School Strategic Directions 2015
- Consistent, high quality student learning.
- Consistent, high quality teaching and leadership.
- Cultivate consistent, high quality collaborative processes within the Whitebridge Community of Schools to enhance the quality of teaching, learning & leadership.

What’s Happening This Week
Week 9
Mon 15 June - Writing Competition
- Creative Arts Groups
- Public Speaking Finals
Tue 16 June - Staff Meeting
- Spelling Competition
- Scripture & Ethics Classes
- WCoS Principals Meeting
Wed 17 June - Executive Meeting
- Staff Training
- Netball Gala Day
Thurs 18 June - Learning Support Team
- Yr 5 Debate Pool B
Fri 19 June - Assembly Item 5/6H
- Yr 5 Photography Enrichment

Star Struck
Last week 17 students from Dudley Primary performed in Star Struck 2015. This 3 hour extravaganza featured 130 Hunter schools and over 3,500 students. This was the culmination of several months of rehearsals.

The theme was “A maze ing” and was a visual and musical spectacular and a highly professional production.

Our talented students from Dudley were actively involved in the dance scenes in the production.

Thank you to parents for their wonderful support in transporting to and from the 4 shows. A huge thank you to all the ladies who volunteered their time to make costumes for us. Thanks to Ruth Clipperton, Naomi Baker, Marcella Pappas, Karyn Marriott, Allison Fenwick, Karen Murphy, Narelle Warren and Mrs Davis’ mother for all their hard work. The girls looked amazing and it was a fantastic experience for everyone.

Congratulations to Jacob Gonzalez who received his Principal’s Award for an excellent attitude to learning and being a fabulous role model to others.

Star Struck is very much teacher driven, highlighting the expertise and sheer hard work and enthusiasm to produce such an incredible result. I would like to thank Sonja Wild for her dedication to our students. Thank you to the many parents of dancers who expressed their high praise for our involvement.

Principal Award - Week 8

Congratulations to Jorja Moore who received her principal’s award for excellent attitude to classwork and great getting along skills.

Spelling Competition
This Tuesday 16 June we have 15 students in Years 3-6 who will complete the Spelling Competition. They will have 12 - 15 words as a dictated word list and then complete a series of questions where they will identify the correctly or incorrectly spelt word and then identify the spelling errors in a passage. Congratulations to: Riley Osborne, Brodie Wright, Eli Thompson, Sonny-Jay Skinner, Sam Bloomfield, Cian O’Hagan, Milani Clegg, Skye Lyddiard, Ruby Buckeridge, Ella Osborne, Nelson Anderson, Georgia Chenhall, Tristan Clinton-Muehr, Monet Murray and Jayden Wright.

Netball Gala Day
This Wednesday 17 June we have students from Yrs 3-6 competing in the Netball Gala Day. This will be held at the Charlestown Netball Courts with students being transported to and from the venue by bus. They will depart school at 9.30am and return by 3.00pm. They will be supervised by class teachers.

We have 4 senior teams and 6 junior teams of boys and girls. Any parents who can assist with teams are asked to contact our office. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to develop and extend their netball and teamwork skills.

Debating
This Thursday 18 June our Year 5 Pool B train-on debating team will debate Hamilton South at their school. Best wishes to Emilia Clinton, Cian O’Hagan, Joseph Gillard and Ella Osborne.

Writing Competition
Today we had 9 students in Years 3-6 who competed in the Writing Competition. They completed a persuasive writing draft, which included 5 minutes planning, 20 minutes writing and 5 minutes checking. Congratulations to: Sam Bloomfield, Maeve Baker, Eloise Flynn, Ruby Bickford, Grace Baker, Ella Osborne, Monet Murray & Bailee Pappas.

Ukulele Groups
Parents are asked to send in their $20 Term 3 fee for students attending Ukulele this week thanks.

National Collection of Data on Students
Schools across Australia are taking part in a national data collection on school students with disability and learning support needs.

This important data collection will reflect the support that is already being provided to students and will focus on the steps the school is taking to ensure that all students can access education on the same basis. The data will be used to inform future planning by governments and education authorities and will better support the participation of students with learning needs and disabilities in our school and all other Australian schools.

The data collection in 2015 will be used to inform policy development for future funding and other policy development.

The data collection will focus on the adjustments that are being made by teachers and schools to support individual students to access and participate in education.

Our school will collect and report information on:
- The level of adjustment provided
- The number of students who receive each level of adjustment
- The student’s category of disability (i.e. physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional)

The data collection process will have no direct impact on students and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The school will provide the information to the Department of Education & Communities’ Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation.

The data that is sent will be done in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified. The Centre will remove further identifiable features, such as school name, when it gives the data to the Commonwealth.

Our school completed this national data collection in 2014 and this will be our second year to be involved.
Staff Leave

Rosalie Clements is on sick leave for the next 2 weeks following an operation on her foot. Lyn McGeachie is relieving in the office and Cheryl Morris is relieving as School Admin Manager.

Lorraine Blake returns from leave next Friday 26 June.

