Mmmm Chocolate!
We’re Back

A big welcome back to all students and families for the start of Term 3. It is already looking like a busy one with lots of fantastic learning in store. Such a cold week to start back at school, but with warm milo to drink at recess, we are keeping our tummies warm.

A Welton Welcome

This term we welcome Mrs Sharon Flight to our school as a staff member. Sharon will be working at our school on Wednesdays, sharing the classroom teaching role with Rachelle and Lisa. She will also assist with relief teaching days as required. Sharon will take all of the students for Writing and Phys Ed on a Wednesday morning and the Level 4-6 students for Maths (Space and Geometry) and Science in the afternoon. Sharon comes with considerable experience at working in small schools and is known to our students through her role as the MACC Van relief teacher.

It Was Wheelie Fun

It seems like it was so long ago, but on the last day of Term 2 we held our inaugural Wheelie Day. We had bikes, scooters and rip-sticks all competing in a range of challenging tasks. Each rider competed in three time trialled events; a sprint, obstacle course and endurance track. Our winner on the day was James Barrat and his super fast scooter. Honourable mentions to the Woodgate kids who showed incredible balance and agility to ride their ripsticks over, under, around and through all sorts of terrain and obstacles (without breaking a single bone!) Thank-you to all parents for sending along helmets and ensuring that your children had suitable clothing for the day. A special thanks to Merv Toll Heavy Transporters, who ensured all wheeled items were transported to and from the event.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Oskar Smartt, who has made a huge sprint across the line to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge of reading 15 novels/short stories since the challenge began. We have quite a few other students who are looking to join Oskar and James on the Challenge Recipients’ List. Students have until mid-September to meet the requirements of the challenge.

Reports

All families should have received their child/ren’s mid-year report with the newsletter in the last week of Term 2. If you have any questions regarding your child’s report or would like to discuss any matters further, please contact Lisa to make a suitable time for a chat. We have had a couple of queries regarding the absences that were printed on the front page. These days are days that students have missed from school (whole or part) due to parent choice (ie appointments, holidays, illness) and not days where students have attended sports or programs directly related to school. Generally a student is regarded as absent if they are not at school by 10am or leave before 2pm. Half-day absences are counted before and after 12pm.
School Council
A reminder to all school councillors that our next meeting is to be held on Monday July 20th here at the school. This meeting is a closed meeting, so unfortunately only members may attend on this occasion. The agenda and minutes of the last meeting will be sent to councillors by the end of the week.

Earn And Learn
We are participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. This program gives schools the chance to earn stickers that can be ‘cashed in’ for educational resources. The more stickers we collect, the more resources, we can select. If you shop at Woolworths/Safeway you will be given a sticker for every $10 you spend. You can put the sticker into the Welton Primary School collection box in store or stick it to the sticker sheet (attached to this week’s newsletter). Once the sticker sheet is full, it can be sent along to school. We have extra sticker sheets here at school. Ask your friends and extended family to collect on our behalf and hopefully we can earn some great resources for our little school.

Swipeebus
Last term the students earned a Pizza Lunch as part of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program. This term they are aiming for a Whole School Sleep Over (God held me!). Once we reach a collective total of 500 stickers- a night will be selected for this exciting event. Certificates and prizes for individual achievements will continue throughout the year.

COMING SOON: July 20-School Council; July 29-Responsible Pet Ownership; Aug 28-School Sports