A huge thank you to the Kalinowski and Woodgate clans for braving the cold and windy conditions last Saturday to put together our new trampoline. You all did an amazing job and rest assured the tramp is getting a good workout this week. Don’t forget our working bee on Sunday May 24. If you are unable to attend and would like to help out please contact Lisa for a jobs list. There’s always something that needs doing around here.
NAPLAN

Our Year Three and Five Students have been giving very best efforts to complete NAPLAN testing this week. These tests are carried out Australia wide by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. On Tuesday our students were required to plan and write a persuasive text convincing the reader that their chosen sport, hobby or interest should be tried by others. They also had to complete a 40 minute test paper in the area of Writing Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation). Tomorrow completes this testing cycle with a Numeracy Test. No matter how our students score we want them to know that we are proud of them and that their personal best is ALWAYS good enough.

Who’s In?

Our morning tea/luncheon is scheduled for next Wednesday morning and so far we have received zero RSVP’s. If you or anyone you know is planning on coming to this yummy event, please ring, text or send along a note; we need numbers for catering purposes. This day also coincides with and Open Day for Education Week. If you know of anyone who is considering sending their children to Welton (or should be considering Welton as a school for their child/ren) please invite or even accompany them to the morning tea and/or open day. We have decided not to charge for the morning tea, but instead will be selling our ‘hot off the press’ cookbook and holding a raffle. The raffle is entitled YUMMY. We ask that each family donate something that fits that description to place in the raffle hamper. Donations can be sent along to school before next Tuesday.

Let’s Go Pink

I am sure we all know people who have battled or are currently battling breast cancer. Unfortunately, over the past 12 months we have had a couple of Welton Families affected by the horrendous disease. On Thursday students have the opportunity to help raise funds for the Breast Care Network of Australia. Students will be able to purchase a pink bun for a gold coin donation. The buns would make a lovely morning tea. Below is an extract from the Baker’s Delight website:

The 2015 Pink Bun Fundraiser
Monday 11 May to Wednesday 3 June, 2015
Each May during the annual ‘Pink Bun’ campaign, all Bakers Delight bakeries donate 100% of the sale of Pink Finger Buns which raises more than $1m each year for BCNA. “Over 15 years, we have baked and sold almost 5 million Pink Buns to raise funds for BCNA. The partnership has become part of the Bakers Delight culture and we want to thank all our customers over the past 15 years for giving generously to a fantastic cause,” says Lesley Gillespie, joint CEO of Bakers Delight. BCNA could not continue to support their members without the generosity of Bakers Delight’s 600 bakeries and more than 12,000 bakery staff right across the country. And most importantly, our customers that show support for Pink Bun each year!

Prehistoric Times

The Junior and Middle Year Levels are studying Dinosaurs this term. Keep a look out for some scary looking creatures on work coming home over the next few weeks. Next week the students in Years 3 and 4 will begin a project on a chosen dinosaur. Whilst the majority of research will be completed in class, some students may want/need to complete bits and pieces at home. Information sheets about this project will be provided to the students on Friday. The Year 5/6 Students have begin researching Early Man. Each has a project to complete on a particular ‘man’. Once again, the majority of the work will be completed during class; however, some students may want (or need) to bring work home to complete. Fact sheets detailing the requirements of this project can be found in your child’s reading diary.
School Photos

Most families want school photos this year. It has been pretty much a split down the middle decision as to using our usual photographer or getting another individual or company to do it. Based on your responses we have decided to organise an alternative photographer for later in the year. Thank you to those families who provided thoughtful feedback regarding this. You will be further advised when a booking has been made.

Mothers’ Day Stall

We trust that all of our lovely mums had a fantastic Mother's Day and were spoilt rotten by their offspring. The Mother's Day Stall was a great success, with students having plenty of beautiful gifts to choose from. Thank you to all families who sent along donations (in some cases to have those exact donations bought back, using your money and presented to you on Sunday). A special thank you to 'Grandma' Dottie Williams and 'Aunty' Elsie Williams who always support our Mother's Day Stall by donating many wonderful gifts, even though they no longer have any children or grandchildren at our school. Now that's community spirit!

