

POSSUM POST

Waterfall
Public
School



Term 3, Week 8, 2020



Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

7/09/20

The students have certainly participated in a range of exciting programs over the past 2 weeks!

National Great Paper Plane Challenge

Our finals were held on Friday 28th of August with some fantastically engineered designs taking flight. Congratulations to Rachel for the Distance Award- 14.80 metres. Jayde- for the highest flight and Lee -for the best Duration of flight. Jayde also had the most consistent plane, scoring in the top 3 in each event.

PIRATE DAY Report by Laura and Rachel

On the 2nd of September we celebrated a mutiny on the S.S. Waterfall. The first "incident" involved outrageous pirates in amazing attire. The best costumed pirates were Stevie- Lee, Isabella, Colt and Jayde.

The following incident, which Ruby M-F announced the "best incident", was the Treasure Hunt. Laura and Rachel had designed a map for each student. The students then followed their personal clues to find the buried treasure. On finding their gold coins they returned to the ship's bridge to trade their gold for prizes.

Zoe and Rachel thought the next incident was the most fun. All pirates were court martialled and ordered to Walk The Plank. The winners were Kaitlyn, Zoe, Mark and Ryley. 3-6 Pirates wore blindfolds and K-2 had to walk carefully along the serpent shaped plank.

In our Talk Like A Pirate competition Rocco, Ty, Zac and Lee were convincingly scary winners. At the end of the day we all got a pirate balloon and a lollipop. A special thankyou to Mrs Paxton for making us some yummy chocolate crackles We hope everyone is saving their \$2 coin . Watch for coming events as we work hard to raise money for our surprise legacy gift to the school.

Rachel and Laura, Student School Leaders

From the staff: We are so very impressed with the leadership of these students and congratulate them on a wonderful day of piracy!

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our students as we have achieved 99% student completion of the challenge this year.

This is a significant increase from last year where only 30% student completion was achieved. A special celebration is planned in Week 10 for all our excellent readers.

P&C Meeting

Tonight there will be a P&C meeting at 7pm at Club Heathcote. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

EQUIPMENT

Due to ongoing COVID restrictions we remind parents that all students must have their own stationary supplies. Students cannot share or borrow equipment. Please check your child's bag if they have not given you a reminder supplies slip, as many students require new equipment especially gluesticks.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

We need your help!!

Many students have outstanding library books that are urgently required to be returned, so other students can also borrow them. Some students have outstanding books, **borrowed as far back as February**. If your child brings an overdue slip home, please encourage them to search the house and return the overdue books.

Parents are advised that replacement costs must be paid for non returned books.

ATTENDANCE

We continue to seek parent support in ensuring students arrive at school by 9am, each day. Students who are late miss important learning instructions and messages and may not settle quickly to maximise their learning. Parents are asked to provide written (or emailed) advice to the school when their child is absent with an explanation of the reason. This ensures the student is not recorded as “absent without reason” in their digital record.

JUMPERS, JACKETS, HATS, SCARVES, FOOD AND DRINK CONTAINERS

We urgently seek your support!

Much time is spent each day by staff trying to return these items to the right student. **Most items are unlabelled** or have a previous WPS student’s name inside, making it impossible to reunite them with the current owners. Parents are assured staff do their very best but ultimately the student must be responsible for their clothing and resources.

SPORTS SHIRTS

Parents are reminded that although sports shirts are optional this year, from **2021, sport shirts will be a formal part of our school uniform.** These can be ordered through Sascha Benn, in preparation for next year. The shirts will be most impressive at our combined sporting events in 2021.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Our centre continues to professionally support the out of hours care needs of our families. Please consider engaging with this wonderful resource. Parents are reminded that Waterfall P&C has generously sponsored WPS families \$60 registration fee. As spring approaches, it is an excellent way to keep children active after school, with fun activities provided by Rashmi, Fiona, Carol, Marnie and Adam. Bookings can be made on 0412 922 266.

Best Regards,

Penelope Passmore

Principal