



Pilliga Public School Newsletter

The little school that's BIG on learning

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Week 5, Term 4

CWA Mongolia Day



On Monday we spent the afternoon with the ladies of the Pilliga, Country Women's Association and Gwabegar Public School celebrating the country, Mongolia. Students from both schools spent last term creating projects and presentations on the country of study, and the CWA lunch was a great way to conclude their work.

We were all treated to a musical performance from Gwabegar with singing and guitar playing, and then we moved on to a delicious feast prepared by the CWA. Our students had a great time sampling the types of food that people in Mongolia might eat.

Pilliga Public would like to give a huge THANKYOU to everyone who helped put on the day - from the set-up, to the cooking, to the clean-up - we appreciate it all.

A special thankyou to Mrs Wilkins who took over the International Officer role from Mrs Fields. The shoes to fill were big ones, but we all agree that they fit just fine!

COMING UP:

- 11/11 Remembrance Day
- 25/11 Pilliga School Meat Raffles @ Pub
- 18/11 3D Printing Demonstration
- 21/11 Swim School Week 1 (K/1 Mon, Tues, Wed and yr 2-6 Thurs, Fri)
- 28/11 Swim School Week 2 (K/1 Mon, Tues, and yr 2-6 Wed. Thurs, Fri)
- 8/12 Presentation Night



Remembrance Day

On Friday the 11th of November, at 11am we, along with the rest of the countries in the Commonwealth stopped our lessons and held a Remembrance Service. Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the end of World War I, and is a time for us to reflect on the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have defended our country in times of war.



PLEDGE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Australian soldier grows not old, the flame still lights his eyes
Although his body lays to rest, his flag forever flies

On the green and gold horizon where the wattles sweep and sway
It flies amongst the gardens and the classrooms of today

Over ocean streams and backyard dreams, above the sunburnt plain
Through harvest yields, on sporting fields, in rainbows after rain

It defines a life worth living and a day that must be won
For every father's daughter and for every mother's son

But more than that, the honour claimed in fighting for the free
The pride of the Australian soldier burns in you and me

When the night is dark and dangerous with the rumble of the storm
His courage calls the sunrise and his spirit makes it warm

We will not forget their sacrifice – the strength of their endeavour
For the choices we are gifted with, that flame will burn forever

With a smile that lights the future shining brightly in our scope
We will stand as one, together - we will carry on with hope

But as we go, we take the words that rightfully belong
*"I am young and I am worthy, I am brave and I am strong
In the face of any challenge, I will strive to rise above
I deserve this opportunity to live, to learn, to love
I can truly make a difference; my path is up to me
And this is my commitment – be the best that I can be."*

Rupert McCall 2011



Swim School

Swim School will be operating for 2 weeks from **Monday 21st November to Friday 2nd December**. Infants and Primary students will each attend a one week intensive swimming program. In the past, students have participated in a two week program, however due to student numbers, this year students will have access to five full days at the pool, rather than 10 half days.

Kinder and Year 1 - Learn to Swim

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of the first week (November 21st-23rd)
and Monday, Tuesday of the second week (November 28th-29th)

Year 2-6 - Stroke Correction and Water Safety

Thursday, Friday of the first week (November 24th-25th)
and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the second week (November 30th – December 2nd)

On the days that your child is not attending swim school, they are expected to attend school where normal classes will be running.

Permission notes were sent home on Friday.

Please return them back to school by Wednesday 16th November.

Kindergarten Transition Program

Our Kindergarten Transition program is going great. Maddie has been working hard on numbers to 10, letters and their sounds, and (as you can see in the photos) early writing conventions. They are all very impressed with themselves! They are also preparing a special performance for presentation night.



Term 4 is quite hot. Please make sure your transition student comes to school with a hat and water each Wednesday.

Transition will continue to run during the weeks of the school swimming program.



3D Printer Demonstration

On Friday next week, Mr Harvey and Mr Vangelatos from Cobar Public School are demonstrating for us how a 3D Printer works.

We will be learning how to make a virtual design of an object using computer technology and then watching it print out in 3D form.

3D printing is a relatively new technology with the capability to print very complex things - from puzzles, to working robots. We aren't quite at the skill level to be designing and creating a robot, but we are excited to see how our own designs on the computer can be reproduced into something we can actually hold and use.

Presentation Night



When: Thursday 8th of December

Where: Pilliga Public School

When: 6pm sharp!

Presentation Night is a night for our students to showcase their school and their hard work they have done throughout the year. Please mark this date on your calendar and invite your friends, family and neighbours! More information will be sent home in the coming weeks,

Art with Mrs Phelps

Our Infants class had a great time blowing paint around with straws to create the hair of our interpretation of the book character Oscar from 'In the Evening'. These pictures will go on display in the classroom as part of our writing display.

