MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents
It was a wonderful surprise for all staff last week to find one of our violin groups playing for us on the lawn outside the staff room. The sun was shining and the sound projected beautifully throughout the school. It highlighted how lucky our students are to be able to access the range of music lessons now provided. Ten children have signed up for piano lessons each week which means students now have the opportunity to learn piano, violin, brass and woodwind, guitar and drums. A big thank you to Mrs Moss for her enthusiasm in supporting the tutors and students each week.

The professional learning day at Gunnedah South Public School for our Assistant Principals was very informative and has given us a sound understanding of John Hattie’s work. We are all looking forward to our conference next week. Mr Ben van Aanholt will be acting principal on Thursday and Friday. The school will be in very capable hands.

Ms Ruythe Dufty was very impressed with our school on Tuesday. She is looking forward to getting to know our school community over the next few months and was supportive of our plans for the future.

Charity Day raised $1802.60 which will be divided equally between Ronald McDonald House and the support of our attendance at the School Spectacular in Sydney in Term 4. Congratulations and thank you to our students, staff and parents. Such success is possible due to the enthusiasm and support you all give to this special day.

The P&C have made a generous donation to the school to purchase more iPads for use in our classrooms. Mr Lewis demonstrated the educational value of these devices at the meeting on Wednesday night. It was very exciting to see how these devices engage all its users. This commitment to our students and to technology will ensure our students are able to continue to develop the skills necessary for success in the 21st Century. On behalf of the students at NPS, I would like to thank the P&C for their ongoing support of our school. Our meetings are always friendly and productive meetings wherein parents and staff share ideas and make decisions together for the future. If you would like to join us, please come along to next meeting. The more support we have the more goals we can achieve.

There are some beautiful garden ornaments about in some of our cheaper stores. All donations would be gratefully received.

Have a lovely and safe weekend.

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PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING
Parents and Guardians of students currently in Year 5 and Year 6 (2013) who are interested in our Year 7 Selective Class for 2014/15 are invited to attend an information evening to share our vision for the future. Peel High School is the only co-educational school within a 100 km radius of Tamworth to be part of the state Selective School’s Network.

The evening will include a tour of the school facilities, information about class size and structure, curriculum, scholarships and you will also learn about the unique opportunities available to the selective class.

Please come along - 6pm Thursday, September 5th, 2013

For further information please contact Tamara Hatton or Kristen Miller on 67657 088 or email Kristen on kristen.miller1@det.nsw.edu.au
WESTDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS
Friday 30th, Saturday 31st August Sunday 1st September, 2013

Friday 30th August 2013
11:25: Sausage Sizzle
12:00: School Centenary Opening (not official as that will be on Saturday) will include
Guest speakers, Children's class items, cutting of kids cake and digging up of time capsule
1:45: Afternoon tea
2:10: Old Sports tabloid afternoon - whole school

Saturday 31st August 2013
10:00: Official Opening
Guest speakers, Children's items, Aboriginal dancers
11:30: Morning tea (Devonshire tea)
12:00: Laying of new capsule
12:30: Walk through school and classrooms and picture walk gallery
12:30-2:00: BBQ Lunch, food stalls and other stalls

Saturday Night Dinner (tickets available at school office) $55.00
3 course meal, guest speaker, entertainment, cutting of Centenary Cake

Sunday 1st September 2013
Breakfast at school
Church Service in School Hall followed by morning tea and Church display

Tickets available from Westdale Public School
Cheques made payable to Westdale Public School
No Eftpos available

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FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION

The Foster Care Association NSW Inc. is the voice of foster carers in this State. Our role is not only to support the work of carers in policy setting, but to encourage people to take up caring

If you are interested in becoming a foster carer, why not contact the Foster Care Association at shaz@fca.org.au or go to our website for more information fcansw.org.au to gain information and background? The Association is made up of experienced carers who can answer your questions about what caring "feels like". Foster Care Association NSW Inc. provides information and advocacy for foster and kinship carers throughout the State.

Nemingha Public School Tree Planting Day