



Pilliga Public School Newsletter

The little school that's BIG on learning

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Week 4, Term 2, 2017

Warrumbungle Leadership Camp

Last week, our School leaders participated in a leadership camp at the Warrumbungle National Park. It was a great 3 day camp with the focus on developing leadership



skills and creating an environmental plan for the leaders to initiate in our school. Everyone's favourite part of the camp was conquering Split Rock mountain. It literally took blood, sweat and tears for some to climb!

Some great new friendships were made and our leaders have a plan to compost our scrap food in a worm farm!

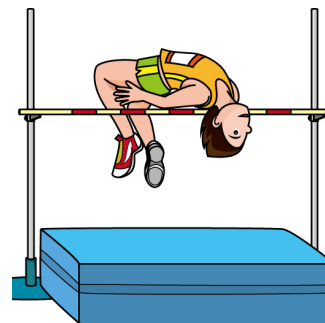
COMING UP:

- 17/5 Families Week @ PPS
- 18/5 Michael @ Dubbo Principal Meeting
- 19/5 Michael @ Dubbo & Cross Country @ Fairfax
- 22/5 Maddy & Shelley Phonics Workshop @ Coonabarrabran
- 23/5 Poetry Rehearsal for parents @ 3pm
- 30-31/5—1/6 Narrabri Eisteddfod
- 2/6 Book Parade
- 6/6 Puberty Talk (10am girls and their parent, 11am boys and their parent)
- 7/6 NW Science Challenge @ Narrabri



Athletics Training

The combined Pilliga/Gwabegar 2-Ways Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Week 8 this term. We are starting our Athletics training at school this week, and will continue for the remainder of the term. Please make sure your child brings appropriate clothing and footwear for running, jumping and throwing.



Book Fair

Our school Book Fair will take place in Week 6 this term, with our Book Parade on **Friday, June 2nd**. As we have for the past few years, all of the books will be on display for the whole week, and on Friday we will have a dress-up day and hold the market where books can be purchased. This year, we are happy to reserve books after the fair for one week. After this time, all un-purchased books are returned to Scholastic.

Narrabri Eisteddfod & Poetry Rehearsal

The Narrabri Eisteddfod will be held on the **30th/31st of May and the 1st of June**. **We will be holding a rehearsal for parents and community members on Tuesday, May 23rd at 3pm** to give students a practice in front of an audience. The program is as follows:

Tuesday, May 30th	
8am—	Infants Individual Poems (Harmonie, Claire, Tyleena)
10:15am—	Pilliga Public School poems (all students)
2pm—	Two-Voice Poems (Rocky & Sonia)
Wednesday, May 31st	
8am—	Year 3 and 4 Individual Poems (Samual, Jorden P, Charlotte)
1:30pm—	Year 4 Individual Mime (Samual, Charlotte)
Thursday, June 1st	
8am—	Year 6 Individual Poems (Bridie, Kira, Iesha)
1:00pm—	Year 6 Individual Mime (Jordan M, Bridie, Kira, Iesha)
	Year 6 Two-Voice Poems (Bridie & Kira, Jordan M & Iesha)

This year, as we have multiple entrants in the eisteddfod, parents are expected to arrange transportation and supervision of their child for the individual and two-voice poems on their respective days. A teacher will be present each day, however, this is in a facilitator role, rather than that of a supervisor.

On the Tuesday, students who are not participating in the Infants Individual Poems will be transported to Narrabri for our school poem. Teachers will supervise for this day.

More information will be handed out at the poetry rehearsal.

Kindergarten Transition

Our 2018 Kindergarten Transition program will start next term. Unlike most schools who offer a 1-day Transition to Kindergarten, Pilliga Public School holds an extended transition for Terms 2 & 3. This program is aimed at students who are attending school in 2018, and is also extended to students who are turning 4 this year if their behavior is appropriate for the school environment. As always, our enrolled students are our first priority and we ensure that their learning is not disrupted. The next priority goes to students attending school in 2018, to ensure that they have few disruptions as they learn the way of the classroom and school life. Children turning 4 this year may attend half-days. Again, this will depend on their maturity and ability to follow instructions. As we all know, learning begins at home which is where you can teach your child the expected behaviours necessary to be involved in our school transition. This includes being able to sit, listen and engage in a story, follow simple directions and participate in shared games. All children will also need to be able to go to the toilet independently.

This program is not compulsory for schools to offer and we want to encourage positive experiences at school to maintain its success.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see Michael at the school.

Family Day

To celebrate National Families Week, NDCAS Namoi Family and Youth Service are hosting a morning of entertainment at Pilliga Public School on **Wednesday, May 17th**. Gwabegar Public School and Gwabegar Playgroup will be joining us, along with Pilliga Playgroup.

Lunch will be provided, however students may choose order their recess from the café as we usually do on Wednesdays, or bring their own from home. Students will also need fruit break.

My Transfer

I held a staff meeting and a parent meeting on Thursday last week to relay some news that I had heard on Wednesday afternoon. I have been offered, and have accepted a position at Woodburn Public School for 2018 as Assistant Principal. Woodburn is close to the town that we came from and is an area that we have hoped to return to one day. Working at Pilliga Public School has been a very rewarding job for both Nicole and I, with challenges and triumphs, and it will be hard to leave. We are looking forward to getting stuck into the rest of the year and handing over this beautiful, little country school to the next lucky principal.

My boss is keen to fill the position early which will allow for plenty of time for planning and making sure that the transition is a smooth one for parents and students.

Hairdressing

With Cat Hewett

Every Thursday & Friday at the Pilliga CTC Centre



*Cat is a qualified hairdresser
with many years of experience,
from stylish cuts to trendy
colours, Cat will have you
covered!*

**Contact Cat on: 0407 278 535 to
book an appointment**