Aussie Family Day
We had a terrific Aussie Family Day last Friday with our school community. All of our students dressed in Aussie theme and had a wow of a day. The activities included Egg and Spoon racing, Bush Music, Lamington Making, Thong Throwing and Face Painting. We had lots of treats to eat which included Lamingtons, Green/Gold biscuits, Mini Pavlovas and a delicious BBQ.

Our parents joined us in the middle session for some toe tapping Bush Dancing before we went to the local pool for a fun afternoon. It is wonderful to have a day like this when our school community can get together and have a load of fun!

Regional Swimming
We would like to congratulate Nash Porter, Jayden Barr, Mia Constable and Chloe Symington who participated in Armidale at the Regional PSSA Swimming Carnival. Although no swimmers progress through to Homebush personal bests were achieved on the day.

Easter Hat Parade
Just a quick reminder that our annual Easter Hat Parade will take place on Thursday 28th March 2013. It will commence at 10 am on the middle terrace (aka Platform). It would be a good idea to commence making your Easter Hats now in order not to miss out on the big day. Lots of prize awards for the each grade winners.

Tamworth Show Success!
Congratulations to Imogen Lyon for her great success in winning 1st place in Junior Patchwork quilting, Show Champion in Patchwork as well as a special award for Patchwork at the Tamworth Show. Well Done Imogen!

Northern Daily Leader Photos
Our Kindergarten and our school captains photos will appear in the 13th & 14th March edition of the paper.

Head Lice
Could you please check (and treat as required ) your child / children’s hair as we have had reports of head lice.

Together we make a difference
Mr Michael Windred
Principal
We had a lot of fun last Friday on Aussie Day and we must thank Ms Anderson for organising it for us.

I am sending home flashcards today with a note in the folder with some games you can play.

Our new sounds this week are ‘o’ & ‘f’, and our new sight words are do, have, so, you. In Maths keep practising writing the numbers 1—5 and fractions, cutting an apple or orange into two equal pieces.

Home reading is going well and by this Friday there should be a few students who will receive their 25 nights award.

Please check your child’s hair for head lice as there has been a case in the class which is proving difficult to control.

I will be away next Monday 18/03/13 - I promised my daughter when she announced her engagement in January, this weekend to go wedding dress shopping in Sydney. Miss Paff will be on the class.

Mrs Windsor

This week K/1/2 RW are looking at 2D shapes in Mathematics. We had a lot of fun finding out all the different ways that we could classify the various shapes. Our formal computer lessons in class have also started and the students are finding information out about Microsoft Word. After our Parent Teacher Information night I have changed our homework set up. It is now in a rubrics style. This means that your child can choose some of the activities on it however spelling, reading and sight words are still compulsory. Don’t forget to pack your child’s joggers on Wednesday for PE and an extra drink bottle.

C Roser-Whitney

Due to Aussie Day on Friday and the fact that we were missing 12 students out of our class, I didn’t send home the books for covering with contact. Therefore I will be sending your child’s classroom books home this Friday for you to contact instead. Can you please make sure that you have contact ready to cover the books? Furthermore as stated last week, it is very important that the books are returned to school on the Monday, so we can commence work again.

In HSIE this week will be looking at ‘What is Shelter?’
- People live in many different types of homes.
  • Single dwelling * Tee-pee
  • Units * House boat
  • Terrace * Huts (Africa)
  • Igloo * Caves (Turkey)
  • Coober Pedy underground houses.

Congratulations Imogen on such a wonderful result at the Tamworth Show!
YEAR 4/5

What a successful Aussie Day—the weather finally cleared and we were able to hold our very busy day of activities.
This week we are continuing on with our comparisons of earlier work to see where we have achieved self-improvement.
Year 5 students from 4/5 and 5/6 continue with their NAPLAN practise while Year 4 students alternate between visual arts and music activities during this time.

T. Munday

YEAR 5/6

We all thoroughly enjoyed Aussie Day last Friday. All the activities were a great celebration of the Australian culture. We will be having another busy week this week with our usual class program, NAPLAN practise and lots of persuasive writing. Our class wish Chloe Partridge all the best in recovering after a horse riding accident which has left her with a broken leg. Good luck to the students in our class who will be attending Zone Basketball on Friday. I will also be absent Friday as I will be attending a debating workshop with a number of stage 2 and 3 students. Miss Paff will take the class and our program will continue as normal.

Catherine Anderson

LIBRARY

Lessons continue ever forward in library and science. Here are some fun facts to help keep parents stay competitive with your children.

1. The habitable zone in the solar system is also called “the Goldilocks zone” (not too hot, not too cold.)
2. Distance in the ‘solar system’ is measured in AU (Astronomical unit) Earth is 1AU from the sun, Uranus is 19.2AU’s away.
3. The water cycle includes percolation and groundwater.
4. Characters must be in a fiction book to help the story progress. Otherwise the story would be, Once upon a time, the end! ;)

Chris Lyon
**Principal’s Awards**

- 5 Gold slips —
- 10 Gold slips —
- 15 Gold slips —
- 20 Gold slips —

**Home Reading Nights**

- 25 Nights — Jayden Barr; Eliza Furner; Phoebe Roberts; Mia Constable
- 50 Nights —
- 75 Nights —

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### P. & C. News

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 1, 2013**

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**Easter raffle tickets** are due back on 25/03/13. Donations of eggs are still being accepted at the school office.

**Bulb orders** are due back by the 5.04.13. Please ensure that your name is on your order when you are sending it in.

**Chinese Day** in the canteen is on 11.04.13.

**P. & C. Meeting** is on Thursday, 14.03.13 commencing at 1:00 pm.

**Meals on Wheels Roster**

Please note that the roster sent out on a separate sheet with the Week 6 Contact was the roster for Meals on Wheels deliveries (not the school canteen roster) that is co-ordinated from the Werris Creek Hospital. Groups which include Boy Scouts; Lions Club, Rotary and also Werris Creek Public School helpers assist the hospital with the delivery of meals on a rotational basis. This means that Werris Creek P & C are only required to supply assistance 5 weeks out of the year. If you are available to assist on any of the days unfilled on the roster please contact Rachael Baldo.

**Stewart House 2013 Donation Drive**

Each year 1,800 public school children in need go to Stewart House from many parts of NSW & the ACT. During their stay children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12 day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All other costs associated with the children’s stay are met from charitable donations. Stewart House needs your support to ensure they can continue to provide important services to children. By taking part in this fundraiser participants will be placed in a draw with the opportunity to win a $4000 family holiday.

Enclosed is a Stewart House Donation Drive 2013 envelope. If you wish to donate please place a $2 coin or the equivalent in this envelope and return it to school by Friday, 10.05.13. Your school will then forward donations and information to Stewart House.

Thank you for your assistance.