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WELCOME BACK MRS BEER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is lovely to be back in our beautiful school and with the staff and students of Mullion Creek Public School. Thank you to everyone for your kind words and welcome backs.

Congratulations to Ms Brie Kinney and Mr Steve Harvey on the safe arrival of their baby boy.

We welcome Mrs Joanne Penny into the relieving position of release teacher. We are very fortunate to have someone with such skill and experience and hope that she enjoys her time with us.

I would also like to publicly acknowledge the work Mr Luke Cheetham did while he was here during first semester and thank him for keeping everything moving along during such a demanding time.

It was so nice to see the smiling faces of our students as we started Term 3. This term we once again start under a COVID 19 cloud as outbreaks continue to disrupt schools and communities. As has been the case for the last few years we will continue to update you on any department policies around COVID and its management.

Thank you to all of those that were able to attend our assembly on Friday, it was wonderful to see so many of our families in the school joining with us for our 'Fancy Friday' parade. We look forward to you all coming in next week during Education Week celebrations.

Welcome to Pells Family: A warm welcome to parents Ngaire and Rob and Robbie who commenced in Year 2 today as the family moved to Euchareena last week. We hope you enjoy our small school.

EDUCATION WEEK: 1ST-5TH AUGUST

Education Week Celebrations will be held on Wednesday afternoon, 4th August. . This year's theme is ***Creating Futures, Education Changes Lives***. Our celebrations program is

- **12:30 pm Assembly** followed by lunch (a sausage sandwich- order forms will be sent out)
- **1:15 pm Open Classrooms:** you are invited to your child's classroom to participate in the learning activities taking place.
- **2:30 pm An information session** will be held for those parents who would like to learn about 'how to support their child's Literacy and Numeracy skilling at home'.

Important Dates:

- August 1-5: Education Week
- August 1: OSSA Gold Boys Hockey
- August 3: Open School from 12:30 pm
- August 3: P&C Meeting 3:15 pm
- August 4: Hockey coaching
- August 5: Jeans for Genes Day



EX-STUDENT'S SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Preston who successfully graduated from the UNSW Indigenous Leadership program which he attended during the July school holidays at UNSW.

In the same week Preston was invited to dance with "Milan Dhiyaan" Aboriginal dance group at Westpac headquarters in Sydney for their NAIDOC celebrations.

Preston is also a qualified basketball referee and has played for the Orange Eagles Under 18's representative basketball team this year. Just prior to the commencement of NAIDOC week Preston gave an Acknowledgement of Country at the presentation night for Orange Eagles. He gave the Acknowledgement of Country in Wiradjuri language without any notes - from the top of his head - and then translated that Wiradjuri language into English for the audience - all without notes. There were over 200 people in attendance.

Just prior to attending the UNSW Indigenous Leadership program Preston worked for "Milan Dhiyaan"



Aboriginal cultural education company at the National Indigenous Art Fair in Sydney - an event that was attended by over 9000 people in one weekend. Preston was employed as a senior retail employee as well as a cultural educator assisting with the delivery of cultural workshops.

Indigenous leadership is not new to Preston - earlier this year Preston's name was on display at the "Unsettled" First Nations exhibition in the Australian Museum in Sydney. Preston had assisted with the creation of a giant 7 foot (2 metres) tall Aboriginal carved shields and many other cultural items on display. Preston was mentored by senior cultural

woodcarvers at "Milan Dhiyaan" to learn to create Aboriginal tools and weapons and items of cultural significance. Last year whilst Preston was in Year 9, his Wiradjuri language translation of "Always Was, Always Will Be" was commissioned by the Australian Museum for use during NAIDOC 2021 and for use as part of the "Unsettled" exhibition and ongoing.

We can't wait to see what amazing things Preston will be up to in the near future!!!!

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Facebook is the most widely used social media platform in the world and is extremely popular among parents and the community, we are currently investigating setting up a School Facebook Page through the Department's Social Media Unit. The page would be used to share different types of media (photos, videos, articles) and distribute information on school activities.

The page will be registered through the Department of Education and visibility open to the public to view content. Our Page Administrators will follow the DoE guidelines in setting up this page.

Permission to Publish in relation to this Facebook page will be forwarded home. Please use this form to advise the school on your child's media status.



