Dear Parents,

Samara Fundraiser
The School’s fundraiser for Samara to assist in the purchase of a car with wheelchair access was most successful. Crazy Hair Day, P&C’s Mexican Day and P&C’s raffle at the Bowling and Tennis Club’s “Hot Cash Draw” all contributed to the $1000 raised. The B&TC committee assisted by donating the cost of the raffle. Well done to the school community.

NRL Captains Cup and Girls Tag
Unfortunately this was cancelled due to wet weather. There is a possibility that this might be rescheduled next term.

Rugby League Trials
On Monday, boys travelled to Gunnedah to trial for Southern Zone Rugby League. Participants were Thomas and Kaleb (11Years), Ben, Domonic and Cameron (Opens). Please refer to the students’ detailed report further in this newsletter.

Soccer Trials
Two weeks ago Georgia Moore went to Quirindi Zone Trials for Soccer. She was competing against some very physical boys to try her hand in a male dominated sport. Even though she got battered and bruised, she always managed to get back up on her feet and play the game. Some spectators were amazed with her spirit and enthusiasm. As a result of all her hard work, Georgia was rewarded with a spot on the Quirindi Zone Soccer Team. She was supposed to play last Friday at Gunnedah but due to the weather conditions, it was cancelled and now she will play in Armidale this Friday for a spot in the North West PSSA Soccer Team. Good Luck Georgia!

Annual School Report
Werris Creek Public School’s 2013 Annual School Report is now available at the office for anyone interested in obtaining a copy. A small charge of $5.00 will apply. This will help with the cost of printing expenses.

International Schools Competitions
Due date for the participation in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is Friday, 2nd May 2014. Due to the school holidays, please make sure that entries are sent in either next week or the first week back from school holidays. Copies of the entries are available at the school, if required.

Student Banking
Student Banking will take place every Thursday. Please have your bank books in before this day so that they can be returned to the students on the Friday.

Timothy Munday
Acting Principal

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Kindergarten

There will be no homework next week for Kindergarten. We continue to learn about finding the area of surfaces, 3D objects and early multiplication in Maths. We have started some Easter craft and are looking forward to the holidays and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Emily Tomlinson

YEAR 1

Can't believe we're in week 10 of first term already!! Just a reminder to parents that this is the final week for homework for the term, as there will be none given out in week 11. It's been good to see so many practising their spelling, reading, writing and maths at home! Keep up the reading Year 1 - We'd like to see even more 25 night awards!

In class this week we'll be busy learning about the 'it' sound in spelling, and refining our handwriting with the letter 'G'. We're still focusing on Easter picture books to help us in writing, and our learning about descriptive words. Last week we even enjoyed making our own Easter eggs with foam and paper in art, before recalling what we did to write our own procedures!

In HSIE Mrs Roser-Whitney has sent home a short survey for Grandparents / parents to complete with their child.

Thank you for your donations to Samara's Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser last week. So many crazy hair styles! It was great to see a cheque presented to Samara and her mum for $1000. It was great to see such community spirit coming together for a good cause.

Remember the Disco is on next Wednesday and the Easter Hat Parade is on next Friday 11th April. We can't wait to see all your cleverly created hats!

Mrs Windsor will be sharing the class with me next week while Mrs Roser-Whitney is in Sydney with the North-West Swimming Team.

Miss Forrest and Mrs Roser-Whitney

YEAR 2/3

This week we continued to practice for NAPLAN. We are starting to get our work together for the Currawubula Small School Art Show. This will take place on the Mothers Day weekend, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May, at Currawubula Public School. The children have put in a great effort.

This week we will start our project on Botswana which is the CWA theme country for this year.

Courtney Lyon
YEAR 4/5

This week Year 4/5 are ‘bouncing their way around the world’ with a new narrative text. They have been looking at what we can learn from fantasy stories. Year 5 students from 4/5 and 5/6 have undergone further weekly practices for the upcoming NAPLAN tests. Students have just about completed their presentations about Botswana, which is the featured country of study for the CWA. Students have practised working with subtraction of 2 and 3 digit numbers. Year 4/5 researching and locating towns with aboriginal place names.

Timothy Munday

Year 5/6

This week and next, the 5/6 class are training hard for Cross Country next term. Students are encouraged to bring their joggers for fitness so they can run comfortably.

Students are completing their Assessment Task in English this week and in Maths we are diving further into problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages. To wrap up our HSIE unit for the term, students have become 'Mythbusters' and they have discovered the realities surrounding Asylum Seekers. Armed with research and evidence, 5/6 would be hard to beat in a debate!

In Health, students are looking at all the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

Roxanne Harris

LIBRARY

Library borrowing continues as usual. Please remember to return your books so that you may continue to borrow.

Chris Lyon
P. & C. News

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 1, 2014

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P. & C. News

Movie Day — The P&C will be holding a movie afternoon screening ‘Turbo’ at 3:00 pm in the school hall on Sunday, 06.04.14. Popcorn and canteen items will be available.

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

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.

Reminder - Colouring-in Competition entries and raffles tickets need to be returned to school.

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 this Thursday, 03.04.14.

Disco - This term’s disco will be a twilight disco held on 09.04.14, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. There is no theme for this disco—just wear your disco clothes.

Rugby League Trials

On Monday, 31st of March, Year Six’s Thomas, Ben, Cameron and myself tried out for the Southern Region Rugby League trials in Gunnedah. Thomas tried for under 11’s, Ben, Cameron and I tried out for the open side. We played with boys from Quirindi, Walhallow, Wallabadah, Spring Ridge, Baradine, Coonamble and Tamworth.

The day was very hot but we all enjoyed playing with our new team mates. We gave it everything we had but unfortunately we didn’t make the side.

Overall the day was fun and we enjoyed meeting new boys.

Thank you to the mums and dads who helped to get us there and also to the staff from other schools for helping coach us on the day.

I hope that when the younger children are allowed to play for the school they do because it was an awesome experience.

By Domonic Patterson

Ella Saunders & Joshua Peterson with Year 1’s Easter Eggs.