

Newsletter

Term 3 week 5



Important Dates

- Red Track Athletics Carnival –11th August
- Deadly dukes Adventurous Journey- 18th August
- Book week Parade- Monday 21st August
- Sean Choolburra-25th August
- Book Week-21st –25th August

2017 Focus Areas for Improvement;

1. Reading- Comprehension Skills
2. Writing- Sentence Construction
3. Attendance- 92% target



OUR VISION STATEMENT

To develop competent, responsible citizens for the future.

Thuringowa High Visit

Last week the Thuringowa High Concert Band visited our school to give a wonderful 1 hour performance. It was great to see 5 former Weir students in the band. Thanks you to Mrs Murakami for bringing them along to our school. Everyone really enjoyed it.



Weir Wonders

PB	Roxine
PR	Dekohta
PY	Joshua
PG	Jye
PM	Rhyse
1B	Mervyn
1R	Dalilah
1Y	Elouise
1G	Logan
1M	Destiny
1S	Rachel
2B	Tyler
2R	Akarsha
2M	Jamie
3B	Leevi
3R	Waylon
3Y	Dominic
3G	Sara
4B	Jessica
4R	Malakye
4Y	Karina
4G	Ella
3/4M	Fabien
5B	Cai
5R	Annalyse
5Y	Nina
5G	B-Jay
6B	Joebi
6R	Ruby
6Y	Eleanor
6G	Alyson
5/6M	Rikadonna

From the Principal's desk:

A huge shout out to Teacher Aide, Miss Miriam Agita, who is in Melbourne this week competing in the world AFL cup series. Miss Agita is representing her home country of Papua New Guinea. We are very proud of her!

A few changes have been made this week in relation to student toileting routines for years 3-6. This is in response to the ongoing damage problems occurring in the toilet blocks of the older students. Students are encouraged to attend to their personal needs as much as possible during break times. Due to the damage occurring mostly during class time, students in years 3-6 who need to visit the toilet during class time will be accompanied by a teacher aide rather than a student buddy.

While this will take teacher aide support away from the classroom we are hoping that this will reduce the number of times students are using toilet visits as a work avoidance tactic as well as the unacceptable behaviour of causing damage to our school facilities.

We have also made some short term changes to playground times for year 6 students. This is in response to anti-social behaviour between various groups of students. Most year 6 students will now have their play time prior to eating time. Each day one group of year 6 students will engage in supervised co-operative play activities. These activities will focus on providing opportunities to teach the students how to interact and play in a socially appropriate manner.

Students who are engaged in school representative activities, eg Eisteddfod, chess team, STEM team, will not be penalised **and will be released by their teachers to continue participation. If you have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.** This is a short term change put in place to address some issues specific to year 6. The need for the change will be reviewed in two weeks.

The admin team has had cause this year to expel four students from our school, and have suspended a high number of students. This is in addition to a high number of in school suspensions and support programs. The school has a Responsible Behaviour Policy for Students. Every parent and student is made aware of this policy upon enrolment and is provided with a copy.

Our school is recognised for the fantastic work the staff does in assisting students with difficult to manage behaviour to make changes. The school also recognises the needs of students who may have been subject to teasing or bullying and we have supports available for those students. The school has one of the highest percentage of restorative programs in place in the state. However, there has to be a bottom line.

If your child is swearing, using inappropriate language, causing damage to school and other's property it is an expectation that a school suspension may be imposed. If your child continues to engage in anti-social behaviour, teasing and bullying after restorative, redirection and support measures have been put in place expect that a school suspension may be imposed. Once this action is taken a student is not eligible to participate in off site activities for the remainder of the school term.

If your child's behaviour poses an unacceptable risk to the students and staff at the school then alternative programs or exclusion may be recommended.

If your child comes home and shares any concerns with you, please help your child talk to their class teacher as soon as possible. In most instances the issue will have been attended to and the class teacher can help you provide support or feedback to your child. If needed the class teacher can also assist your child to access support if required. Sometimes incidents or issues arise that staff are not aware of and we appreciate parents assisting their children to speak to their class teacher. The sooner a staff member knows of an issue the easier it is for staff to support students in addressing issues.

Some of actions listed above are termed Student Disciplinary Actions. While we are implementing these actions and if your child has been involved you will be informed that student disciplinary action has been taken. The details of the actions are not made public to anyone other than the child and the parents/carers of the child involved. These details are confidential and belong to the child upon who the actions are being enforced. Also the support details provided to any student are not made available to anyone other than the child involved and their parents/carers. I appreciate the support of the school community in recognising the confidentiality that surrounds child protection across our state.