SPORTING ACTIVITIES

OSSA Gold Boys Hockey: The next Boys Hockey game will be against Coerwull PS on Monday 1st August. In Orange.

OSSA Girls Touch Football: I had the privilege of taking the OSSA Gold Girls' Touch Football team to play their knockout game against OPS last Thursday. Unfortunately, they were knocked out. 'The girls played well despite freezing conditions on the field at Orange High School.

On the way back to school the bus took an unexpected detour to Maccas to reward the girls for their effort and positive attitude. Well done OSSA Gold!!
(Mr Inman)



OSSA Gold Girls Touch Team

Western PSSA Athletics Carnival: Results of the District Athletics Carnival have been received and four students have qualified to be members of the OSSA Gold team at the Western PSSA Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo on Friday 16th September.

Congratulations to:

- Taylah – 8-10 years Girls High Jump
- Zahli – 12-13 years Girls Shot Put and 12-13 years Girls Discus
- Quinn – 9 years Boys 100 m Dash
- Lachlan H – 11-13 years Boys Relay

Western Primary Rugby Girls 7's: Zahli will represent Western School Sports Association at the State Championship on 5th and 6th September at Gateshead. Zahli was selected at the trials held in April for the WSSA team.

Hockey Coaching: This term as part of our sports program, all students will participate in hockey coaching sessions each week for 4 weeks.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Jump Rope for Heart: The Jump Rope for Heart Day raised \$257.00 for the Heart Foundation. A wonderful result and thank you to parents, students and staff who contributed on the day and to Mr Inman for organising the event.



Jeans for Genes: Friday, 5th August is our annual jeans for genes day. Students are encouraged to wear their jeans with their sports shirt.

We ask for a gold coin donation on the day. All money raised will be donated to the Children's Medical Research Institute to support research into children's genetic disorders.

AROUND OUR CLASSROOMS

K-1: A huge welcome back to K-1 students. We have started the term digging into dinosaur facts. The students have enjoyed learning that chickens are related to dinosaurs. They also enjoyed measuring out how long some dinosaurs were and were amazed that some could be 30 metres long.

Yrs 2-3: Dreams have been caught and placed in jars with labels written as part of our BFG literature unit. In Science we are investigating mixtures and what they are. With Mrs Penny students are working on poems and mapping in Geography.

Yrs 4-6: What a way to finish the first week back – a dress up day on Friday with a catwalk! Great fun for all, even for the easily embarrassed year 6's. It was lovely to see students putting thought and effort into dressing up for the day and having some fun. The joy in the faces of the younger students didn't fade all day!

Student Awards

Term 2 Weeks 8, 9, 10: Zara, Dante, Olivia, Nate, Billy, Riley, Brodie, Tiana, Lachie H.
Eliza, Colby, Imogen, Tyler, Jasmine, Sophie, Nida.
Leeland, Rosie, Jett, Charlotte, Parker

P & C NEWS

Pie Drive: A huge thank you for all the families who ordered pies, especially those who had multiple orders on behalf of family and friends. We raised just over \$2,000 which will contribute to end of year excursions.

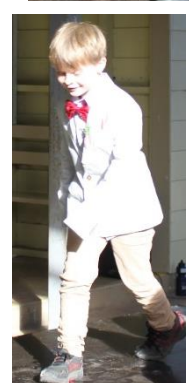
Mini Trains: During the holidays Year 1 parents braved the cold raising \$600 at mini trains. Thank you to all who helped out. ***Year 2 parents are running the next mini trains on Saturday 13th August. Please contact Lee Maw if you can assist.***

New purchases: We now have a defibrillator on the school grounds. The P&C purchased one for the school after our attempts to get our local member or the Department of Education to provide a defibrillator were unsuccessful. We have also purchased a Square Tap and Go Card Reader. You can now pay for uniforms etc with tap and go (finally!!!)

Donation from the Rural Centre: A big thank you to the Orange Rural Centre who generously donated \$1500 to our P&C after we were unsuccessful in the CRT grant program. Please thank the Rural Centre staff if you are visiting the store.

Next P&C meeting is on Wednesday, 3rd August at 3.15pm at the school. We will hold 2 meetings per term, alternating times. All welcome.

On the Catwalk – “Fancy Friday”



Jump Rope for Heart – Last Day Term 2

