



Pilliga Public School

The little school that's BIG on learning

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Principal

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Term 1, Week 5
Monday, March,
2nd 2015*

CALENDAR

TERM 1

Week 5 - Orange Group
& Red (for CWA)

Tuesday 3rd

- Stig Performance for Yr 2, 3, 4 and 6 @ Wee Waa

Wednesday 4th

- Mrs Lord away @ Walgett - L3 Kindergarten training
- Cooking**

Friday 6th

- Community Health Protective Behaviours Pt.1
- Assembly

Week 6 - Red Group

Monday 9th

- Medicare Local - Dental, Hands and Hair

Wednesday 11th

- EA4S - Mr Lord away

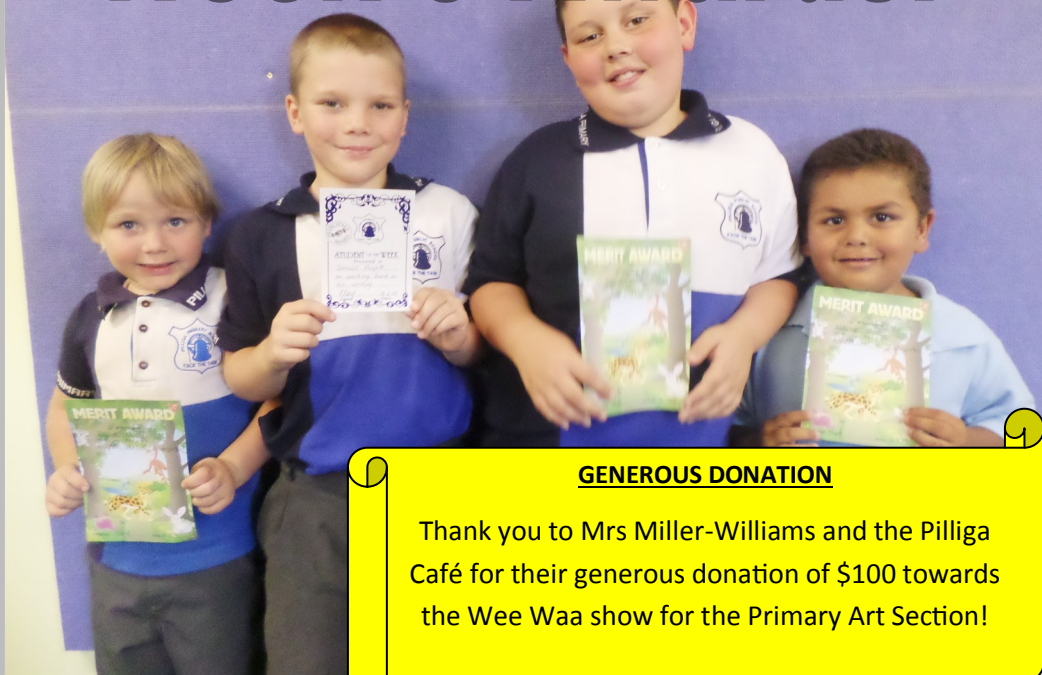
Friday 13th

- Protective Behaviours pt.2

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Week 3 Awards!



GENEROUS DONATION

Thank you to Mrs Miller-Williams and the Pilliga Café for their generous donation of \$100 towards the Wee Waa show for the Primary Art Section!

Stig Wemyss in Wee Waa!

This Tuesday, years 2, 3, 4, and 6 will be heading to Wee Waa Public School to watch Stig Wemyss perform.

Stig Wemyss is one of Australia's most loved narrator of audio books for children and young adults. Stig's performances in libraries and schools around the country have become notorious with children and adults alike. His shows are aimed at Years 3 – 6 and are wildly entertaining, clever and chocked full of fun and he is coming to Wee Waa!

Our Community and the School Plan

After consultation with community members at the recent Community Centre meeting, our 3rd Strategic Direction for the school was outlined. The Strategic Direction was for greater community involvement in the school and for more involvement from the school into the community. This is all part of our school's new 3 year planning cycle being implemented. We now have our 3 Strategic Directions for 2015-2017. These are:

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1

Raise expectations and enhance the quality of student learning

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2

Quality Teaching
And School Management

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3

Cultural and
Community Inclusion

Protective Behaviours

Sharon Philpott a Community Development Worker from the Narrabri & District Community Aid Service Inc. (NDCAS) and Renee Finnegan will be presenting the Protective Behaviours program to K-2 and 3-6 students in two sessions, Friday 6th and Friday 13th.

The program strategies can provide the basis for helping children be safe at school and address problems such as bullying. It can also help everyone learn to stay safe from the risks that surround us in everyday life.

This program goes along with our PDHPE unit of study.

Medicare Local—Dental, Hands and Hair Presentation

On Monday 9th March, Nicole Carlyon from MediCare Local will be presenting an information session to all the students about dental hygiene, hand washing practices and the facts about nits and how to prevent them.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Phelps for their kind donation of over \$100 worth of new school shirts !

A Warm Welcome to Mrs Slack-Smith

As part of our participation in the Early Action for Success program, it is recommended that students at the K-2 years be engaged in specific Literacy and Numeracy learning as a targeted group. This is difficult in a rural and remote, small school setting as having teachers available and funds to employ teachers can be difficult. However, through EA4S we are able to employ Kate Slack-Smith who is looking forward to the opportunity to teach on Thursdays in Mrs Lord's Room. This will mean Mr Fraser will be in my room (Mr Lord's) and Mrs Slack-Smith with Mrs Lord's class.

Kate is an experienced teacher from Burren Junction who is currently on maternity leave, teaching 1 day in Burren and 1 day at Pilliga. We are excited to have her for this year and encourage everyone to say g'day.

This will also mean a rearrangement of Thursdays.

Cooking - Cooking will now take place on a Friday and will continue as normal with Orange group (K, 1,2 & 3) cooking this week. ****Please Note This week is the exception with cooking being held on Wednesday due to Mrs Pfeffer attending training on Friday for playgroup and the CWA cooking competition is this week)**

Scripture - Scripture will now be held on Tuesday afternoons at the same time of 2:00pm



Week 4 Awards!



Guided Reading with Mrs Lord



Cooking! Orange Group

Playgroup News



New toy library lady has assured me she will be coming to Pilliga every second Wednesday. But if parents have a toy they would like to drop off in between those visits they can be placed in the Playgroup office and I will return them to the toy library.

Lots of craft activities, pretend play, water play and sandpit play.

In the future we will be doing colour themed days where the child can wear the nominated colour with craft activities based on that colour. Don't worry you will have plenty of notice.

Helen Haire the regions Child and Family Health nurse will be out on the 11th of March for baby weighing and any other health issues.

We are looking for any cardboard cereal type boxes, rolls (not toilet) and plastic containers ie ice cream and yogurt containers.

