Week 4 Assembly Awards

**Merit Awards:** Holly Meredith, Liam Wells, Emma Lee and Rav Steel

**Study Ladder:** Branden Self, Bryce Thompson, Evie Walsh, Liam Wells and Emily Milo

**Merit Card:** Evie Walsh, Bryce Thompson, Charlie Meredith

**Principals Award:** Tobias Douglas
Caught You Prize Winner: Corbin Steel

Food Allergens
This week an enquiry was made as to whether students can bring peanut butter sandwiches to school. The thoughtfulness and concern for others behind this enquiry was gratefully appreciated. While we have, at present, no known food allergies our school supports a risk minimisation approach. Families are encouraged to send food options other than nut products to school.

Healthy Harold
All students attended the Healthy Harold van last Thursday. The students greatly enjoyed it, especially our newest and youngest students.

8 more sleeps until Animal Nursery!
It is hard to believe how quickly the Tamworth Show and Animal Nursery have come around this year.

The excitement of hosting the Nursery once again is definitely building within our school community. P&C families are busy coordinating rosters, organising animals and supplies and preparing for the big event that commences with setup on Thursday. Anyone who is able to assist with the transport of items into the show grounds is asked to meet at the school at 10am next Thursday (3/3/16). Assistance to set up the nursery in preparation for the animals is always a lot easier when there are many hands to help share the work load. The Nursery will then need to be staffed for the next 48 hours to ensure the safety and well-being of the animals. Then the nursery needs to be pulled down again on the Sunday. As you can understand this is a HUGE task so any assistance is gratefully appreciated. There are many benefits of volunteering for a shift at the Nursery- the satisfaction that comes from working as a team to achieve something extraordinary, the excitement of being part of an interesting project but mostly knowing that the donation of your time contributes towards raising vital funds that will be used to directly benefit your child’s educational experience. So I encourage all families to get involved in this opportunity that is very unique to our small rural school.

Please send in your availability on the attached roster to the school by Friday. This will enable a final roster to be compiled and sent out.

Animal Nursery Anniversary
Woolomin School has been coordinating and hosting the Animal Nursery exhibit at the Tamworth Show for 15 years. Our school started hosting the nursery many years ago when the SRC of 2000 decided to run a raffle at the show. A pig was trained to walk on a lead and students walked around the show selling tickets in a ‘Guess the weight of the pig’ raffle. When they wandered into the Animal Nursery, which was being hosted by Tintinhull Rural Youth, a conversation with the coordinator, Nyrig Glover, resulted in the running of the nursery being handed over to our school commencing 2001.

From that time a succession of students, staff and school families have been involved in this amazing initiative. It has been incredible to see so many people work together with a shared vision and commitment to the ongoing success of the nursery. Running an animal nursery has many challenges. It can be extremely tiring physically and mentally and time consuming however it is such an incredibly rewarding experience for all involved especially our students. Many past students still
reflect fondly on their experiences looking after the animals at the show, sweeping up the floors, feeding out and showing town children their animals. There is no other organisation more suited to the task of running this type of venture than country kids and families who truly represent the heart and soul of rural Australia. I look forward to one day reading the book about the tales and trials of running an animal nursery with contributions from the many people involved in this journey. Anyone up to the challenge?

Swimming Champions
This morning our school swimming carnival champions were presented with their medallions:

Riley Leys (Senior girls), Allee Thompson (Minor girls), William Fisher (Senior boys) and Bryce Thompson (Junior boys). Absent: Fiona Self (Junior girls)

Little Athletics
Over the weekend, James Sampson represented Tamworth Little Athletics Association by travelling to Newcastle to compete in high jump and hurdles. James’s wonderful effort resulted in him placing 3rd for high jump and 4th in hurdles for his age group. Well done James!!

Tamworth High School GAT program
Students in years 5/6 who are interested in participating in Tamworth High School GAT programs are reminded to please return their completed permission notes ASAP, as places are filling fast.

Thank you.
Mrs Povea-Roworth.

P&C NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Woolomin Public School Parents and Citizens’ Association will be held on Monday 7th March commencing at 3.30pm.

Following acceptance of the minutes from the 2015 AGM and the tabling of the Audit Report for the half-year ended 31 December 2015, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions:

• President
• 2 x Vice Presidents
• Secretary
• Treasurer

All current P&C members are encouraged to attend the AGM to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions on the executive and sub-committees.

For more information concerning any aspects of the P&C including the conduct of the AGM, and the roles of executives and sub-committees, please go to the NSW P&C Federation website;

http://www.pandc.org.au/faq.seo

The AGM is open to all parents and carers who wish to attend, however only financial members are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions.

At the completion of the AGM the March general meeting will be held.
Reminders:

- With today’s newsletter please find attached a Friday lunch special order form. Please return tomorrow (25th) for catering purposes.
- Today we have sent home 2016 school contribution letters. Please read your letter carefully and contact the school if you require any further information.

Dates for Your Diary:

**Week 6**
- Friday 4th March: T20 Cricket at Nundle.
- Friday 4th March: Tamworth show.
- Saturday 5th March: Tamworth show.

**Week 7**
- Monday 7th March: P&C AGM – 3:30pm
- Tuesday 8th March: Yr 6 Leaders photo in NDL.
- Thursday 10th March: Selective Schools test.
- Thursday 10th March: Kindy photo in NDL.
- Friday 11th March: Special assembly @ 2:30pm.

**Week 8**
- Thursday 17th March: Tamworth High taster day 10:00am – 2:30pm.

**Week 9**
- Monday 21st March: Harmony day.
- Thursday 24th March: Tamworth High taster day 10:00am – 2:30pm.
- Friday 25th March: Good Friday

**Week 10**
- Monday 28th March: Easter Monday

**Week 11**
- Friday 8th April: Special assembly – ANZAC
  Last day of Term 1