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# Pilliga Public School Newsletter

*The little school that's BIG on learning*

*Term 2, Week 7*  
*Tuesday 2nd, June 2015*

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What beautiful wet weather we have had over the last few weekends. I hope it helps out all those that depend on it.

It is Week 7 already and there is plenty of things to squeeze into this term before the holidays come around. 2 Ways is this week (Friday) which will be held in Gwabegar. Our annual School Camp Out is fast approaching as well. It will be held on the 19th, June and it will become a fundraising event for the school as well (read more about this in the newsletter).

## **Cross Country**

Luana did herself and the school proud by competing in the Bellata Zone Cross Country. She finished 7th overall and is a reserve for the Coolah race. Well done, Luana!

## **Future Leaders Conference—Lake Keepit**

Another successful outing for Pilliga Public School. Our school Leader, Luana and Support Leader, Lillianne represented us at the Future Leaders Conference at Lake Keepit. They participated in a variety of team building exercises including; working in groups to construct the tallest tower out of bamboo sticks and tape, working as a team to solve complex puzzles, supporting each other to overcome fears on the Giant Swing and many more fun activities designed to build their capacity to work as a team and lead by example. Amongst the fun, hands on activities, Lil and Lu had to knuckle down and put together a presentation for all the schools and teachers for a project they wanted to do at school. They did an amazing job at putting their ideas down and into a presentation and their ability to talk in front of 70 people was outstanding. Congratulations Luana and Lillianne!

## **Cooking**

Thank you to those families that are up to date in their payments for cooking this term. It is greatly appreciated. The cost is \$20 per student for the term. If a payment plan is required please don't hesitate to call the school and we will get that arranged.

## **School Camp Out 2015/fundraiser**

The annual School Camp Out will be happening this term in week 9 - Friday, 19th June. It is a night where students stay the night at the school and participate in activities and have a great time. This year, with the assistance from Gunida Gunya Aboriginal Corporation and Carers NSW (through the Australian Government's Drought Assistance Package), we will be having an outdoor cinema provided along with a popcorn machine which will be used as a free Community Movie Night and help us to raise money for our excursion by selling a BBQ dinner, popcorn and hot drinks on the night. I am hoping to engage visitors from the bore and invite all the community to the night.

Details will be brought up at the next parent meeting on the 9th, June (Tuesday) @ 3:15pm.

## **Assessments and Reports**

This week we will be doing our assessments for reports. Reports will be handed out on the last Monday of term - 22nd June.

## **2 Ways**

This Friday is the combined Gwabegar/Pilliga Athletics carnival. This year it will be held at Gwabegar. There will be canteen available so please help support the Gwabegar School and allow your child to bring some money for lunch and snacks (\$10 maximum).

## **School Photos**

School photos are booked for Thursday 25th June, which is in the last week of term. I will pass on more information as it arrives.

## **Fruit Break**

There has been an increase in children not bringing fruit to school and it seems it is being replaced with extra packets of chips or other less healthy snacks. Please check your child's lunch box and ensure fruit is packed each day.

## **WAMS Health Checks**

On Tuesday 16th June, the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service (WAMS) will be visiting our school to do check ups and general health assessments. This will begin at 10am and it would be beneficial if a parent was present at the check up. An appointment list/order can be made up at the next parent meeting - Tues 9th June.

## **Parent meeting**

Next Tuesday 9th June @ 3:15pm

### **Agenda**

School Sleep Out Fundraiser

Excursion

6 Ways

Tuck Shop

WAMS Health Checks

Cooking payments

# G'day from Playgroup!

Last week we were lucky enough to be able to jump on the 'school bus' and head over to Gwabegar to watch the Crocodile Encounter Show. We were also able to share a lovely lunch which was made for us by Wee Waa Bakery and share with Demo his birthday cake. It was a very entertaining show with snakes, lizards and even a baby crocodile! It's not every day you can cuddle a crocodile! We all agreed a great day was had by all.

One of our focuses in playgroup is early literacy. The growth of literacy skills is a vital part of a child's overall development. It's the foundation for doing well at school, socialising with others and developing independence. In playgroup we plan fun activities that will teach your child the connection between spoken sounds and letters on the page in a play based environment.

Look forward to seeing you all again next week!





## Gwabegar Hall - Crocodile Encounter



## Congrats Lu! Bellata Zone Cross Country



## More pics from our Cross Country





# June 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5 2 ways @ Guwabegar	6	7
8 Public Holiday	9 Parent Meeting @ 3:15pm	10	11 Mr Lord away - Growth Coaching @ Dubbo	12 Cooking K,1,2,3 Mr Lord away - Growth Coaching @ Dubbo	13	14
15	16 WAMS - Health Checks	17	18	19 Cooking - 4, 6 School Camp Out and Movie Night	20	21
22	23	24	25 School Photos	26 Last day of term Cooking - K,1,2,3	27	28
29 Holidays	30 Holidays					