

# Euabalong West Public School School Newsletter

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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Friday 6th of May, Lake Cargelligo Fun Run**
- **Monday 9th of May to Friday the 13th of May, NAPLAN**
- **Tuesday 10th of May, P&C meeting, @ school, beginning at 3:30pm**
- **Wednesday 18th of May, Wagga Leadership day**
- **Thursday 19th of May, Life Education van @ Euabalong West PS**
- **Wednesday 25th of May InTEN-sive training @ Lake Cargelligo, Miss J out, Miss L relieving**
- **Wednesday 1st of June, Beckom Debating Day**
- **Wednesday 8th of June, Yo boy, go girl CAP initiative, PDHPE**
- **Friday 10th of June to Sunday 12th of June, Blue Waters exhibition**
- **Friday 24th of June, Athletics carnival**

## Welcome back to term 2

A big welcome back to all of our community from what I hope was a restful and enjoyable Easter break. Our students as is their habit, have made a great start to the term already, showing in the first two days of the term that they are ready and excited to get back to their studies.

Term two is shaping up to be a very busy time for our students and staff, we have the Lake Cargelligo fun run, athletics carnival, debating and leadership excursions, the life education van and the Blue Waters exhibit are all coming up on the horizon just to wet your enthusiasm.

This term our year three and five students will also sit the NAPLAN examinations. If you have any questions or concerns

about these tests I encourage you to come and speak to me, we can go over the process and some examples of what the students will be doing during the examinations.



**Olivia, Emily and Laurie work on our school project for the Blue Waters exhibition**

A quick reminder to parents and families that we are moving into Autumn, which tends to mean our days will start cooler

and then warm up as they progress.

This means that our students are wearing and then shedding layers throughout the day. This can lead to misplaced items of uniform, it is always easier to find the right owner for particular items when the students name is written somewhere on the item. I would like to encourage all our families to have their children's names written on the inside band of all of uniform pieces.

Anyone who would like to purchase new uniforms are asked to come in on either Tuesday or Thursday when the lovely Mrs. Gleeson is manning the office and can help you.

## NAPLAN—National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy

NAPLAN testing will be taking place during week 3 of this term, from the 9th of May until the 13th. All students in years three, four, five and six will sit the exam as the school uses it as part of it's assessment schedule, but only students in years three and five will have their tests returned to be part of the national marking.

I feel it is an important part of my role to remind both

students and families that this is only one assessment of many that your children will undertake this year to review their learning and is purely a snapshot of where they are right now. When the results of these assessments are returned to schools your children will have completed an additional 5 to 6 months of learning which is something to consider when you receive your children's

results.

Any parents who are interested to see their children's entire assessment portfolio and the progress they have made throughout the year is more than welcome to contact Miss Jackson, it would be my pleasure to show your child's academic progress and explain their plan for their future learning.

# Healthy Lunch Boxes



Busy kids need a healthy school lunch to boost their energy and help them to concentrate and learn in the afternoon. The following are some lunch box tips we thought might be helpful as the year progresses and you become a bit stuck for ideas.

Always include fresh fruit and vegetables. Offer a variety of grain breads, rolls and pita bread. Use avocado as a spread instead of butter or margarine. Include dairy foods, cheese sticks and yo-

gurt are ideal. Try and include some protein if you can, lean meat, eggs, peanut butter, chickpeas or tuna. As well as a bottle of water. We try and discourage students from drinking cordial at school.

A great website with lunch box recipes is shown below, it is also fun to

get children involved in making their lunches if possible.  
[http://www.freshforkids.com.au/lunch\\_box/lunch\\_box.html](http://www.freshforkids.com.au/lunch_box/lunch_box.html)



*Learning  
never  
exhausts  
the mind.  
Leonardo  
Da Vinci*

## AFL Clinic

Next Thursday the 12th of May we will be taking part in an AFL clinic here at school. As part of a nation wide push to get student more interested in AFL in NSW free clinics are being offered all over the state.

If our students enjoy the experience they will be able to continue the clinic every second week for the rest of the term.



## Vege Garden

On every alternate Thursday this term, starting on the 12th of May our students will be spending time in our vegetable garden and frog sanctuary.

Learning more about how to grow and enjoy fresh food as well as how to create and protect our environments and the things we can do to help improve them.

Any parents who would like to join us are more than welcome. We would love your help as we continue this project

## Excursions and buses

Due to a variety of funding changes we are now finding it difficult to fund excursions and transport for excursions in the same way we have in the past.

Euabalong West has less access to funding with the loss of PSP, drought assistance, less student assistance and cuts in CAP funding. There is much less money available in our budget to

subsidise travel and transport. While we do still have some funding available to help families in need it is considerably less than it has been during the past five years.

With this being the case we will be asking parents and families to cover the cost of transport to many of our upcoming excursions. We will also be asking

parents to help us with transport more frequently particularly for events like KROP and athletics carnivals. Please know that if you are having any difficulty or think you may have difficulty paying for transport or excursions we will do everything we can to help. We just need families to contact the school with their concerns so that a plan can be worked out and so that students can attend all of the fantastic events on this years calendar



# Chocolate Fundraiser & Easter Raffle

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our Easter chocolate fundraiser. It helps a lot that so many of you are willing to be involved in P&C events and both the P&C and the school appreciate the support.

Now that the sugar shock has passed the P&C would like to ask that all monies raised by our fantastic families be returned to the school.

This is always a great fundraiser. The money raised will be used by the P&C to support the school in a variety of ways.



Our Easter raffle was a huge success, raising over \$650. Well done to all of our ticket sellers, particularly those of you with the initiative to take ticket selling to the streets and thank you to everyone who bought tickets in the raffle.

Drawn the weekend before Easter at the Royal hotel in Euabalong our winners were:

1st prize: Keith and Christine Norris, Cowen Downs, Mt Hope

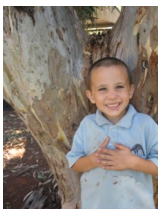
2nd prize: Dean Anderson, Carrawalla, Euabalong West

3rd prize: Mick and Vanessa, Mt Hope Hotel

Congratulations to all of our winners. We hope you enjoyed your baskets.

## Student of the week

### Week 1, Term 2, 2011



**Triston Watts** is student of the week this week, he is to be congratulated on his enthusiasm and focused attitude since the beginning of term 2, well done Triston

### Week 2, Term 2, 2011



**Sarah Hoadley** is student of the this week for her continued good work and attitude in mathematics, well done Sarah it's great to see you enjoying your learning.

## Interesting Info

### NAPLAN

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing will take place on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May. Every year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are assessed on the same days using national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results help determine if students are reaching important educational

outcomes. More information:

[www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

### Walk safely to school

On Friday 20 May, leave the car at home and walk, ride, bus or train the kids to school safely as part of Walk Safely to School Day. The day promotes fitness, road safety, public transport and the environment. For more information, a student writing competition and healthy breakfast ideas go to:

[www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

### P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday the 10th of May at 3:30pm in the school staffroom.

### Kids Club

Kids club has its first meeting this Tuesday the 10th of May, starting at 4:00pm all you need is a gold coin and a big smile to join the fun.





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**Attitudes not aptitude dictates your  
altitude**

# Senior's award of the week!

Week 1, term 2



Malcolm for his excellent  
Attitude and growing  
Leadership Skills.

Week 2, term 2



Jackson for the way  
he helps his friends  
and great team  
leadership

## Picture this, week 1 & 2

