Principals Message

Last week to celebrate Education Week students were involved in many activities such as a visit to Willawa, dance lessons, open classrooms and options groups. We appreciate and thank all parents who were able to attend activities throughout the week with highlights being involvement in our dance lessons, visiting open classrooms and sharing morning tea.

Have a great week.

Regards,
Carmel Doyle

OPTIONS GROUPS

Options Groups began last week and will continue again this Friday 1.45-3pm. Thank you to all our parent helpers and volunteers for assisting with these groups.

CWA INTERNATIONAL DAY

This Thursday 7th August students will walk to St Josephs school for the CWA International Day Celebrations which commence at 10.30am. Students will return to school for lunch. The general permission note covers this event.

FAREWELL GARRY

Yesterday, Tuesday 5th August, EPS staff and students farewelled our GA Garry White with a sausage sizzle lunch. Garry has been a wonderful asset to our school and he will surely be missed.

THE PASSING OF MR TURNER

Staff and students were saddened to hear of the passing of Mr Turner. Students have enjoyed visiting and spending time with Mr Turner during our visits to Willawa—most recently last Tuesday.

Students and staff will pay their respect to the late Mr Turner by standing as a guard of honor along North St before the entrance to the cemetery on Friday afternoon.

If any parents/carers do not want their child to participate, please contact the school.

SNOW EXCURSION

Thank you to everyone for getting your permission notes in for the excursion. Now there a just a couple of families to finalise payment of the excursion by Friday 15th August.

Mr Damian Cullenward will be attending the snow excursion to assist with supervision of the students. Thank you to the other fathers who offered to attend.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Friday Sanjay, Nina, Mitch, Darcy, Jake, Haydan, Montana, Corey, Lauren, Peter & Grace travelled to Parkes to compete at the District Athletics Carnival. It was a bitterly cold day and all students displayed sportsmanship and determination. Thank you to all parents who transported students to Parkes and also for assisting on the day especially with packing up the school tent.

There will be a few students who will be eligible to compete at the next level—the Area Carnival at Dubbo on Friday 29th August. These students will be announced once the official results have been received.

A reminder that any small schools' t-shirts that were borrowed need to be returned to school ASAP.

P5 Relay team: Peter, Jake, Haydan, Darcy

LIBRARY REMINDER

Just a reminder that library day is Tuesday. It would be great if students can return their books weekly. Thanks Miss Auld.

ARCHIBULL PRIZE

As you may be aware the school is participating in the Arts4Agriculture Competition. Miss Auld and students are decorating a fibre glass cow.

Miss Auld is hoping you will be able to help her. She is wanting photos of the students in tractors, crops and anything else to do with GRAIN FARMING.

Please email photos to: loucinda.auld2@det.nsw.edu.au as soon as possible, that would be great. Thanks.
Bicycle NSW
The Bicycle NSW Artwork Competition is on again this year—join in and design your helmet artwork to go into the running to have your design turned into a limited edition work of art on a wearable bike helmet or score a bike and helmet package.
To Enter
- Students must create an original design on the Helmet Design Template that is colourful, original and has unisex appeal.
- Entries must be delivered to the school office by this FRIDAY 8th August.

This Competition is proudly sponsored by the NRMA Motoring Services to support Bicycle NSW’s initiative to raise awareness about bike use and safety among young riders across the state.

BOOK FAIR
The Book Fair is next week 11th-15th August. Students will be able to look through the fair during school time, and the fair will be open Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th, afternoons from 3.30-4.00pm
The funds raised from the book fair will go towards new resources and books for the school.
A book fair catalogue will go home with the students on Friday.

FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP
To celebrate the book fair we are letting students dress up as their favourite story book character on Wednesday 13th August.

Transport for NSW
Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) Subsidy.
For any families who are eligible to claim this subsidy, Transport for NSW is launching an online application service. Any new applications can be made via PVC online. Information brochures are enclosed or you may like to visit http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc.

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Library Student of the Week
Corey Williams

Student of the Week: Week 3 Term 3
Year 3 - 6  Joe Valentine
K - 2  Ben McMahon
Miss Auld  Hannah Williams

Assembly Awards:
1 August 2014
K - 2  Hannah Williams
Sophie Gibson
3-6  Haydan McCarthy
Peter Valentine

Sportsperson:
Primary: Darcy Merchant
Infants: Aidee Thomas
Parents of large families tend to have seen it all before. But if you have only one or two kids, you’re pretty much learning it all on the run. Here are some ideas for matching your parenting style to your kids’ development.

If you’re the parent of a small family (two children or less), your learning curve is steep as there are so many firsts: first steps, first time at preschool, first experience of school camp, first transition from childhood to adolescence.

The extensive list of ‘first’ experiences means you constantly need to acquire new knowledge (“Now, how does this toilet training work?”) and new skill sets (“Hmm. How do I persuade a reluctant toilet trainer?”).

The other challenge, of course, is matching your parenting with the developmental needs of each stage in your child’s young life.

You know how it goes: Just as you finally learn how to successfully tackle an independent-minded toddler, he suddenly moves into a more compliant but far more inquisitive stage. You think, “What’s with all the questions? Do I have to answer them all?”

NEW STAGES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES, NEW CHALLENGES!

Parents of large families can draw on their previous experiences, but when you lead a small crew it’s largely trial and error. Here are some ideas for matching your parenting with your child’s developmental stage:

1. **Follow** your child’s lead. Kids will let you know in many and varied ways what they require from you.
2. **Learn** from other parents who have been down the parenting track before you. Ask questions: “Does your six-year-old...?” “Is it normal that...?”
3. When a previously successful strategy no longer serves its purpose, this is evidence that your child has moved to a new developmental stage. Now you need to ask yourself whether you have too.
4. **Follow** the lead of professionals such as child care workers, teachers and parent educators who have broader experience of specific age groups.
5. Learn more about developmental stages and their parenting requirements. Each stage brings new challenges and new opportunities. Understanding the developmental needs of children helps you match your parenting to their age and stage.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said: “Learn from the mistakes of others. You can’t live long enough to make them all yourself”. This wisdom definitely applies to parenting, especially in smaller families. So if it’s a struggle to get it right, don’t be too hard on yourself. See it as an opportunity to learn.

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Want to know more about your child’s age and developmental stage? Join Parenting Ideas Club and receive a Life Stage Developmental Map and a Year Ahead Planner on your child’s birthday. Find out more at parentingideasclub.com.au.
ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015
Eugowra Public School is now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. Enrolment forms are available from the school office. Information regarding our transition program will be available in the coming weeks.