



SWIMMING SPORTS
NEXT TUESDAY



ARTIST OF THE WEEK
DARIA



FEB-APRIL PIZZA
DO A ROADHOUSE RUN



HANDS UP
FOR PLAYGROUP

WELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Education For Country Kids

Ready To Lead



Meet Zac Woodgate, the Welton Primary School Captain for 2016. Zac is sure to be a wonderful ambassador for our school due to his 'can do' attitude, happy disposition and strong sense of school pride.



We Earned So We Could Learn

Last year our school participated in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. Families and community members saved stickers from their purchases. Being such a small school, it is difficult for us to earn a lot of stickers and therefore rewards; however, thanks to a fantastic effort from our school community, we were able to choose some materials for our Mathematics program.

Swimming Sports

A reminder that next Tuesday is our Annual Swimming Sports at Koondrook. There is a cost of \$1.50 per spectator for entrance into the pool. The cost per student will be met by our school as it has been incorporated into the total cost of our Swimming/ Water Awareness Program. Families are asked to make their own transport arrangements to and from the pool; the bus will not be running on this day. Please contact Lisa if you are unable to transport your child/ren, so we can make alternative

arrangements. The sports commence at 10am and we ask that students arrive by 9.45am. Students will need their lunch, drinks, snacks and hat. All students should have a sun smart top to wear whilst not competing.

We're Done

The Water Awareness/Swimming Program for this year has now finished. There is no swimming this Thursday, due to the Life Education Van visit at Gunbower.

Urban Camp

Every second year, our Year 5/6 students join with those from Gunbower, Koondrook and Leitchville to attend a three day camp in Melbourne. The dates for this year's camp are Monday March 7th to Wednesday March 9th. Students will be travelling by train from Echuca to Melbourne. Medical forms, costs and an itinerary is attached to the newsletter of families who have students attending. Ms Duffy will accompany the students on camp along with staff from the other Murray Plains Schools. Mrs Flight and Mrs Campbell, will hold the fort back at school.



Lawns

A friendly reminder to the Levings Family that the lawns are well and truly ready for a mow. Keys for the shed and mowing equipment can be sent home with Brodey and Kayden when you are ready to crank up Betsy and turn our grass into lawn.

Playgroup At Welton

As many of you know, last year we hosted a playgroup for preschool aged children and their mums/carers. It was a lot of fun and both staff and students enjoyed hosting our guests. We are planning to once again run these sessions on a fortnightly basis, beginning Wednesday March 2nd from 10am to 12pm. Should you know anyone who might be interested in joining our friendly little group, please pass this information along or ask them to contact the school. A flyer will be created and distributed over the next week.

Time To Chip In

A reminder that family contributions, or fees, are now due for Term 1- although you are most welcome to pay in advance for terms 2-4! Fees are set at \$120 per child, or \$30 per term per student and assist us to subsidise excursions, camps, pay for iPad/computer programs, provide student classroom materials, pay for the MACC Art and MARC Library supplies as well as pay for many other extra-curricula and special programs. Without these contributions, our school would not be able to offer all of the varied programs that we do.

School Council

Nominations are now open for parent positions on the Welton Primary School Council. Parents are welcome to self-nominate. We have four parent positions available. Parents who have previously served terms on school council are most welcome and encouraged to re-nominate. Please contact Lisa for further information or if you would like a nomination form. The nominations period closes at 4pm on Wednesday Feb 24th.

MACC News

Students have been busy over the past two weeks creating some stunning works of art. These are now on display in the main foyer. Students were asked to respond to the book entitled "Giraffes Can't Dance". The Year One and Two Students did a directed drawing of a giraffe using a crayon resist technique. The Year Four Students completed a contour drawing using the crayon resist technique also. Whilst the Year Five and Six Students were asked to create a panoramic cityscape drawing using a fine liner.

The Artist of the Week has been awarded to Daria. Her work was judged as being colourful, detailed and well composed. Congratulations, Daria. All students should feel proud of their fantastic work.



MARC News - Term 1

A big welcome to all our new preps and new students to our schools. Children are getting into the routine of borrowing and returning their book ready for a new one the following week. We have started the preps with borrowing one book to start but as soon as they have established that they are returning their book they will be able to borrow two books. All children are encouraged to keep their library books in a safe place at home; their bedroom is the nominated safe place. If children keep their books in their room in the same place each week then it should be easy to locate them ready for our next library day. If lost, then they only have one room to search and not the entire house.

We have spent the last few weeks revising our rules, organizing our workbooks, discussing how we locate a good fit book that is just right for the student and where these book are located in the van. This week we will begin our themes for this term. In the infant grades we will be covering an author study on Alison Lester and covering Childhood Memoirs. Students will look at their memories of things that have happened in their past, things that are happening now and what they would like to have happen in the future. Students will be asked to complete a student history on themselves that they may need some assistance with.

The middle school will be covering Autobiographies and Childhood Memoirs and the author study will be Jon Schieszka who writes about his childhood memories, all the funny things that happened in his family of six boys. The upper levels will cover Melbourne as they will be attending Urban Camp in March.

Many thanks for your support with encouraging your children to borrow and read the books that they bring home each week. If children could use a library bag that would be great as we have already had two books returned with water damage so far this year.

MARC librarian,
Glenda Charlton-White.



COMING SOON

- Life Education Van @ Gunbower.....Thursday Feb 18th
- Murray Plains Swimming Sports @ Koondrook.....Tuesday Feb 23rd
- Year 5/6 Urban Camp in Melbourne.....Monday March 7 - Wednesday March 9
- Labour Day Public Holiday.....Monday Mar 14th
- End of Term- Easter Themed Day @ Gunbower.....Thursday Mar 24th