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WHAT'S ON AT WMPS...

TERM 1, WEEK 1

Wednesday 27/1	Staff Development Day
Thursday 28/1	Students return

TERM 1, WEEK 2 2

Monday 1/2	School Swimming Scheme P&C Meeting – 3pm
Tuesday 2/2	School Swimming Scheme
Wednesday 3/2	School Swimming Scheme Student banking returns
Thursday 4/2	School Swimming Scheme
Friday 5/2	School Swimming Scheme

FEATURE PHOTO



K-2 STUDENTS

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Principal's Report

Welcome Back

I would like to welcome everyone back for the new school year. I trust that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

I would like to welcome back, Kate Greatz and Brooke Ierano to our teaching staff. I would also like to welcome Kylie Teerman who will teach science and provide additional release for both classes on Fridays. Brooke Ierano will be teaching the primary class (3-6) and Kate Greatz will be teaching the infants class (K-2). I will again teach the upper primary students English and History. Nadine Harrison will be assisting the students in both classes at Whitton Murrami PS full time in her role as School Learning Support Officer.

Jodie Grieve and Kevin Amery will return in their roles as School Administration Manager and General Assistant on their designated days.

Through the National Chaplaincy Program, Simone Murphy will continue to run the 'Kids grow, Kids Cook, program on Mondays and some Fridays, as well as providing additional support for the students in the classroom.

Kindergarten

A big welcome to our new Kindergarten students and their families who have had their first day at 'big school'. I am sure we will have another exciting and productive year. We will introduce our new students over the course of the next few weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to another wonderful year with lots of learning and lots of fun!

Best Start

Kindergarten students will undergo a series of activities as part of our requirements for Best Start. These assessments play an important role in assisting us to tailor our teaching and learning programs for the individual needs of your child. Kate Greatz will begin this process over the next few weeks. It is important that they are administered by the classroom teacher as they provide a valuable insight into your child. If you have any questions regarding this, contact Kate Greatz or myself.

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School Swimming Scheme

Aquatic activities play a significant role in the lifestyle of many Australians. Therefore it is essential that students are aware of the importance of water safety and are equipped with the necessary skills of safety and survival.

The School Swimming and Water Safety Program is a learn to swim program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Program provides opportunities for students in primary school to attend daily lessons of 45 minutes over two consecutive weeks. Our School Swimming Scheme starts next Monday at 12pm -1pm and will run through until Thursday 11th February. During the fortnight of swimming, lunch will start at 1.30pm.

Students are asked to bring their swimmers, rash shirt hat, towel and sunscreen.

School Assemblies

Our school assemblies this term will be as follows:

- Friday 5th February (Leadership Inductions)
- Friday 19th February (Swimming ribbons and trophies)
- Thursday 24th March (Easter Assembly)

Please feel welcome to attend. They generally commence at 2:40pm and run through until the end of the day.

Student Banking

Student banking is on Wednesday's and will start next week. See Jodie for a start-up pack.

Library

Library will be held on Monday's. Library will start Monday 15th February 2016. Students will need to bring a fabric or calico bag to protect the library books to and from school.

School Hats

Please remind your child to bring their school hat for recess and lunch. It is far too hot to be outside without a hat and children without a hat will be asked to sit under the shelter during playtimes. The office has appropriate hats in stock if you need to purchase one.

After School Care

We have had some enquiries regarding after school care providers in our local area. If you know any qualified after school providers in the Whitton and Murrumbidgee areas could you please contact the school?

Financial Assistance

Please remember that if you require financial assistance to help pay for any school activity this year, to come and see me. We have a number of ways in which to help and please rest assured all details are kept totally confidential. We would like to see all students involved in our planned activities and if finance is a problem please make contact.

P&C

We have a busy year ahead and I would love to have input and involvement from as many families and community members as possible. Please feel welcome to attend our first P&C meeting planned for Monday 1st February in the school library.

VOX POP

This week's VOX POP will feature India

Trivia

5 cats can catch 5 rats in 5 minutes. How many cats does it take to catch 100 rats in 100 minutes?

I am looking forward to meeting with you and discussing the educational needs of your children and working together to provide a quality education for all students at Murrumbidgee Public School.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela

Cheers

Duncan Adams



Name: India Morriss

What is the best thing about Whitton Murrami Public School?

Painting and playing with Ilah.

If you were Principal for a day what would you do?

I would let them play all day on the playground.

What is the best thing about being a child?

Playing with my sisters at home.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Mmmm that's too hard.

Getting off to a good start

Wondering how to help your kids do well at home and at school this year? The department's parent resource School A to Z has a webcast full of expert tips for you to help your children have a more successful year. (There is also a free app with these resources in the App Store).

The 'Getting off to a great start webcast' has a number of chapters on how to motivate children for learning, advice on peer relationships and how to handle bullying, communicating with children and the importance of strong home-school relationships. The expert panel features advice from a child psychologist, an experienced family doctor and the department's deputy director-general (schools) Greg Prior.

Watch the webcast at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start>



Welcome to all our students