Bush Dance @ Leitchy

On Monday May 25th we will be travelling to Leitchville to attend a day of fun and frivolity – participating in a bush dancing workshop with students from both the Leitchville and Gunbower Primary Schools. **Don't forget to wear your bush dancing clobber!** From the feedback I received from parents last week, most families do not wish to attend the dance in the evening but are happy for the kids to do so. I have organised a mini bus to transport the students to and from the dance. This means that families do not have to attend the evening BBQ and dance. The big bus will complete the normal morning run and then I will drive the minibus to Leitchville. The students will participate in the day sessions during school hours, then the Year 4-6 students will have a footy/netball session in preparation for the Kerang Tournament. The younger students will have planned activities. The students will then be provided with an early tea, before the evening dance commences. I will drive the students back and deliver them to their door. The evening finishes at 8pm. I will contact families as we are leaving. If these arrangements suit you, please sign and return the attached green form with your dinner order. If these arrangements do not suit you please contact me ASAP so we can come to an arrangement about the day/night. Whilst I realise that these arrangements do not suit everyone due to after school commitments, bedtimes and the like, I have to go with the majority decision.

Thanks, Lisa

Missing In Action

We have a number of iPad charging plugs at school minus the cords. These cords have clearly found their way into your homes. Cords must accompany iPads to and from home as it is inevitable that there will be times when iPads need to be charged in the school environment. All families are asked to give this due consideration and take appropriate action.
Pie Drive

A little reminder that **forms and payment should be returned by Thursday May 15.** Delivery date will be confirmed, but is usually within five working days.

Football and Netball at Kerang

As per last year, our senior students have been invited to join with students from Gunbower, Leitchville and Koondrook to form one football and two netball teams. Students from Years 4, 5 and 6 are included. These teams will then compete in the Kerang and Districts Primary School Football and Netball Competition. The timing of this day is a little inconvenient as we have the bush dance at Leitchville the day/evening before and Lisa is required to participate in a mathematics course. Bruce will accompany the students to Kerang and Rachelle will teach the Yr 1-3 students. The bus will make the usual morning run to pick up James, Matilda, Daria, Lucas and Angus. Unfortunately it needs to be at school by 8.30am in order to leave for Kerang. Therefore, parents can either put their students on the bus at the Torrumbarry Hall bus shelter at 8.00 am or bring them to school before 8.30am. Also the bus will complete its normal afternoon run, but this will be 15 minutes later than normal to allow for the bus to get back from Kerang. Sorry for any inconvenience caused by these arrangements. If anyone has any questions or needs to make special arrangements please contact Lisa ASAP.

Life After Welton.

Angus Jackson

*How is secondary school?*

It is great. Thw work is easy sometimes but it can be challenging. There are lots of kids in your class; usually 20-30. I have made heaps of new friends. I wasn’t that nervous on the first day and after a week it was like it was normal. We had an awesome Year 7 camp in the third week. I have found it really good.

*Favourite subjects*

My favourite subjects would be Maths and PE

*What is different from Welton?*

Welton only had a few kids where secondary school has over 900. I knew everyone at Welton and at secondary school I only know my friends and classmates.

*What do you miss?*

I miss all the teachers and kids. I also miss the work and the things that we used to do. The main thing I miss is all the excursions that we used to do.

*What is your favourite memory of Welton*

My favourite memory would be Energy Breakthrough. It was one of the best experiences of my life. It was a great three days with all my friends.

*The best thing so far at secondary school?*

My favourite part of secondary school so far is the Year 7 camp at Harrietville. You get to do so many different activities. My favourite was mountain bike riding.
School Council

The next meeting of the Welton Primary School Council is on Monday May 18th at 7pm. Meetings are held at the school. A package will be sent home to all councillors on Friday. If councillors have any items they wish to include on the agenda please forward these to Lisa via text or email before Friday.

Our Mail Lady is a Legend!

Thank you to Bev Naismith, our wonderful mail lady, who once again has supported our wonderful school by delivering flyers and morning tea invitations to district families. Make sure when you see her out and about, that you thank her for going out of her way to help us out.

Dates To Remember

- Tuesday 12 - Thursday 14 May: NAPLAN Testing
- Wednesday 20 May: Welton Morning Tea/Luncheon 11.00 am
- Sunday 24 May: Working Bee 10 am
- Sunday 24 May: Mobile cat desexing at Torrumbarry Hall
- Monday 25 May: Bushwhazee Bash @ Leitchville
- Tuesday 26 May: Lightning Premierships @ Kerang
- Wednesday 3 June: Lion King in Melbourne
- Monday 8 June: Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Friday 26 June: End Term 2

DO YOUR PET AND YOUR COMMUNITY A FAVOUR

Discount cat desexing and pet vaccinations

- Desexing Female $90; Male $45
- Vaccinations F2 $35; F3 $30; Microchip $40

@ Torrumbarry Hall from 8 am Sunday 24 May
Veterinarian Jude Mulholland assisted by Echuca Animal Rescue Service

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