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**Working With Children Check-reminder**
As of June 15th last year, all people working with children in schools in any capacity need to have a Working With Children Check before being allowed to take on class reading roles, canteen help or any activity in which our children are involved. It is a free check, so please see Alison in the office to have your paperwork done and cleared as soon as possible.

**Student Leadership Day-reminder**
Next Monday 3rd March our Year 6 students will be participating in a student leadership day at Tenambit P.S. The Year 6 students have received an explanatory note, outlining the day. Mrs Di Murphy will accompany them on the day, and work with them before (and after) re the project they initiate. Last year’s leaders targeted the African Aid Foundation with their fundraising days. We’ll see what this year’s leaders do!

**Chocolate Crackle Fundraiser**
Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. 1/2/3 raised $18.40 for our African Aids Charity as a result of learning about procedures and mixtures.

**Zone Swimming Carnival**
The following children qualified for the Zone Swimming Carnival held in Maitland on Tuesday:-
- Kimberley : 10 yrs F/S; Jun Br/S; Jun Bk/S
- Chelsie: 11 yrs F/s; 11 yrs B/S; Sen Relay
- Bailea: 12 yrs F/S; Sen Relay
- Nyah: 12 yrs F/S; Sen Relay
- Zac: 8 yrs F/S; Jun Relay
- Lachlan: 9 yrs F/S; Jun Relay
- Oscar: 9 yrs F/S; Jun Relay
- Tom I: 11 yrs F/S; 11 yrs Br/S; Sen Relay
- Liam: 12 yrs F/S; Sen Relay
- Asher: 11 yrs Bk/S; Sen Relay
- Ty: Jun Relay
- Kyan: Jun Relay
- Lucy: Sen Relay

**Relay Teams:**
- **Junior Boys:** Lachlan, Ty, Kyan & Zac
- **Senior Boys:** Liam, Tom I, Asher & Oscar
- **Senior Girls:** Nyah, Bailea, Lucy & Chelsea

Our Team Manager, Melisa Smith (many thanks to Melisa for taking on this role) reported that our children competed beautifully, with many PBs and great enthusiasm.
Bailea and Lucy holding our trophy for being the overall winners of the handicap pointscore at our Small Schools Carnival last Friday

Small Schools' Swimming Carnival
We held our Small Schools' Swimming Carnival at the Beresfield Pool last Friday, and as you can see, we won the handicap pointscore trophy—a fantastic effort from an enthusiastic group of swimmers. We had a great day competing against Largs, Millers Forest, Mt Kanwary, Millers Forest and Glen William. Two notable performances were: Kimberley being the equal Junior Girls’ Champion and Tom I. being the 11 yrs Boys Champion. We sincerely thank all parents for helping us out throughout the day with judging and recording. I would also like to publicly thank Mrs Mahony for doing all the organisation for the carnival, making my job so much easier. It was a great testament to all our small schools when the canteen at the Beresfield Pool told us that the children at the carnival were the best behaved with the best manners (including the parents) of any school they have ever had!

Late Arrivals / Early Leavers - Reminder
We now have a new system in place, if your child arrives late or needs to leave early. Parents must come into the office. You will be issued with a slip of paper which needs to be taken to your child’s teacher.

Clean Up Australia Day-this Friday
We will be participating in the national Schools Clean-Up Day on Friday 28th February. We will be involved from 10.30 -11.30 that morning. We have the clean-up bags for the day, but all children will need to wear some gardening gloves - so please ensure your child brings a pair of gloves to school on the day. Parents are welcome to assist us. The K-2 students will be cleaning up around the school grounds, with the 3-6 children cleaning up along Paterson Road and around Woodville Hall. Please ensure all permission notes for those children cleaning along the road (3/4/5/6) are brought in on time, otherwise they will join in with the younger students.

Canberra Excursion
The 4/5/6 class have taken home an expression of interest form for the planned excursion to Canberra in Term 3 - from Tuesday 2nd September to Friday 5th September. We need those forms returned asap so we can finalise the costings and accommodation for the excursion. I welcome parents to attend but you must let me know very soon so again, numbers can be finalised.

Donna Jacobs Sife Show – Harmony Day
Hinton & Mount Kanwary schools will be joining us for the Donna Jacob Sife Show on Monday 17th March in the Woodville Hall to celebrate Harmony Day. The cost of the performance is $4.50. Please sign the permission note at the end of the newsletter and return to school as soon as possible.

ANCIENT WISDOM FOR A MODERN WORLD
Donna Jacobs Sife is an award-winning storyteller who responds to the world. Her stories, taken from world folklore, wisdom literature and sacred traditions, speak of prejudice, struggle, life’s purpose and the human spirit; in a way that is non-didactic, non-threatening, and hugely entertaining.
Her considerable international reputation is built upon her multi-cultural position, her capacity to bridge difference, create unity and community, develop empathy, give meaning to life’s struggles, and encourage the spirit.
It’s on again. Information on how to vote is attached to the newsletter.

