Last Friday saw us reclaim the trophy at the Murray Plains Athletics in Cohuna. All of the Welton students’ efforts across the six events, contributed to our points total. Angus, Darby and Sharna are to be congratulated on their well worded acceptance speeches. A huge thank you to all of the parents who came along to support not only their child/ren, but to encourage and cheer on all of our students. A special thank you to Marty, Chrissy and Bernie who, along with Sharna from Cohuna Secondary School, worked all day to ensure the hurdles events ran smoothly. Thank you to Narelle for ‘volunteering’ to take the Year 5 students to each of their events.
Super Science

Our excursion to the Melbourne Scienceworks Museum and Planetarium was a fantastic success. All of our students had a great day exploring the many hands-on activities and experiencing scientific phenomenon. Their reports are included in this newsletter. I would like to congratulate each and every student on their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and turn-taking skills; you did us proud. Thank you to Bernie, Chrissy and Narelle for coming along to help out.

Whilst we were at Scienceworks, we were able to purchase some fantastic new Science equipment. The Year Six students assisted with the selection. This new equipment will be used to enrich our already hands-on Science Curriculum. We once again thank Mr Thomson for his generous donation that enabled us to be able to purchase these new and exciting resources.

Super Effort

We are all super proud of Brodey, who recently had her long hair ‘chopped off’ for charity. Brodey has donated her long locks to the Princess Charlotte Alopecia Program. This program makes wigs for children who have lost their hair due to a disease known as alopecia. Brodey did this alongside a past Welton Kid and now lovely young lady, Ashley Williams. Such wonderful and selfless gestures from both girls.

Magical Mathematicians

Congratulations to the students in Years 3-6 who competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Each of the students who entered received very pleasing results. A very special congratulations to James who received a distinction and to Daria and Oskar who both earned credits. Certificates for all students will be sent to the school soon.

Put Your Lid On

Welton is part of the Sunsmart Schools’ Program and in alignment with their policy, we require our students to wear their hats when outside from September 1st until May 1st. Students are required to wear their board-rimmed school hat. If you require a new hat, we have some available for purchase. The cost for a replacement hat is $8. Students who do not have the required hat will be confined to the shade structure during playtimes and will not be able to participate in other outdoor activities such as Physical and Outdoor Education.

Sunscreen is available to students to apply before break-times and when heading outdoors for activities. Should your child have any allergies to particular sunscreens, please ensure that he/she has their own sunscreen on and/or in their bag.

More Sport

Last week saw the Echuca District Schools run their Athletics trials at Vic Park. Angus has qualified to go onto the next stage in discus. Angus was the overall winner of the discus event. Great effort! Oskar competed in a number of Year 5 events, finishing second in Long Jump and fourth in the 1500 metres; a sterling effort for a Year 4 student. Oskar has qualified for regional trials in Long Jump. We wish both boys every success at the regional trails in Bendigo later in the month.
Bloke’s Day Stall
This Sunday is Father’s Day. The Year Six students will be running our annual stall on Friday afternoon. We ask each family to donate 2-3 low cost items for the stall. Donated items can be sent along to school before Friday. Each student is permitted to spend up to $5 at the stall. Please send money along in a named envelope on Friday morning. Thank you to those families who have already sent along items; the chocolates were very yummy!

Annual School Concert
At the last School Council meeting, it was decided to try something new with this year’s School Concert and Year Six Graduation. We will be holding the concert at the school this year and will kick the evening off with a sausage sizzle. This provides us with a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school to the wider community and also alleviates the ‘agony’ of cleaning, setting up the hall, transporting students for practice, transporting props and equipment. The format of the night will also be changed to best suit our new venue, smaller student numbers and more relaxed theme of the evening. Letters will be sent to families, early November, outlining arrangements for our Christmas Hamper Raffle, supper and Santa’s visit. The concert will be held on Thursday December 10th with the BBQ beginning at 6.30pm. Please note that the night this year is a Thursday, to avoid clashing with Gunbower’s Friday night concert.

Water Week
All students have completed Water Week posters to be entered in the Annual Coliban Water Poster Competition. The competition provides our students with the opportunity to research and discuss a different water related issue each year. This year’s theme is Water Innovation. Schools from all over the district will be entering this competition and we wish our students every success. Winners will be announced during National Water Week; October 18-24th.

Environmental Day
Welton will host an Environmental Day on Monday September 14. We will be joined by students and staff from Gunbower, Koondrook and Leitchville Primary Schools for a day of environmental themed activities. The day is organised by Welton and activities are supervised by staff from all four schools. We are lucky enough to have secured the services of the Echuca-based Scientwists, who will be running sessions with various groups throughout the day. Other activities on offer will be a Commando Course, Damper Making, Bush Art, Bush Cubbies and Trails. If any parents would like to join us on this day, you are most welcome to come along for all or part of the day. The day commences at 10am and finishes at 2pm; this is to allow the visiting schools time to travel to and from Welton. Our students will arrive and depart at the normal times by the usual method. Students are to bring their own lunch and snacks on this day and due to the large number of students, the pie warmer will not be operating.

Wanted
Students in Years 3-6 require a medium/ large glass jar with lid for next Wednesday’s Science session with Mrs Flight. If you have any tucked away, please send along by next Wednesday. Pasta sauce or jam jars are perfect.
End Of Term

The last day of term is Friday September 18th. We will once again be holding our Annual Footy Colours Day and having a hot dog lunch. More details and lunch order forms will be included in next week’s newsletter.

