



## Team 5 News

Term 2 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We trust that you have all have a great break and are ready for another busy term at Willowbank School.

### Team 5 Teachers and Release Teachers:

Room 5	Heather Lane (Mon-Wed)	Clare Greenwood (Thurs/Fri)
Room 7	Tina Joshua-Bargh	Julie Cowan – Friday
Room 11	Connie Morrish	
Room 14	Brett Munro	
Room 25	Angela Rasmussen (Team Leader)	

### Team 5 Calendar of Events:

Week 1 20 – 24 April	20/04/10 – Teacher only day 21/04/10 Term 2 begins
Week 2 26 – 30 April	WED: Choir children at Point View until 12.30
Week 3 3-7 May	WED: Mufti day, Backwards day. THURS: 3 way conferences School closes 12.30 FRID: High tea for Mothers Day.
Week 4 10 – 14 May	WED: Hot Dog Day
Week 5 17 – 21 May	
Week 6 24 – 28 May	TUES: ICAS computer skills (for those who registered) WED: Choir children at Point View until 12.30
Week 7 31 August – 4 June	MON: School Photos FRID: Freaky Friday Mufti Day.
Week 8 7 – 11 June	WED: ICAS: Science (for those who have registered)
Week 9 14 – 18 June	WED: Hot dog day FRID: Team 5 school assembly
Week 10 21 – 25 June	TUES: ICAS Writing (for those who have registered) WED: Somerville Choir Festival 6.45 pm THURS: Somerville Choir Festival 7.15 pm FRID: PTA Disco
Week 11 28-2 July	FRID: Last day of Term 2. School closes 3.00 pm

Please refer to T2 Calendar (sent home with Newsletter) for additional information.

## A Big Thank You!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful parent helpers that came to the Marae with us. The children all enjoyed their Marae experience and it would not have been a success without our fabulous parents. Thank you all very much!

## What are we learning?

### **Fitness and Sport:**

Fitness is every day from 10.45 – 11.00.

Team sport is every Tuesday from 1.30 till 2.15.

The focus for team sport for this term is large and ball skills. Children are required to wear their sports uniform and running shoes for this training. If your child is sick and is unable to participate in sport please send a note to school to inform your child's teacher.

Please ensure that your children bring their PE uniform everyday. They may bring their running shoes on a Tuesday for fitness.

### **Home Learning:**

Please continue to read at home with your children, remember that reading at home is not just school books (like journals) – your child can read favourite books, gift books, chapter books, library books, non-fiction books, the newspaper and so on. It would be great if you could take your child to the local library and encourage them to read a wide range of texts.

The children will be continuing to work on Mathematics and as the term progresses, teachers will be setting courses suited to the needs of your child. Spelling words will be sent home and children will learn these for their weekly spelling test.

### **Literacy**

The children will continue to work on their reading and writing goals. Our writing focus is writing to inquire, the children will be involved in writing questions, surveys and interviews. This is strongly linked to our inquiry learning around enterprise.

## **Inquiry**

Over the next 3 terms, the children will be focusing on Enterprise. This will be broken down into different aspects with a specific focus each term. This term we will be focusing on Inventors and Inventing. Please let us know if you are an expert on this topic or if you know a lot about any particular inventions. The children would love to interview you!

## **Other Matters**

### **Sickness:**

The weather is beginning to change and we require you to keep your child at home if they are unwell.

### **Litter-free Lunches:**

Willowbank School is a Silver Enviroschool so we are committed to caring for our environment and minimising the amount of waste in our school grounds.

What does a litter free lunch look like? Some suggestions:

- Put yoghurt into a little container with a lid – this will stop the mess in your child's lunchbox or alternatively put the yoghurt container inside a little plastic bag that can be thrown away at home.
- Put your child's snacks i.e. chips, crackers, jelly strings and muesli bars into little containers that can be washed out each night.
- Buy a sandwich container so you don't need to use any glad wrap – think about how much money this could save you over the school years.

A huge thank you to all the parents who are already sending their children to school with a litter free lunch.

### **Making contact with your child's teacher:**

Willowbank School has an open door policy. You are welcome to make an appointment to see your child's teacher at any time during the school term. You can phone Michelle at the office, phone or email your child's teacher to make an appointment.

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We look forward to seeing you at 3 Way Conferences on Wednesday 19 July or before or after school.

Kind regards

*Clare, Heather, Tina, Connie, Brett and Angela*