



Wheatvale State School Update



Term 4, Week 10 starting 06th December, 2021.

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PRIDE Value for Week 10—Encouraging—Celebrate Success

From the Principal— Welcome to Week 10!

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Hard to believe I am writing to you for the last time in 2021! And what a way to end the year! I am hoping you are all unscathed after last week's flooding and it was good to have most students back on deck today.

Last week's weather event has played havoc with our end of year events with many having to be postponed. Please see below for an overview of the week ahead and keep an eye on Facebook and Dojo for any further changes.

Tuesday – Our Graduation and Awards ceremony will commence at 9am in COLA. Students are to wear formal uniform (white shorts preferred), for the occasion. This ceremony is a celebration of all students and a chance to farewell our Year 6s. All members of our school community are invited to attend. At the conclusion of the ceremony, approximately 10:30am, our Year 6 students and parents are invited to Pepperina for morning tea. Other students will return to class and may change into Christmas clothes at this time. Secret Santa will be happening during this time as well. The P&C will also get the sausage sizzle ready for students to enjoy at approximately 11:30am. Students have Christmas Carols that they have been practising and will perform these after the sausage sizzle and Santa will arrive at approximately 12:30pm. If you are attending either or both of these events please RSVP as soon as possible with numbers.

Wednesday – Prep Open Morning, Move Up a Day and Year 6 WSHS Transition Day. Our Year 6 students attending Warwick State High School will be enjoying a day in the life of a high schooler, while the 2022 Preps will be visiting us again. At 11am we will be holding an information session for parents of Preps in the P/1/2 classroom. During the morning session our Year 2s and 4s will move to their 2022 classroom and meet with their teachers, including Miss Kamperman who will be visiting us for the day.

Thursday – PRIDE Day – we are still all set to head to Stanthorpe for our end of year PRIDE Day trip. We will be departing at 9:00am and returning prior to 3pm. Please ensure you have returned your permission forms and money as soon as possible. Thanks to those who have already attended to this.

Report Cards – this last week also meant that some assessments were unable to be completed due to student absences. Teachers will continue to work diligently with your child over the next few days to ensure they have been given every opportunity to display achievement standards and earn the result that they deserve. We are aiming to have report cards ready to be sent home on Thursday. If this changes, we will communicate this with you.

Friday – last school day for 2021!

Important Dates

Graduation, Awards Ceremony and Christmas Break-Up
Tuesday 7th December

PRIDE DAY
Thursday 09th
December

Last day 2021
school year
Friday 10 December

First school day 2022
Monday 24th
January

Term 1—2022
Easter Holidays
4th April—18th April

As the year ends I appreciate there may be some feelings of anxiety and uncertainty about what the next few months may look like as the Queensland border opens to our interstate counterparts and the vaccination mandates come into place. Please ensure that your contact details with the school are up to date and if there are any changes to this at any time, please let us know via the school mobile, in case we need to contact you. Please ensure you follow our School Facebook page and are connected on Class Dojo to ensure you receive any important updates that may be shared during the holidays.

The school office will be closed as of 3:00pm this Friday and will reopen Monday the 17th January 2022.

Can I take this final opportunity to thank everyone for a wonderful 2021 and for the support and encouragement you have shown me as I stepped into the Acting Principal role here at Wheatvale. Have a safe and happy holiday, spending time with family and friends and I look forward to seeing everyone back here on Monday 24th January 2022.

Take care,

Zita Hooke, A/Principal

Year 6 Camp

Last week Year 6 students attended the Emu Gully Adventure Camp at Helidon Spa. On this camp we were also joined by Mrs Goswell and two of her students from Murray's Bridge State School. The activities at Emu Gully are purpose-built for developing team-work and leadership and are based around events from our history, embracing the ANZAC spirit.

The first activities for Team Zulu involved using our team work skills to meet the challenges of the Swinging Log and Low Ropes Course. Following this, students worked together to 'Escape from Colditz'. This was a great activity for students to develop their problem solving and team work skills with everyone managing to get into and through the tunnel without being detected.