Welton Kids Report

Sportsworks - by Oskar
Yesterday the whole school went to Scienceworks in Melbourne. There was an exhibit called Sportsworks. One of the activities that I did was to race against Cathy Freeman; I beat her by 0.3 of a second. Then I went over to a jumping activity; I jumped 364mm high. James and I had a turn at the wheelchair racing; it was hard work, and James won. I really liked the Scienceworks shop. I got a stone that represents my month of birth; the stone is called Red Jasper.

Planetarium - by Sharna
Yesterday we went to Scienceworks. My favourite part was the Planetarium. This is what happened at the Planetarium:
Firstly, we sat down in these soft blue chairs. The guy told us to lay back to get the chairs to recline so we could look up. Then he put on a movie, it was awesome. It kind of felt like we were on a rollercoaster. It also felt as though the chairs were spinning around. The movie taught us about the moons, stars and planets in the solar system and so much more. It was fantastic! Our Uncle Ron also came up and when we went to the Planetarium he came too. At the end of the movie the instructor showed us the night time Melbourne sky and the country sky. He also showed us some planets that we can see just by looking up. Then we looked at some constellations; it included an emu, scorpion, possum and Southern Cross. Next we looked at the Milky Way. It was a fun, amazing, awesome and very interesting day!

Think Ahead! by Darby
Yesterday, at Scienceworks, we went to an exhibit called Think Ahead. I got to create an alien and a futuristic car and I was able to email these to my Mum. I also got to use a sensor to make an alien dance. There was a door that spun around and made it look as though you had disappeared. I visited the Star Wars Exhibit and I got my photo taken with Chewbacca. I walked through a tunnel and it made me feel as though I was spinning. Zac, Brodey, Sharna and I went into the sound emotion room and put on some sad, angry, happy and calm music. We had to press buttons to represent how we felt about the music. I made everyone feel scared. I thought that Think Ahead, was very interesting and it was my favourite part of the day. Amazing!

Sportsworks - by Angus
Yesterday, our school went to Scienceworks in Melbourne. We went on Lakes Bus. We left Torrumbarry at six-thirty and we were there by ten. My favourite part of Scienceworks was called Sportsworks. We got to do lots of very fun activities. I, and all of the others raced against Cathy Freeman over a distance of about five metres. I lost to her by 0.2 of a second; it was hard. We had an awesome day and we also bought bags of new science equipment. I had a very good time.
**Sportsworks - by Daria**

On Wednesday we went to Scienceworks in Melbourne. In the Sportsworks Exhibit, there was a balance machine; I was only able to stay on it for 1.4 seconds. There was also a climbing wall, which was about 10 metres high. The bit I liked the best was the netball shooting, except I couldn’t find the netball to shoot. On the Cathy Freeman run I absolutely got smashed.

**Scienceworks - by Brodey**

The whole school went to Scienceworks. The Grade One’s went to different places to the Grade 3-6’s. Scienceworks is in Melbourne. The whole school got to the servo at 6.20 am and we got to Scienceworks at 10 am. The big kids went into Alice In Wonderland and then the big kids went to Think Ahead. Next we went to the Planetarium. Now I am going to tell you a bit about he Planetarium. Well, I saw a movie. It was about a man and he discovered what planets people can live on. Jupiter is not a planet you could live on.

I had a wonderful day.

**Scienceworks – by Lucas**

Our School went to Scienceworks. The school had groups. I was in the Grade One group. First we went to the Planetarium. The chairs went back and I looked up into the dome. Space has poison gas in it. I loved the sun.

**Sportsworks - by James**

Yesterday, we all travelled to Scienceworks and my favourite thing there was Sportsworks. At Sportsworks, I raced Cathy Freeman and I nearly bet her. There was also an exhibit that got you to jump as high as you can; I jumped 312mm. There was another exhibit that tested reaction time, you had to press the red buttons in 30 seconds - I got a score of 20. There was also a handball activity; you had to handball the footy to Adam Cooney. The day was really fun and Sportsworks is the best!

**Fun Activities - Zac Woodgate**

On Wednesday our whole school went on an excursion to Melbourne to explore Scienceworks. We had to be at the Roadhouse by 6.20 am. My family left at 5.50 am. We caught the Lakes Bus to Melbourne. When we got to Heathcote we stopped for the toilets and we had to run a lap of the oval. We arrived at Scienceworks; a guy explained how Scienceworks operates. We went to the Planetarium which is a big dome with loudspeakers. The seats lean back which is cool. The Planetarium movie was about space. I learnt about the constellations in the stars. The movie taught me about the planets and the stars. When the movie stopped we had to try to find where the closer planets were. We went to Sportsworks. I raced Cathy Freeman and I lost by .2 or .3 seconds. I also raced in wheelchairs against Sharna. Then I went to measure myself and I was 27.88 kg and my height was 1.32 metres. My opinion about Scienceworks is that it was an amazing opportunity to learn how stuff works such as the Planetarium. It was a really fun day.

**Scienceworks - Kayden Levings**

We went to Melbourne to see the show yesterday. We went to Melbourne on the bus. At the Planetarium we went to see the show. Tyco the dog went up in space.
Scienceworks - Matilda Fowler
Our school went to Scienceworks. We went to Melbourne to see the movie. Tyco the dog went on the moon in a spaceship. At Alice in Wonderland I went into the little house. I saw a digger.

Sports Report - Jayden Woodgate
We won! I was feeling happy when we won. We had the smallest school but we still won. My favourite event was the hurdles. I got a blue ribbon in the hurdles and discus. We did sack races. I met some new friends at the sports.