandera.

During their absence Miss Rebecca Oates will teach the K/1/2 class. Mrs McKenzie McHarg will carry out Miss Widdison’s duties.

Snakes

The students are reminded to stay in the mown areas of the school and not to run through the gardens. We are very aware that snakes are around and that they may be hiding under our plants. Please discuss this with your children.

Intensive Swimming Program 2016

The P&C has contacted Gould Swim Academy about our swimming program. They have sessions available during third term next year. Thank you to the P&C for approaching the academy.

An Intensive Swimming Program has been arranged at Gould between September 5th and 9th, 2016.
**HOW2Learn**

The students have been introduced to the principles of HOW2Learn. They have learned that you can always grow your brain.

People with a **Fixed Mindset** don’t believe that they can improve their learning.

People with a **Growth Mindset**:
- love trying new things
- like to be given hard challenges
- learn from their mistakes
- want to succeed
- feel good when they have done their best
- are motivated by other successful people
- and never give up!

Each Friday the children are working together to develop their Growth Mindsets. They need to develop GRIT …… dedication and passion towards a long-term goal and a willingness to work hard towards a dream, no matter what challenges they encounter along the way.

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**Dates for the Diary**

**Thursday October 29th** - Fire Awareness Training
**Wednesday November 4th-6th**: Howman’s Gap: Year 5 and 6
**Wednesday November 8th** - Year 6 Farewell
**Thursday December 10th** - Class Dojo Reward Afternoon at the pool.
**Friday December 11th** - Whole school excursion to Albury
**Wednesday December 16th** - Presentation Night 7pm
**Wednesday December 16th** - Last day of school for students
**Friday December 18th** - Last day of school for teachers.

**Canteen Roster**

**November 2nd**: Kathie LeBusque, Caroline Phegan
**November 9th**: Karla Lieschke, Trish Goltz

**School Banking**

Every Monday morning. Bank books to be handed in at the Front Office. Books are returned on Tuesday.