We’re Excited!

Tomorrow Is The Day

You know how you could hardly wait? Well tomorrow the wait is over. We leave for our whole school camp to Mildura. We will assemble at the Torrumbarry Road House at 7am for a 7.15am departure, so pack your gear the night before and don’t forget to set your alarm! After three days of exhausting adventure we expect to return on Friday at about 6pm but we will notify families via text if this time alters significantly, or we decide to stay for another week.
Don’t forget the following:

- Sleeping bag/doona
- Bottom sheet, pillow case and pillow
- Full school uniform to be worn on Wed/Fri (Yr 6 yellow shirts on Friday)
- Casual clothes Wednesday evening and Thursday.
- Comfortable walking shoes
- School hat
- Toiletries
- Towel
- Bathers
- Refillable drink bottle
- No more than $20 spending money (Yr P-3 to have in named envelope and handed to Ms D)
- Medications to be given to Ms D on Wednesday morning. To be clearly named and dosage instructions written down and signed by parent.
- No Lollies or food to be taken in luggage.
- Small back pack with snacks and lunch for Wednesday to be taken on bus.
- No fruit to be taken for Wednesday as we are travelling into a fruit fly exclusion zone and will have to surrender any fruit before Swan Hill.

**NOTE:** We will be attending the Mildura Show on Friday and whilst our main reason for attending is to participate in the Lower Murray Water-Water Week Activities and to view the exhibits, we would like to allow students to have some rides. Please be assured that your child/ren’s safety is paramount to us and therefore we will not be allowing students to partake in any rides that we deem too risky or that they do not meet the age/height requirements for (or are likely to induce vomiting!). Please advise the teachers if you do not give permission for your child/ren to go on any or particular rides.

**Arrangements for 2015**

School Council was informed last night that due to a decline in student numbers for 2015 that the school is unable to renew Miss Michell’s teaching contract beyond this year. Miss Michell is currently applying for teaching positions within the Bendigo and Echuca districts. I am sure that students and families wish her every success for her future teaching career. Miss Michell will of course continue teaching the Yr 4-6 students until the end of this year.

As a result of reduced student numbers, Welton will operate a Yr 1-6 class next year with Ms Duffy as the class teacher. Mr Taylor will continue in his role as ICT expert, LOTE (Indonesian), and Outdoor Education teacher. We hope that with anticipated student numbers for 2015, that we can advertise for a part-time teacher to team teach Literacy, Numeracy and Whole-School Music.

It is imperative that if your child is not attending Welton next year that you let Lisa know your intentions ASAP. This is important for budget and staffing, school programs, ordering supplies and memberships (Mathletics, Reading Eggs etc.)
Our school data was presented to School Council last night. They were shown graphs that represented our excellent results over a five year period. The data also showed our performance in Yr 3 and 5 Reading, Spelling, Grammar/Punctuation and Numeracy was above regional and state averages in every year for the last five years. Well done Welton students, families and staff - you all rock!

School Photos
A reminder that our school photos will be taken on Wednesday 22nd of October in the morning. Please return your orders and payment by October 21. Students are to wear full summer school uniform on this day and are expected to be well groomed and ready to smile.
Cultural Day At Leitchville

We have been lucky enough to have been invited by Leitchville Primary School to attend a cultural day at their school on Tuesday 21 October. The senior students will attend an Aboriginal Cultural Session with the senior class from Leitchville. The junior grades will work together on some exciting, informative and fun cultural activities too. We will also take part in some sporting activities with the Leitchville students. Students will require their own snacks and lunch. These days are a fantastic opportunity for our students to mix with students from other schools and broaden their friendship circles. A permission slip is attached to the newsletter; please return by Monday.

Work Experience

Next week we will be joined by Ally Todd from St Joseph’s College, Echuca. Ally will complete one week’s work experience within our school. Ally is a past student of Welton Primary School and it is always great when our ‘Welton Kids’ come back to visit or work with us.

Saving The Best For Last

Congratulations to Angus Baldwin who yesterday competed at the Regional Athletics Championships in Bendigo. Angus finished second in the 11 Year Old Boys Shot Put. Angus is now off to Melbourne to compete against students from all over Victoria in the State Championships. We wish him every success and are very proud of his efforts thus far.

Well done, to one of our Prep Students- Kayden Levings who has won the Regional Water Week Poster Competition for Prep Students. Representatives from Coliban Water will visit our school next week to present Kayden with his prize and award certificates to all students who participated in this competition.