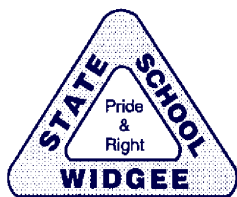


# Widgee SS Newsletter



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**Week 2 Term 1**

**3rd February 2017**

## From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to another school year! It is great to get back into the swing of school life and I've enjoyed seeing the students and getting back to teaching as well as meeting new parents and students.

We have gained a lot of new students (14 in total), however, we have also had a few students leave and change schools which is always sad. We have a big year planned and staff have hit the ground running and are really passionate to deliver top rate lessons while maintaining the important personal relationships that being in a small school is all about.

We have passed Day 8 and we will maintain our school structure of P-2, 3/4 and 5/6 which is fantastic news. Student numbers fluctuate in small schools and I am very glad to say that we are safe and have the right amount of students to continue with three classrooms for the year.

### Reading

Reading is undeniably our key focus for 2017. Reading is fundamental for success in all other subjects and as such is a priority every single day. We have a number of reading programs that are operating and each one focusses on specific aspects to improve reading understanding.

In the early years, our focus is on phonics, listening for sounds, following along with words by using our finger and talking about the book/story and relating it to the child's life. As students begin to learn sight words and begin more confident in reading, students focus on strategies to help them decode unfamiliar words and work on their fluency with words they do know. As their decoding improves, a greater focus is put on comprehension and understanding the text.

To help your child, read with them or listen to them read every single day. If you can set aside 10-20 minutes each day, morning or night, you'll find your son/daughter not only improve their reading ability but they'll appreciate that special time that they get to spend with just you.

### P&C Meeting

For family reasons, Julie White has resigned as P&C President. I would like to thank Julie for all her hard work as P&C President, it is not always an easy job and Julie has lead the P&C through some difficult circumstances.

The first general P&C meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 8th February at 3:15pm. We cannot have an AGM until the books are back from the accountant and we expect this to be in early March. I would love it if as many parents came to the meeting as possible as we would like to map out our direction for this year and set some plans in place.

### Playgroup

Playgroup started back up this week and it was fantastic to see some new families and children having fun at playgroup. Next week, Mrs Jane Gunn from the Gympie Library will come to school to run our playgroup on Wednesday 8th February. This will be a great opportunity to see new playgroup practices and get some fresh ideas. Playgroup is a great opportunity to meet up with parents in the community, socialise with children their age and also get accustomed to school routines for future prep students.

### TERM 4 DATE CLAIMERS

Date	Event
3 Feb	Meet & Greet 3pm
7 Feb	Bus Meeting 7pm
8 Feb	P&C General Meeting
31 Mar	Last Day Term One

## Resource Levy

A reminder that resource levy fees are \$150 for the year. Please pay 50% by the end of week three and the remaining total by the end of the Semester. If you are having difficulty paying the levy, please see Matt or Margaret to discuss payment options.

## Head Lice

A note is being sent home today regarding head lice. Please check your child/ren over the weekend and treat if required and send the note to the Office. Thank you.

## Students of the Week

### Week 1

**Keyda Robertson** - For always being a positive and enthusiastic student!

**Bella Stewart** - For her excellent knowledge of place value in maths.

**Hamish McEwan** - For having a sizzling start to the year.

**Taylah Mackay** - For her positive attitude to school and extra work to keep the classroom clean and tidy after art!

**Declan McCabe** - For a terrific start to the new school year by answering questions and being an active participant in class!



### Week 2

**Tamara Jaenke** - For her outstanding work ethic and for being a positive role model.

**Aylah Kelsey** - -for being a learner and asking questions to clarify.

**Joshua Davie** - For great explanations of voiced and unvoiced consonants.

**Kimberley Weston** - For being a great friend and working hard every day!

**Jamaika Lawrence** - For having a bubbly personality and trying her best every day!



## Widgee Craft Group

A big thankyou to the Widgee Craft Group who have just donated a lot of craft supplies to our school. We are always thankful and appreciative any extra donations and resources.

## Service Directory Advertising

If you would like to continue advertising in our Service Directory you are invited to now pay the yearly subscription of \$27.50. Any local businesses are invited to advertise in our newsletter.

Thank you for your support in the past.



Support the **WIDGEE MARKETS**

On the first SATURDAY of the month at the  
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7:00am to 12:00 noon. Sites: \$5:00

Lots of great bargains for everyone.

All proceeds to **WIDGEE PONY CLUB.**

Enquiries to Jim Clune 54861180



**School Banking**

Hi Widgee State School Families,

Welcome to 2017.

School Banking will be commencing in the upcoming weeks, we are trying to arrange a Commonwealth Bank School Banking representative to come and give a small talk at a parade, more info to come on date. Banking days will be Friday every week, there will be a collection bag in every class room, which will be collected shortly after parade.

In the meantime can you please fill in the below information and return to the office as soon as possible, so I can start adding children into the Widgee School Banking site:

Interested in School Banking                      Y/N

New account    Y/N (information starter kit will be sent home with child/ren)

Child's name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Account (details below):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

BSB: \_\_\_\_\_

Account: \_\_\_\_\_

I appreciate your time.

Kelly McCabe - Widgee State School Banking Co-ordinator

**Widgee High School Bus**

The AGM for this bus run will be held on Wednesday the 15th February at 6:00pm at the Widgee Community Complex.



## SERVICE DIRECTORY 2017

### **Widgee District Hall & Recreation Association**

President:-	Sherry Fuller	5484 0306
Vice President:-	Jim Clune	5486 1180
Secretary:-	Jenny Clune	0448 528303
Treasurer:-	Joan Falconer	54840403
Hall Bookings:-	Ron Follett	54840285
Kitchen:-	Sue Lohse	5484 0166

### **Country Music Club**



<u>President:</u>	Ron Junggebur	54840335
<u>Secretary:</u>	Tanda Webb	54840172
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Tracey White	54840043

Monthly walk-up Widgee Bushman's Bar

### **WIDGEE COMMUNITY COMPLEX**

**President:** Jon Offord 5484 0190

**Vice-President:** Sid Dumbleton 5484 0272

**Secretary:** Margaret Fittler 5484 0420

**Treasurer:** Marilyn McKenna 5484 0496

**Public Relations Officer:** Glynnis Offord 54840190

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### **Widgee Rural Fire Brigade**

#### **Executive**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Chris Lhotka
<b>Secretary:</b>	Val Ware
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Barbara Follett
<b>Equipment :</b>	Ron Follett
<b>Voluntary Community Educator:</b>	Val Ware

#### **List of Officers**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Officer:</b>	<b>Barry Dyer</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Officer:</b>	<b>David Barsley</b>
<b>3rd Officer:</b>	<b>Terry Payne</b>
<b>4th Officer:</b>	<b>Chris Lohotka</b>
<b>5th Officer:</b>	<b>Val Ware</b>
<b>6th Officer:</b>	<b>John Stuart</b>

### **Giddy Up with *Giddy`Up* Pony Rides and Parties**



#### **We offer:-**

- \* Private arena lessons
- \* 1/2 day trail lessons
- \* Full day trail/swim lessons

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**Email:- giddyup2017@gmail.com**