Aussie Animals!

Year P-3 students display their Australian animals constructed in Art yesterday.

RIVER DETECTIVES
This Wednesday we will be visited by a representative from the North Central Catchment Authority who will talk to us about river health and show us to use specialised equipment to monitor water temperature and quality. As part of our commitment to environmental education we will take monthly readings along with other schools along the Murray River and share our findings with the North Central Catchment Management Authority. If you have not returned the permission form (blue) attached to last week’s newsletter please do so by tomorrow.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Individuals wishing to nominate for a parent position on School Council, should contact the school for a nomination form. Please note that nominations close at 4pm on Thursday March 6th.

SCHOOL LAWNs
The next rostered family is Sieben. Please make contact with the school when you are able to attend to this task and we will send the keys home.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS
We have decided to bring forward our scheduled Parent/Teacher Meetings. They will now take place on Tuesday March 11th and Thursday March 13th. We strongly encourage all parents to come along to discuss the curriculum, individual student progress and how the classroom program is adapted to suit each individual child’s learning needs. The interviews are with your regular classroom teacher and those parents wishing to see Mr Taylor with regard to ICT, Indonesian and Outdoor Ed may do so. Please fill in and return (by Thursday) the time sheet attached to the newsletter and we will provide you with an exact time. Should you be unable to make either of these dates please ring the school to arrange an alternative day.

WHAT A WEEK!
Last week saw us say goodbye to some dearly loved students and respected families. We are very sad that they are no longer with us and wish them every success at their new schools. It was certainly a tough week on students, staff and families. As a school community we all need to work together to make our great little school an even better one. Clearly, we all want what is best for our students academically, socially and emotionally. Be reassured that the Welton staff remain committed to this goal.
CURRICULUM DAY
This Friday the staff will be attending a professional development day with staff from our Campaspe Small Schools Cluster; the day will be held in Stanhope. We will be working on using an online program to plan and document our curriculum. Students are not required at school on this day. So enjoy your four-day break.

YEAR 5/6 URBAN CAMP
Could all families please ensure that they have read, signed and returned the permission and medical notices by tomorrow. Camp payment need to be made before the camp – families are welcome to pay in instalments. Any families experiencing difficulties with this, or any payment, are asked to contact Lisa.

FAMILY PORTRAITS
Due to the student free day this Friday all families participating in the family portrait sittings on Saturday 22/Sunday 23 March, must have their forms and money back at school by Thursday

HELP PAINT OUR COMMUNITY
All over Australia, Bunnings are going out to communities to offer their assistance in painting community buildings. We would like to announce that we have been lucky enough to have been chosen by Bunnings, Echuca to help us paint our Art Room portable. This will take place on Friday, April 11th. Bunnings will be sending out two of their team members (as well as the paint) and we would love to have as many helpers as possible on the day. We are also looking for equipment to use such as ladders, paint brushes, rollers etc. We will need to do a lot of preparation work before hand so if anyone can offer their assistance, it would be greatly appreciated. A pressure washer would be ideal to clean down the outside of the building. Please contact Joy on Wednesday morning or Friday if you can help with any of the above items.

CROSS AGE TUTORING
When you have capable older students who already know, it makes sense to have them pass their knowledge and experience to others. That’s the idea of cross-age tutoring. These sessions provide opportunities to learn from one another, interact socially and develop healthy relationships between younger and older students in a supportive environment.

CONGRATULATIONS
“Good on you!” to both Angus and Oskar who competed in the Weet Bix Tryathlon at the weekend. Both boys emerged from the gruelling event with medals around their necks. We’re impressed.
Mmmm. That actually looks pretty good!