As a school we will continue to implement weekly lessons on positive behaviour for learning each Monday, and weekly lessons in social and emotional learning. This term's social and emotional learning lessons are focussing on the Daniel Morcombe curriculum.

The school has been successful in securing a grant to bring the Life Ed van back in term 4 to provide a cyber safety program to our older students to the value of \$5000! Thank you to Mrs Brown for your work in securing this opportunity for our students.

I would also like to highly recommend to all parents our new tuckshop menu!! The new menu has taken our tuckshop to the status of green, with most items being home baked on site.

The tuckshop is run by the P&C to provide a service to students. A tuckshop convener is employed by the P&C for only 20 hours per week to complete ordering and co-ordination. All other hours by the convener are voluntary. The tuckshop relies on parent and community volunteers to function. The tuckshop has run at a loss for the past 3 years. This can't continue. To ensure the service to our children we are in desperate need of both daily volunteers and parents/carers who are willing to home bake for the tuckshop. We are desperately looking for 20 volunteers each week to help out on a rotation in the tuckshop each morning. Volunteers receive a meal.

Are you a working parent who is not available in the mornings? We are also seeking parents who can help by home baking once a month (that's only twice a term) from home. If each family is able to help or contribute once per term in some way then our children will benefit from having the best tuckshop possible available to them! If we can turn the tuckshop around to make a small profit then any profits are donated back to the school to support the quality of resources available for your children. How can you help? Please contact Krystal in the tuckshop if you are able to help in any way.

Thank you
Jennie Vanderjagt

Family Support at Weir State School



Shelley Webb from Good Beginnings is available to provide support to parents at Weir State School. If you, or someone you know, would like to talk to a Family Support Worker please call Shelley on 0432 053 909 or shelley.webb@savethechildren.org.au. Alternatively Shelley is based on the school grounds in Outside School Hours Care building every Tuesday from 8am – 10am, so you can drop by to have a chat.



What can the Family Support Worker help with?

You and/or your children's self-esteem
Your children's education and development
The pressure and stress of parenting
General health
Mental health
Budgeting and financial management
Family relationships
You and your family's emotional wellbeing

Shelley is available 8am to 10am, every Tuesday, in the Outside School Hours Care Building

VACANCIES: ASC & BSC

WEIR OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



Weir OSHC aims to provide quality care at an affordable cost to families, in a caring and friendly atmosphere where school age children feel safe and enjoy activities with their peers.

We provide learning opportunities guided by the National Quality Framework for School Age Care - 'My Time, Our Place'. Our goals are to encourage children to:

- Have a strong sense of identity
- Become connected with and contribute to their world
- Have a strong sense of wellbeing
- Become confident and involved learners
- Become effective communicators

At **Before School Care** a nutritious breakfast is provided at no extra cost. Children are free to choose activities including board games, puzzles, home corner, books, drawing, playdough, toys and construction sets like Lego, Mobilo and Klikko. Some electronics such as iPads, Wii games and TV may also be available.



At **After School Care** a nutritious snack is offered which always includes fruit. Similar activities to BSC may be offered and a choice between outdoor and indoor settings is given. Outdoors, various games and sports are organised. Extra activities like painting, collage, music and movement, dress-ups, cooking and science activities may be added to the self-selected items indoors. Electronics such as iPads, Wii games and TV may also be available later in the afternoon with children restricted to 10 to 15 minute turns on iPads and Wii.

At **Vacation Care** during school holidays we include also have excursions to places such as parks, theatres, museums and cinemas. Swimming, Bowling, Mini Golf and Launch Zone are popular choices. Incursions from cultural groups or craft experts may be booked too. Programs are usually available in Week 8 of the term and bookings are taken on a first come first served basis.

Bookings for each type of service – ASC, BSC and VAC are independent of one another. ASC and BSC bookings may be permanent or casual and can be for as few days per week as needed.

All Staff hold qualifications or are studying in the areas of Children's Services, Education, Health or Sport and Recreation, most have First Aid certificates and all have Blue Cards.

Both **Child Care Benefit** and **Child Care Rebate** are available as fee reductions if Centrelink has assessed you as eligible and CRNs are provided.

Working or studying parents are given **priority of access**. A **Parent Handbook** is included in OSHC Enrolment packages.