Tuesday was the wettest day of the week which wasn't a great problem as this was the day students spent moving food supplies and rescuing the injured by boat, as well as walking the Kokoda Track. Lots of mud and hard work but an experience appreciated by everyone. Fortunately, after this we were all able to dry off and spend some inside time using the Rock-Climbing Wall. Despite being a very wet three days and having to leave earlier than expected, the food was great and the activities really gave us the opportunity to demonstrate leadership and develop team work skills and resilience. It was great to spend this time with the Year 6 students and see them work together in an area outside of the classroom.

Mr Neal

Year 5/6 teacher



Attachments

- ◆ The Department of Transport and Main Roads will be improving safety for WSS students during the hols.
- ◆ Allora, Warwick & Stanthorpe Libraries are holding 'Summer Reading Clubs', from 1/12/2021
- ◆ The Stanthorpe and Warwick Libraries also have Holiday Activities from the 11/12/2021
- ◆ Wheatvale Outside School Hours Vacation care 'What's On'

Don't forget PRIDE Day on Thursday, permission notes and payment due.



PRIDE Award Recipients—Term 4— Wk 9

Students of the Week

Lane, Tait and Talon

Literacy Legends

Lane, Tail and Peter

Mathletes of the Week

Lane, Tait and Danara

Principal Awards:

150 merits— Huxlie

250 merits— Cooper Zadow

300 merits— Jaydee

100km Club:-

15km— Jaydee

30km— Sebastian



Well done everyone who achieved a milestone during the 2021 year.

CHRISTMAS JOKES:-

Q—How do you help someone who has lost their Christmas spirit.....A– Nurse them back to ELF!

Q– What do Santa’s Elves drive? A– Mini-vans

Q– What is a Christmas Trees favourite candy? A– Orna-mints!

Q– What do you call a cat sitting on the beach on Christmas Eve? A– Sandy Clause

Q– Why does everyone love Frosty the Snowman? A– Because he’s cool.

Q– What do you call an ELF wearing ear muffs? A– Anything you want...he won’t hear you.



Chappy’s Corner

It has been an exciting year in so many ways, both locally and globally. There always seems to be a lot of hype about something - COVID, climate, politics, Christmas lol etc. We need to be so careful that we don't allow the incessant, sensational and negative media broadcasts to adversely affect us or our families. Limiting exposure may go a long way to reducing stress and increasing enjoyment over the holidays. Speaking of holidays, they have finally arrived.

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to reflect or discover more on the birth of Jesus if you are Christian, or to connect with family and friends over a meal and perhaps some games or even a road trip.

I’m truly wishing for everyone to have a happy, relaxed and safe break from the routine of school life, ready and refreshed to do 2022 together.

Special mention goes out to those who are leaving us to continue schooling elsewhere, our thoughts and best wishes are with you for your success and happiness.

Just a reminder that the Chaplaincy service is available to the whole school community. If you would like to have a chat about something happening in your life, or if you have a more pressing need, then please don't hesitate to connect. I would love to help if I can, and if not attempt to find someone who can.

Prayers and Blessings to all, Chappy Barry

Humour...

I need 6 months of holidays, twice a year!

This year is the first year I'm not travelling overseas because of COVID-19. Every other years it has been due to a lack of money.

What I like about Christmas, is that you can make people forget about the past with the present. (Don Marquis)

Shopping is cheaper than a psychiatrist.

Finally.... Merry Christmas, happy New Year and enjoy the holidays.



P&C NEWS:

Congratulations to the winner of the wheelbarrow full of goodies raffle that will be drawn tomorrow. I hope you haven't done too much Xmas goodies shopping yet.

Thank you to all who helped in any way with the tuckshop this year, including all who supported it by buying lunch on a Friday. Your support is greatly appreciated.

WHEATVALE



For further enquiries please contact Anita on 0400 457 615 or email wheatvaleoshc@optusnet.com.au . Enrolment packs available from the School Office or from the Service during operating hours.

Before School Care 6am-8.45am (earlier session available)

After School Care 3pm-6pm (later session available)

Vacation Care 6am-6pm

Pupil Free Days 6am-6pm

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