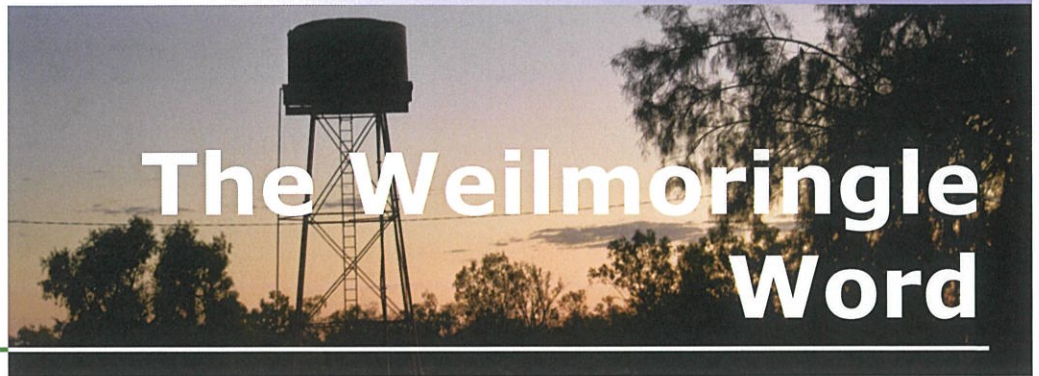


Friday, 8th March
Term 1 Week 5



The Weilmoringle Word

Dates to Remember

<i>Tuesdays Term 1</i>	<i>Swimming Lessons</i>
<i>Wednesday 13th</i>	<i>Outback Patrol</i>
<i>Thurs 21st to Fri 22nd</i>	<i>Mrs Wright to Dubbo for Principal Meeting</i>
<i>Tuesday 26th</i>	<i>Finance Training Mrs Wright and Mrs Neale</i>
<i>Wednesday 27th</i>	<i>Ikifit</i>
<i>Wednesday 27th</i>	<i>Ms Andrews to Dubbo for Literacy Course</i>
<i>Friday 5th</i>	<i>Rugby League Primary Gala Day at Goodooga</i>
<i>Friday 12th</i>	<i>Last Day Term 1</i>
<i>Monday 29th April</i>	<i>School returns for staff</i>
<i>Tuesday 30th April</i>	<i>School returns for students</i>

River Walk to explore the Drought

An enjoyable walk along the Culgoa River behind the Community allowed us to see just how the DROUGHT has affected lives, not just people, animals and plants too! Our favourite swimming holes have disappeared, along with the yummy fish, mussels and yabbies that we love to catch and eat. The children have spent a lot of time making a beautiful canvas map of the river. There have been lots of stories, memories and tales shared. A big thank you to John Samuels for drawing our map. We're sure the children have told you a lot about it as they are very proud of their artwork. They had lots of fun putting it together! Come on up to the school and have a look!





Hot and dry, so very dry the impact of the drought is clear in every photograph. Ms Andrews could hardly believe the stories of fishing, swimming, catching booglies and jumping of rope swings. Mrs Wright hadn't been back to where we swam last year with the students from Canterbury.



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LAST WEEK OF SWIMMING NEXT WEEK!

The pool closes next week so next Tuesday will be our last week of swimming. We are going to go in early and have Chinese for lunch. You are welcome to join us but please let Mrs Wright know if you would like to come.



Swimming



All students have been participating in weekly swimming lessons and we are very proud of their efforts. It's tiring work though! Everyone competed in at least one event at the Small Schools Carnival and Nikylah, Addison, Nathaniel, Alex and Emilee represented the school at the Bourke District Carnival. Well done everyone!

The Final Word

It's been another busy start to the year with painting, swimming, excursions and general learning. We are very pleased to welcome Ms Andrews to the team, her depth of experience and her enthusiasm are great assets to Weilmoringle. I'm also happy to congratulate Aunty Stacey who has been appointed to the permanent Aboriginal Education Officer role. With Uncle John continuing as a School Learning Support Officer we have a strong classroom team to support student learning and engagement. We've already had a visit from the dentist who was happy to report on how healthy everyone's teeth are and a visit from our Director, Educational Leadership, Chris Shaw, who was impressed with the healthy lunch program and the children's manners. We have started Mandarin (Chinese) language lessons on a Thursday afternoon and have Uncle Tom Barker starting back early next term with our Murrawarri language and culture program. In the next few weeks we hope to launch our Weilmoringle Facebook page which will be another way we can communicate with families and share our learning adventures with those family members who are not close enough to visit. My thanks go out to all community members who are supporting the home reading program and listening to our students read at home. Volunteers are always welcome in the classroom too so if you have a free morning or afternoon and you'd like to visit please let me know.

Finally, as part of our healthy food program each Friday we cook a meal and have a special lunch together as a school family. Each child will get an opportunity to invite someone to join us in the near future. Let us know if you need transport to come.

Classroom Makeover

Thanks to the enthusiasm of Ms Andrews, a donation of paint by Mick Gallos from Brewarrina and hard work by Ms Andrews, Pop John, John Samuels and Lewis Reid the classroom has been given a fresh coat of paint and looks fantastic. Come in and have a look how wonderful it looks. We've also just been told that the outside of the building is to be painted as part of the Department of Education Asset maintenance program.

Water fun for everyone!



Everyone had great fun at the pool learning about volume and capacity. It's so much fun measuring with water when you can get in and get wet! All the children were amazed at how containers of different shapes could have the same capacity and that sometimes the container that looks bigger doesn't hold as much.