Glenda or Emma can be contacted:
 Phone: 4773 6033 Mobile: 0417 609 682
 Email: wieroshc@bigpond.com



Ordering Info

Flexi Schools

- To register: Call 1300361769 or www.flexischools.com.au
- Take advantage of the reoccurring order feature! Easily order in advance!
- Keep up with new Specials

Brown Paper Bags:

- Write your child's name, class & 1st or 2nd break clearly on the bag
- Separate bags for each break
- Fold top of bag x 3 to enclose \$\$\$
- Change will be taped to the bag

\$5 WINTER SPECIALS

- Mini Pizza, Garlic Bread & Popper/Water
- Spaghetti, Garlic Bread & Popper/Water
- Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Popper/Water
- Soup, French Stick & Popper/Water

(Allergy Advice: Capstan)

\$5 LUNCH BOX DEAL

(Vegemite/Jam Sandwich, Cup of Stix, Popcorn, Popper)

HOT FOOD

Crumbed Chicken Burger (Lettuce, Tomato and Mayo)	\$5.00
Cheese Burger (Meat Patis, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato Sauce)	\$4.00
The Works Burger (Meat Patis, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Beetroot, Pineapple, Cams, Onions, Cucumber, BBQ Sauce)	\$6.00
Homemade Chicken Tenders x3	\$2.50
Homemade Quiche	\$2.50
Mac and Cheese	\$3.00
Homemade Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Sauce	\$0.40

Special Dietary Requirements

- Many meals can be made to accommodate dietary needs.
- Please phone us in advance.

Our specially designed menu is full of HOMEMADE FRESH FOOD to comply with QLD Government Smart Choices Policy!

The Weir State School Tuckshop is operated by the Weir P&C Association.

Tel: (07) 47 239 600

SALADS

Quiche & Salad	\$6.50
Salad BOX (Lettuce, Tomato, Cams, Cheese, Cucumber, Egg)	\$5.00
Cup of Stix (Cams, Celery, Cheese)	\$2.00

SANDWICHES

Vegemite/Honey/Strawberry Jam	\$1.50
Cheese	\$2.50
Ham/Chicken	\$4.00
Salad	\$4.00
Add Mayo	\$0.30
Add Cheese	\$0.50
Add Salad (Cams/Lettuce/Tomato/Beetroot)	\$1.00
Toasted	\$0.50

WRAPS

Ham/Chicken & Salad	Full	\$6.00
	Half	\$3.00

EXTRAS

Plastic Fork/Spoon	\$0.10
Lunch Bags (pack of 10)	\$1.50

WEIR STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP MENU ~WINTER 2017~



- 1st Lunch Break - 10:45am
- 2nd Lunch Break - 1pm
- C & K orders: Wednesday Lunch Only
- Over the counter sales both Breaks!

Volunteers ALWAYS Welcome!

Especially 8:30am till 11:30am!

Convenor: Krystal Waters

Tel: (07) 47 239 600

SNACKS & TREATS

Rice Cakes (Vegemite/Cheese, Vegemite & Cheese, Cheese & Tomato)	\$1.00
Cheese Stick	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Boiled Egg	\$1.00
Fruit Salad Cup (Seasonal Fruit)	\$2.50
Fruit Salad Cup with Yoghurt (Seasonal Fruit)	\$3.00
Piece of Fruit	\$1.50
Apple/Pear Slinky	\$1.50
Gluten Free Blueberry Muffin	\$1.50

DRINKS

Water 600ml	\$2.00
Flavoured Milk 300ml (Strawberry/Chocolate)	\$2.50
Flavoured Milk 500ml (Strawberry/Chocolate)	\$3.70
100% Popper (Orange/Apple/Apple & Blackcurrant/Tropical)	\$2.00
Frozen Juice Cup (Apple/Orange)	\$1.00
Fresh Milk 300ml	\$1.20

House Points Tally



Elliott



Cuthbert



Fraser



Bradman

Homework Club

Homework club operates Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4pm in the Library.



Like us on Facebook!

For school information and updates parents can "Like" our Facebook page, "Weir State School". Look for the one with the school logo.



Please contact the office on 47261333 to update your information so that we can reach you if there is an emergency.

FROM the LIBRARY



In week 7, 21st - 25th August we will celebrate Book Week. The theme for this year is **Escape to Everywhere**. Our annual **Book Week Costume Parade** will be held on Monday 21st August. The week-long event is an annual celebration of books written for young people, and hopes to inspire a love of reading.



Well done to all those students that have taken up the Premier's Reading Challenge. It is wonderful to see how many students are committed to reading the **20 books required for the challenge**. It's not too late to start. Pop into the Library to grab a reading log. Forms are due back at school by 8th September 2017.