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Upcoming Dates

♦ 4th, Thursday—Chess Tournament
♦ 5th, Friday—John O’Neill
♦ 17th, Wednesday—Small Schools Athletics Carnival.
♦ 24th Wednesday—NAIDOC Day
♦ 26th Friday—Last day Term 2
♦ 14th July, Tuesday—First day Term 3
Science Challenge

Year 5 attended the Science Challenge at Kempsey High, forming teams with Bellbrook and Willawarrin. This is a positive, hands-on experience of science and engineering.

They connected towns to electricity grids, built earthquake proof buildings, experimented with future power as well as making bridges and catapults.

Walk Safely To School.

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.
**Chess Tournament**

Once again, a dedicated team of chess players are off to Kempsey East Public School for the MECS Chess Tournament. Good luck next Thursday.

**John O’Neill Sports Carnival**

The annual John O’Neill Sports Carnival will be held on Friday, 5th June. Students need to bring their lunches, a water bottle and need parents to transport them to Willawarrin.

If any student needs help with transport, please contact the school.

There will be a small canteen operating on the day, run by Willawarrin, Bellbrook and Greenhill school P & C’s.

**School Camp -**

Lake Keepit has a Small Schools Program from 24th to 28th Aug and last year 11 schools and 110 students attended.

The cost for the 5 days is $257 per student, this would be a valid use of the Schoolkids Bonus of $410 a year that most families in our school community receive for each child. Start paying a little each week, now, to help manage your budget.

Fees HAVE to be paid by 14th August.

Money can be direct deposited into the school account, please include child’s name.

Account Name—Millbank Public School
BSB—032-001
Account Number—143376
NAPLAN

Year 3 & 5 did NAPLAN testing from Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

Willawarrin School Disco.

Gary Elford and his wife Jane, visited on 8th May.

They played music to which students practiced their bush dancing skills. He also recited bush poetry by Banjo Paterson as well as some of his own works. He has written a book about his forebears who came from Millbank, The book was launched the following day at the Hall, where he donated an autographed copy to our library.

Toys at School

Can Parents please check that their children do not bring toys to school. It causes unnecessary stress.