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**It’s on Again  Lovedale Long Lunch**

**Iona Public School P&C Fundraiser**

Come and join us for a great day of fabulous local food, wine and entertainment on Sunday 18th May 10am - 4pm.

Tickets $100 includes entry into 3 venues, food, wine, entertainment, transport & donation to the school. RSVP & Money by Friday 4th April to school office.

For all enquiries contact Kim on 0417 047012
Clean – Up Australia Day

I give permission for my child /ren ........................................to clean up along Paterson Rd and around Woodville Hall on Friday 28th February 2014.

Signed: ................................................................. Date: .................................................................

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Harmony Day Permission Note

I give permission for my child / ren ................................................................. to attend the Donna Jacobs Sife Harmony Day show on Monday 17th at the Woodville Hall. I have enclosed $4.50 per child.

Signed: ................................................................. Date: .................................................................

27 February 2014
WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
HORSE SPORTS

21st March 2014
8:30am Gear Check - 9:00am Start

WILLOW TREE RECREATION GROUND

Entry Fee - $20 per rider

Events: Riding Classes
         Hack Classes
         Pair of Riders
         Place the Can
         Barrel Race
         Bending
         Keyhole
         In & Out of Paddock

Entries close 07.03.14
Entries received after this date will not be accepted

Entry – Gold Coin

Canteen facilities will be available on the day, including breakfast from 7.30am

A presentation of awards will be held at the completion of events. We encourage all children to attend the presentation as each competitor will receive a prize.

if you would like to attend see Mrs Mahony for an entry.
Dear Participant,

Please use the below content for use in your school newsletter in order to remind parents and caregivers of your involvement with Stockland Stars this year at Stockland Green Hills. You are welcome to use as much or little of the information.

Centre Management will provide you with regular updates for your newsletters to help maximise your points to win a cash prize.

Stockland Stars has returned to Stockland Green Hills with a program that offers local schools the chance to share in over $12,000 worth of cash prizes. Participating schools were asked to submit a 3D star which they have decorated; customers can then vote for their favourite star, with every $1 they spend in centre entitling them to 1 vote and this year our school will be participating for the chance to win.

Our star will be on display above the Customer Care Desk (near Woolworths) from Monday 3 March until Sunday 6th April 2014. So please ask you family & friends to show their support for our school and register to vote for our star.

The winners of our last Stockland Stars program in 2011 were Pelaw Main Public School and St Joseph’s Primary School, who won the major prize of $3,000 cash EACH for their schools.

**How can family & friends participate & help us win!**

Simply complete a customer registration form (available from the School Office or Customer Care at Stockland Green Hills). When you complete the registration form, you will receive a voter’s card. All customers who register for our school from Saturday 1st to Sunday 9th March will receive 50 bonus points for our school.

Following registration, a customer does the following:

1. Customers make a minimum purchase of $10 or more from any participating store during the promotional period.
2. Customers take their eligible receipts to the Customer Care Desk, located near Woolworths.
3. Customers can then donate 1 point for every $1 spent at participating stores at Stockland Green Hills during the promotional period to any registered school of choice.
4. Customer Care staff enters the purchase price into the system, and the customer nominates the school they would like their points to go toward.

The Customer Care Desk is open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.30pm, Thursdays from 9.00am to 9.00pm, Saturdays from 9.00am to 6.00pm and Sundays from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Voting will end 15 minutes prior to the desk closing each day. If you have bulk receipts, you can leave these at Customer Care and collect them later.
Shop and win our school $3000

When can we start earning votes for our star?
Voting for the Stars will commence on Monday 3rd March and will conclude on Sunday 30th March, 2014. Winners will be announced at the official Closing Ceremony on Thursday 3rd April 2014 during the official Closing Ceremony at Stockland Green Hills.

School prizes to be won
For each band the prizes will be awarded as follows:
- 1st Prize: $3,000 cash for your school
- 2nd Prize: $2,000 cash for your school
- 3rd Prize: $1,000 cash for your school

*Schools will be separated into two bands in order to keep the voting fair. For example, schools with under 200 students will be classed as Band 1 & schools with 201+ students will be classed into Band 2.

Customer Prizes
There are weekly competitions for all registered voters where you can win 1 of 2 $100 Stockland Gift Cards each week just for voting. The more votes, the more chances you have of winning.

Key Dates
Customers can register from
Saturday 1 March

Customer Registration Bonus*
Saturday 1 - Sunday 9 March

*Customers who register from Saturday 1 - Sunday 9 March will receive 50 bonus points for their nominated school.

Official Voting Commences
Monday 3 March

Voting Ends
Sunday 30 March

Closing Ceremony
Thursday 3 April

Stars removed from display
Sunday 6th April 2014

**Please Note**
Terms and conditions apply and a copy can be obtained from the Customer Care Desk at Stockland Green Hills. The following purchases are excluded:

Receipts from partial lay-bys, bill payments such as the payment of credit card bills, bank transactions, fuel, tobacco, bank fees, damaged receipts, charges and service bills (such as gas, electricity, rates and phone bills) or receipts from retailers not from Stockland Green Hills cannot be presented as receipts to enter.