Dear Parents,

**Samara Fundraiser**
The School will be holding a fundraiser for Samara to assist in the purchase of a car with wheelchair access. Activities will include: an Out of Uniform Crazy Hair Day with a gold coin donation, Cupcakes and Slice for 50c and a Tabloid of activities based on sensory awareness and disability awareness.

The P&C will be holding a Mexican Day on Thursday. Proceeds will also go to the Samara Fundraiser.

**NRL Captains Cup and Girls Tag**
Students will travel to Tamworth on Thursday to participate in Rugby League activities. Jesse Patterson, Luke Baldo, Tom Moore, Levi Allan, Malik Hunt, Ben Slattery-Saunders and Nash Porter will participate in tackle Rugby League, while Jamiah Hunt, Josey Bizant, Shelby Saunders and Maddyson Carter will participate in Girls Tag. This will commence at 10.00am at Plain St Playing Fields. Players should aim to be there by 9.00 with school sports uniform to be worn. My Lyon will bring jumpers for the tackle players.

**Rugby League Trials**
On Monday, boys will travel to Gunnedah to trial for Southern Zone Rugby League. Participants are Thomas Bizant, and Kaleb Squires (11Years) and Ben Foody and Domonic Patterson in the Opens.

**Manner of the Week**
Have nice table manners—keep mouth closed when chewing, pack away tidily

Timothy Munday
Acting Principal
Kindergarten

This week I will be testing the students for sight words, sounds and hearing and recording sounds to write a story. As a result no new home readers will go out this week.

In Maths this week we are finding the area of surfaces, cutting shapes to make half. The children have been learning early multiplication making groups.

No homework Week 11.

Emily Tomlinson

YEAR 1

Last week, Year 1 students created wonderful labelled diagrams of an Arctic Hare, which is the central character in our narrative text ‘Hopper’s Easter Surprise’. In mathematics we explored the chance of an event occurring using the terms ‘will happen’, ‘won’t happen’ and ‘might happen’.

This week the handwriting letter of the week is ‘o’ and our sounds are ‘at’ and ‘ap’. We will study the way to write a procedure in literacy and engage in activities which explore length and measuring objects in mathematics.

All of our students are looking forward to participating in our ‘Crazy Hair Day’ to be held on Wednesday 26th March to raise much needed funds for Samara and her family. I would like to thank Year 1 students for being a delight to teach and for their enthusiastic engagement in all activities as I finish my prac teaching placement at the end of this week.

Miss Forrest will be travelling to Armidale this Friday for her Graduation. We wish her all the best and hope the weather is kind to her.

Mrs Leigh-Ann Barton and Mrs Roser-Whitney

YEAR 2/3

This week we are continuing our NAPLAN practices in all areas. The children are doing a great job with this.

In English we are doing Information reports on Australian Animals. First students had to look up the information and take notes and now we have moved on to writing up the reports.

Yesterday we finished this term’s HSIE unit, ‘Families Past and Present’. We ended the unit by looking at folk and dreamtime stories. We discussed how in times gone by families would sit around and pass these stories on through the generations but due to the likes of the internet and YouTube we can now all enjoy these stories from all over the world.

Courtney Lyon
YEARS 4/5

This week Year 4/5 are continuing to work on narrative text. They have practised some descriptive words and word groups and created a map of a river with descriptive labels. Year 5 students from 4/5 and 5/6 have undergone further weekly practices for the upcoming NAPLAN tests. Students have continued research into Botswana, which is the featured country of study for the CWA. Students have practised working with addition of 3 and 4 digit numbers.

Timothy Munday

YEAR 5/6

This week has been another challenging week for Year 5/6! In small groups we analysed a series of Roald Dahl stories and examined the way he has started each text. We wanted to find out how Roald Dahl engages the reader at the start of the story. In Maths, we continue our work with fractions, decimals and percentages. In Art, we are finishing our Picasso inspired self-portraits. In HSIE we have looked at the Stolen Generation and basic human rights. We have also managed to find time for Drama and Dance. Keep an eye out for our ‘Matilda’ play and our ‘Warrior’ dance!

Roxanne Harris

LIBRARY

Another friendly reminder that active has finished for this term. Please make sure your children know how to get home these days. Business as usual for all classes this week, with the exception of Kindergarten. Due to changes with Monday Kinder won’t have library until next Monday, however they can return and borrow books at lunch.

Chris Lyon
**Principal's Awards**

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

**Home Reading Nights**

25 Nights — Adam Patton; Lilly Cope; Ben Slattery-Sauunders
50 Nights— Haley Hicks
75 Nights—

**Rugby League Training Run—11Yrs**

Jason and Matt are holding a training run on Thursday 27.03.14 commencing at 4:30 pm at David Taylor Oval for 11yrs boys attending the Rugby League trial day at Gunnedah on Monday, 31.03.14.

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**P. & C. News**

**Next Meeting** — The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 09.04.14, commencing at 1:00 in the school hall.

**Lunch Orders** — If paying for your child’s lunch order with change please place money in a zip lock bag as the coins are tearing holes in the paper bags and the money is falling out.

**Easter** — Calling for donations of Easter eggs etc for our annual Easter raffle which will be drawn on 11.04.14 at our Easter Parade.

**Movie Day** — The P&C will be holding a movie afternoon screening ‘Turbo’ at 3:00 pm in the school hall on Sunday, 6.04.14. Popcorn and canteen items will be available.

**Raffles** — The P&C are rostered on as part of a community fundraiser to sell raffle tickets at the Bowling and Tennis Club. Our next rostered evening is Thursday, 27.03.14.

**Disco** — This term’s disco will be a twilight disco held on 9.04.14, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

**Mexican Day Orders** — The last day for Mexican Day orders will be Wednesday, 26.03.14.