Term 3 Week 8

Important dates to put in your calendar.

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Principal Report

Community spirit

The student body has shone this week for its community spirit with a week of activities in support of Redkite, a non-profit organisation which supports families who have children undergoing treatment for cancer. Different groups of staff and students have led an activity which has been coordinated by our school captain Corey. Over $2000 has been raised by the school and wider community for Redkite. Congratulations to the Y12 students who defeated the staff team in the first annual dodge ball match, one of the fundraisers.

“Winning the Game”

Y12 are now at an important stage of their HSC preparation. Major projects have been completed and some of live performances have been marked. As they prepare for their exams it is important Y12 students keep a positive outlook and build a consistent approach to their preparations. They can call on their teachers for feedback on aspects of their course and for support regarding how they might prepare.

We have collated some study tips in an electronic document that can be found at [http://ow.ly/yYPTk](http://ow.ly/yYPTk) which are relevant to all students in terms of study. The library has also purchased more copies of the BOSTES Previous HSC Papers, which include examples of how high achieving students answered the questions.

Y11 are currently in their assessment free period prior to their yearly exams. The purpose of quarantining the time prior to exams is to support positive and sustainable study routines to assist students to develop effective habits for learning.

“Tell Them From Me”

We are continuing to collect reflections and ideas from parents, students and staff to assist us develop our next three year plan for the school.

We are hoping to get as many parents/ families as possible to complete the parent survey to provide us with this important perspective on how we can support our kids.

We have been fortunate to have been working with a Canadian expert on student engagement, Dr Doug Willms. Doug does a lot of work for the OECD and has developed a survey for students and a survey for parents to support schools with setting directions. The survey details are:

- **Link**: [https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm](https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm)
- **User name**: Wadalba
- **Password**: parents1234

We will ensure we provide you with an update on the information gained and how we will be using your ideas to ensure we are continuing to learn and improve. The survey will be open until the end of term.

Mr J McGrath
Principal

Deputy Principal Report

We often talk about High Expectations to students across a number of forums. High expectations can take a number of forms and are based around our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. Teachers work hard to give students skills to produce High Quality work in the classroom and
practical areas. Those that have attended the CAPA nights, watched our Sporting teams, visited our school farm or have seen our Café in operation, can testify to the outstanding work our students produce. I have recently been a judge in the Year 8 Maths classes' media presentations on the topic of the GST. These students demonstrated excellent, research, communication, teamwork and ICT skills. It was a pleasure to be invited into their classrooms. Often teachers will send students and their work to me to witness first hand this high quality work.

High Expectations of our students to produce high quality work doesn’t happen by chance. It takes a consistent and committed effort by our teachers who work in strong partnerships with parents and students. It is this team work that will allow students to achieve at their personal best and at times, beyond their expectations. Producing high quality work takes a process. It is about students being in every lesson, prepared with all books and equipment. It is about being engaged in every lesson, completing all set work and homework. It is about following teacher’s instructions and not interrupting the learning of others through the use of phones, iPods or iPads.

Parents have a vital and critical role in their student’s ability to produce High Quality work. Ensuring that students are wearing the correct uniform, are bringing their books and pens each day, and are interested in their learning by assisting with homework and looking at their books to see the work being completed, are ways parents can support them at home. We seek and look forward to strengthening the partnership between parents and carers, and the school, to bring about improved outcomes for all our students.

Mr C Dusting
DP

Year 7 Bronze Awards Term 3

Tom Neal  
Georgia Young  
Tyler Wright  
Hannah McClellan  
Khloe O’Grady  
Kyle Von Pralitz  
Jyden Vella  
Brock Loder  
Chance Hamon  
Jimmy Miller  
Tristan Harkess  
Rita Gough  
Taylah Casey  
Kailee Roberts  
Reace Ramirez  
Allee Purcell  
Caleb Egan  
Johdyn Richards – Le Clos  
Miranda Low  
Maddison Smith

Mr Jade McLachlan  
Year 7 Year Advisor  
Middle School

Year 7 Literacy Classes

During Year 7 Literacy classes this term, the students have been introduced to new skills involving the summarising of text. The methods have included: Fact-Question Response Charts, Key Word Strategies and Reading Around the Text. These methods provide students with skills that can be used when reading any text regardless of the subject or topic. With these skills, students do not have to feel overwhelmed when required to read text in any life situations. Students often work in small groups practising and providing feedback to each other.

Year 9 CAMP POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

Year 9 students have until the end of Term 3 to pay a $50 deposit for Adventureland, Forster. First students to pay their deposit will win the positions. We will be catching buses from school Monday 20th October 8:15am and returning to school Wednesday 22nd October before 2:29pm. The full payment of $230 must be paid before or on 7/10/14. There are a range of activities at camp: archery, canoeing, challenge ropes, flying fox, fencing, giant swing, go-carts, icebreakers, initiative exercises, night activities, mud world, quad bikes, raft building, sports, teamwork challenge, waterslides and zorb/waterballs. Please complete the last 3 pages of the form and give back to Miss White in the Middle School Staffroom. Please call Miss White (02) 4392 5000 for more information or payment plans.
PRIMARY LIBRARY BOOK WEEK REPORT

During Weeks 2 and 3 this term, a Scholastic Book Fair was held in the Primary section of WCS Library. Parents and students showed great support for the library by buying books, activities and stationery equipment either before school, at lunch time or in sessions after the Grandparents Day and the Book Character Parade. A percentage of sales came back to the school for the addition of new books. We sold $3477 worth of books/equipment and the school has benefited by gaining $869 to spend on further stocking of the primary section of the library.

Thanks to all primary teachers and Mrs Cooper for their contributions to our display and to Mrs Hanlon, library assistant, who took on the main responsibility of the handling of money.

A Book Character Parade was held on Thursday morning 31st July and it was well supported by parents through attendance and through provision of costumes for their children. A great deal of fun was had, with teachers getting in on the spirit by dressing up as well. Several prizes were awarded for each class for the best and most inventive costumes.

During library lessons students have been introduced to the books that were shortlisted for selection for the best children’s books of the year from the Children’s Book Council of Australia. These books are now available for borrowing, should students wish to do so.

Kerry Crowther,
Primary Teacher/Librarian 2014.
CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

...presents...

Aladdin

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2014
Gates Open: 5pm  Movie at: 7pm

BBQ by RFS & coffee/food available.
Proudly supported by Local Businesses
Family Event-Strictly No Alcohol

ON SALE NOW!

...at the Front Office and at the gate

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