



# Pilliga Public School

*The little school that's BIG on learning*

Michael Lord  
Principal

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Term 1, Week 3*  
*Tuesday, February,*  
*17th 2015*

## CALENDAR

### TERM 1

Week 3 - Orange Group

#### Monday 16th

- Special Assembly
- Parent Meeting  
3pm

#### Wed 18th -Friday 20th

- Mr Lord away @  
Dubbo - EA4S &  
Principals' Confer-  
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Week 4 - Red Group



Well done to all students that participated in the swimming carnival last Friday. It was a great day in near perfect conditions with the weather being slightly overcast. From the very first race it was clear that Pilliga Public was here to compete and we did everything in our power to gain as many points for the school as possible. In the end we did actually have more points than Gwabegar but with Gwabegar having less students than us this year the points were handicapped and Gwabegar took home the bragging rights. I want to thank all the parents that came to support their children and our school. It is great to have the extra cheer and help. (more photos on page 3. Apologies to Bryan and Jai who were there having a great time but were not photographed on the school camera!)

### School Leaders

Last Thursday, 3 Year 6 students: Lillianne, William and Luana all gave their leadership speeches. After their speech students and staff voted for who they thought would represent our school the best (Kindys' vote counted as half each). It is with great pleasure that I announce 2015's School Leaders are **William Gray** and **Luana Manson-Smith**! Congratulations and well done to Lillianne who will support our leaders throughout the year.

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### **Wee Waa Pool cancelled last week**

Unfortunately, as you are all aware we could not go swimming last week due to a double booking at the pool. Luckily, we were informed by a parent that the Wee Waa public School had their swimming carnival on that day however, you had all paid for the pool. I have used the money to pay for the extra cost of the Baradine Pool and the bus, as we were informed late that the cost was more. Please feel free to give me a call if you wish to clarify any of this.

### **A busy start...**

There has been plenty on for me these last 2 weeks with specific training in numeracy last week and Early Action for Success this week (Wednesday) as well as the Western Plains principals' conference held each term on Thursday and Friday of week 3. It is a lot of time out of school that I would have preferred not to be at the beginning of the year but unfortunately it has. While Mrs Lord has done an amazing job at getting the year started, please be aware I am looking forward to the normal routine of school becoming more consistent after this week.

### **Cooking - \$20 per term**

Thank you for the prompt payment for cooking. Nearly everyone has paid for the term, which is great. I really appreciate it.

### **This week (Week 3) is Orange group—K, 1, 2, 3**

Next Week (Week 4) Red Group.

### **Fruit Break**

Please supply your child with sufficient fresh fruit each day. We have Fruit Break at 10:00am every day as this has proven to increase concentration and engagement in class.

### **Parent meeting**

Monday 16th February a Parent meeting will be held at the school at 3:00pm.

### **Agenda**

- 2015 at a glance/ school plan update
- School supplies (pens, pencils, eraser ,etc.) - \$20 a student per Semester
- possible school tuckshop—monthly?
- School Uniforms





2015 Swimming Carnival