Sonja Wild is on long service leave for the final 2 weeks of term and Sophie Littler is on KW class.

Peter Adams will commence long service leave next Monday 22 June and will include the first 3 weeks of Term 3. Jason Horadam will be Relieving Principal in his absence and Kate Sullivan will relieve as Stage 3 Assistant Principal. Larissa Tweed will teach Yr 5-6H for this period.

What’s Happening Next Week

Week 10

Mon 22 June - Creative arts Groups
- Public Speaking Stage Finals
- Peter Adams On Leave

Tue 23 June - Staff Meeting
- Scripture & Ethics

Wed 24 June - Student Reports Home
- Executive Meeting
- Staff Training

Thurs 25 June - Learning Support Team
- Year 6 Premier’s Debate

Fri 26 June - Assembly Item 5/6S
- Final day of Term

Year 6 Debating

Our Year 6 Premier’s debating team will debate against Caves Beach next Thursday 25 June.

Good luck to: Monet Murray, Isabella Milajew, Leah O’Hagan & Annie Croal.

Public Speaking

For the last few weeks the students have been preparing and practising their speeches.

All students have been encouraged to deliver a short speech to their classmates.

Over the next 2 weeks we will choose the best two from each stage to compete in the Zone competition. This competition will be held early next term.

Principal’s Award - Week 8

Congratulations to Cooper Hunt who received his principal’s award for always presenting quality work and being confident and responsible.

Student Reports

Our semester 1 student reports will be sent home to parents next Wednesday. These will be sealed to avoid students comparing them before parents view them.

I would like to emphasise that the rankings “limited” through to “outstanding” cannot be compared with the scales of the past. Parents should not be worried if a child’s progress is “sound”. Sound means your child is on track in this area and their results are where they should be.

Parents are asked to give equal attention to the “attitude and effort” ranking and also to the teacher’s comment.

Students who rate “basic” in English or Maths are demonstrating minimal achievement. These students are clearly experiencing difficulty with their learning and require further support. It is important that parents are aware that their child is experiencing difficulty so they can assist the school in this support.

It is important that parents sit down with their child to view and discuss this report. This helps to give your child ownership of their learning. Read through all aspects of the report with your child explaining strengths and areas for further development. Highlight the positives, as we want receiving a report to be a positive experience.

We plan to have Parent–Student–Teacher interviews in Week 2 next term and parents will be able to book these online.
Athletics Carnival  
Note the date  
Our annual ‘not to be missed’ athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 16 July, Week 1 of Term 3, at Raey Park in Dudley. 
The hall at Reay Park has been taken away, however our P & C plan to hold a BBQ lunch on the day. An order form for the sausage sizzle will be included in the first newsletter of Term 3. 
Please let our office know if you can assist on the day with timing.

School Holidays  
Next Friday, 26 June will be the last day of this term. The winter holidays will run from Monday 29 June to Monday 13 July. Students return to school to commence Term 3 on Tuesday 14 July.

Our staff would like to thank parents for your continued support and assistance during Term 2. We wish all students and families a safe and happy holiday.

School Development Day  
Our staff will return on Monday 13 July for a school development day. 
We will combine with the other 6 Whitebridge Community of Schools (WCoS) for the 1st half of the day. 
Staff will complete a workshop on the Literacy Continuum and then complete a choice of two individual workshops. 
These workshops include, PE, Speech Pathology, Robotics, Drama, Smart Moves, Author workshop, LAST support, Notebook Software, Music Percussion, Utilising Glenrock Reserve, Maths Target Cards, Explicit Teaching, Digital Technologies, Occupational Therapy, Ipad Apps, Visual Arts, Aboriginal Perspectives, Targeting early Numeracy and CV Writing.
Library News

On Wednesday 17 and 24 June we need parent assistance covering library books from 2.00 - 3.00pm in the library.

Thank you to Felicity Bloomfield, Carrie Flynn and Paula Lees who assisted last week.

Premier’s Reading Challenge has 9 weeks to go, keep reading.

Planning is well under way for Book Week with our Open Day and Book Fair being held on Wednesday 29 July.

The theme is “Books light up our world”. We will discuss ideas with students on how to dress to this theme.

We have also booked two workshops for all students with an author and an illustrator visiting on Thursday 20 August next term.

HEAD LICE ALERT!
We have been informed that there have been repeated infestations of head lice in our school. Parents, please ensure that you check your child’s hair every week, and if you find any evidence of lice, treat accordingly. There are many and varied treatments available, and these should be applied as per instructions; many require a repeat treatment to carried out 5 days after the initial treatment. You may also find many helpful hints via the internet on preventative measures. For girls, it is essential that they wear their hair tied back (preferably plaited), and loose ends to be held in place by either hair spray or gel.

These measures are only effective if everyone treats their children’s hair!
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SRC Meeting  
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| AUG 6 | Creative Arts Groups  
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Staff Training | Learning Support Team  
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Yr 5/6 Engineering Challenge |
| SEPT | Yr 6 Leadership Day  
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