Sally Russell, from the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre, spent today with our Year 5 EnviroChamps - Lily McCarten, Hayley Jolly, Monte McIntyre and Tyler Parker. They were very busy working on developing their environmental project for our school. They will share their final plans in next week's newsletter.

**TREE DAY**

On Thursday, this week, staff and students will be engaging in activities to celebrate School Tree Day. In collaboration with Bland Shire Council, we will be planting trees within the township of Weethalle, having a BBQ lunch (provided free of charge by the Bland Shire) and then finishing up planting a few trees within our school grounds. Students may wear work clothes and bring gloves to wear if they wish.

**SMALL SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

On Friday, all students in Years 3-6 (and any 8 year olds in Year 2 who would like to participate) will be travelling to Griffith for the Small Schools Athletics Carnival at West End Oval. Students are asked to arrive by 9.30am and report to Mrs. Glyde. Please sign the attached permission note and return to school asap.

**HELP WANTED**

We want to build a cubby house and are looking for anyone interested in helping with either the designing and/or the building. A cubby house and fairy garden have been requested by the SRC and the school is supporting this project. Please contact the school if you or anyone you know can help.
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

Attached to this newsletter is a sticker sheet for the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. You will receive one sticker for every $10 spent. Stick the stickers on the sheet and when it is complete, return it to school and pop it into the Collection Box in the office. Please encourage family and friends to collect for us as well. The more we collect, the more new educational resources we will earn.

HABIT OF MIND AWARDS

Each week, from now on, we will be presenting a “Habit of Mind” award for skills associated with our school’s new learning based on How2Learn strategies. These will be taught across the whole school in a consistent way.

SPELLING BEE

All students will be taking home a list of spelling words to practise for our school Spelling Bee which will be held on Wednesday 29th July at our Education Week Open Day. Open classrooms will operate from 11.30-12.30, followed by our School Spelling Bee. We will have a free BBQ lunch together to celebrate all the wonderful achievements of our students and our school. The afternoon will be the much anticipated “Weethalle Public School’s Got Talent”. Students are already very excited and are busy preparing their items.

CLASS NEWS

Years 4/5/6

Super Spellers – Lizzie Rutledge, Leah Caldow, Jemma Luelf, Bethany Ball, Phoebe Skillin, Hayley Jolly, Nicole Caldow, Xavier McIntyre and Lily McCarten.

HOME LEARNING – includes learning -School Spelling Bee list words and completing associated activities.

ENGLISH – focusing on the comprehension strategy of summarising which is an important skill that helps us when we are researching, gathering and presenting information. Students will be skimming and scanning information to find key words and phrases to help them to summarise the text. The class will be becoming familiar with where they are located on the Literacy Continuum for the aspects of Reading Text and Comprehension.

MATHS – this week’s focus will be on “Patterns and Algebra”. Stage 2 will generalise properties and complete simpler number sentences by calculating
missing values. Stage 3 will analyse and create geometric and number patterns, construct and complete number sentences and locate points on the Cartesian plane.

**HSIE** – will be learning about “Refugees”, an integrated unit with English. The initial text we will be using is “Ziba Came on a Boat” by Liz Lofthouse.

**K-3 News**

We are very lucky to have Miss Steph Clark in our room until Week 5. She has started teaching some lessons and has been working with small groups.

We have our Spelling Bee coming up in Week 3, so for a bit of extra homework practice spelling the words on the list out loud.

**Shared Reading:** *Romp in the Swamp* by Ian Whybrow

**Grammar:** Possessive Nouns

**Writing:** Narratives

**Maths:** Number

**Science:** This term we are trialling a new Science Unit, ‘Dinosaurs and More’ for Primary Connections. Our first lesson is: Hear it Roar!

**Creative Arts:** This week we will begin creating our show entries.

**Super Spellers:** Henry Luelf, Emily Parker, Luke Anderson, Mikayla Caldow, Sophie Davey and Sophie Luelf

**Upcoming dates………..**

Thursday 23rd July  
Schools Tree Day

Friday 24th July  
Small School Athletics – Griffith

Mon 27th-Frid 31st July  
Education Week

Thurs/Frid 30/31st July  
KROP

Friday 7th August  
Zone Athletics

Keep smiling and be happy…….. Cheryle