RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY 2016

Friday 4th March was National Ride2School day. Our Primary students spent the week decorating their helmets which were judged on the Primary School Assembly by Cheyenne, the Warrumbungle Shire Council Road Safety Officer. Cheyenne was impressed by the efforts of every student, finding it very difficult to award one winner on the day. Prizes were awarded to Harry Beer, Laura-Jo Munro, Grace Sando and Bailey Tincknell. Congratulations to all students for participating on the day. Grace Sando was awarded the overall winner. Congratulations!

R Freeth

WINTER TRIALS ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday 2nd March students from Mendooran Central School travelled to Coolah to represent the school in the Winter Trials. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the students on the day. A special thank you to Mandy Eyles for organising the students on the day. All students performed excellently. Kyle Hartley, Mitchell Averillo, Jacob Howarth, Jake Mitchell and Caitlin Houghton will represent the school at the Zone Winter Trials next Wednesday.

A Langes
PRINCIPAL’S NOTES

Sport Updates
Primary Regional Swimming Trials are being held at Tamworth today. Emma Adams, Harry Beer and Alexander Yeo are competing. We wish these students the best of luck! Thank you to the parents for providing transport and supervision. Zone Winter Trials will be held in Gunnedah next Wednesday. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the students, especially to Mandy Eyles who took care of sourcing Guernseys after a mix up saw them left at school.

Woollemi Principal’s visit.
Last Friday our school hosted six Principals from the local area (including Mr Spora), two School Directors (including our new Director Sean Andrews) and two Principal School Leadership (PSL). The visitors were very impressed with our school and the way our students presented themselves. A big thank you to Sharon Abbott for her excellent catering! Thank you also to Mr Smyth and his Hospitality and Food Technology students for setting up the venue, serving and cleaning up. The students were wonderful ambassadors for the school.

Toilet Block Refurbishment
Construction begins today on the refurbishment of our school toilet block. The building will be gutted with asbestos removal this Wednesday afternoon from 3.30pm. This means that the site needs to be vacated from this time onwards. Following this it will be resealed and tiled and painted inside and out. Portable toilets have been set up behind the library. Construction is expected to take ten weeks.

Ride to School Day
It was wonderful to see so many students ride or walk to school on Friday. It was also really impressive how many parents walked with the students! Afterwards, a few skinned knees were treated. The “decorate a helmet” competition was also a great success.

School Council Meeting
Our first School Council meeting for 2016 will be held in the staff room on Thursday night at 7pm.

Book Fair
Our Book Fair opens today. It will run for 2 weeks in the Library. We appreciate the support shown by students, parents and carers.

School to Work
Rebecca Sciberras completed one week work placement with Christina Butcher from Hair Romance Media in Sydney at Darlinghurst. Christina teaches people to create their own blogs. Becci took part in a wealth of experiences and was able to see what journalism as a career is all about, confirming that it is the career path she wants to pursue. Year 12 Hospitality students are taking part in Work Placement next week.

Core Value - Fairness
Last week we explored the Core Value ‘Fairness’ on the whole school assembly. Fairness can be defined as; making judgments which are free from discrimination towards others. William Duce, Jaxson Mitchell and Cheyenne Smith talked on the school assembly about what fairness means to them and who they believe displays fairness.

J Waters
**PRIMARY NEWS**

**KINDERGARTEN/ YEAR 1 CLASS NEWS**
The students were very excited about Ride to School day. The winner of our decorated helmet was Laura-Jo Munro.

In Maths Kindergarten have been looking at what shapes have curved surfaces and what objects can roll. They have also been exploring the concepts of taller/shorter and closer/further while Year 1 have been looking at curved surfaces and recognising tens and ones in Place Value.

The winners of our class Win Bin and Uniform awards for last week were:
Win Bins: Laura-Jo, Skyla, Rihanna, Chloe
Uniform: Manny Sando

L Peter

**YEARS 1/2 CLASS NEWS**
We have begun our “Fractured Fairy Tale” Unit in Class 1/2 last week. We have been reading traditional fairy tales and have also been looking at variations of these fairy tales such as ‘Into the Forest’ and ‘Hoodwinked’. We have been discussing the differences between these stories by looking at the different perspectives between texts.

In Sport and PE we have been learning cricket and basketball skills and we have seen some definite improvements in our gross motor skills.

In Maths we have been focussing on the difference between division and multiplication and have been creating visual representations of questions. We are looking forward to dressing up as our favourite book characters.

Last week we all decorated our helmets as part of Ride To School Day. We had a fantastic time decorating. Congratulations to Harry Beer who was our class winner and Grace Sando who was our overall Primary winner.

R Freeth

**YEARS 3/4 CLASS NEWS**
Go the mighty Tigers! (Winners are grinners Nick Sweeney!) Our first week of class footy tipping proved to be a big lesson for Miss Mac! I must take more notice of what the ‘experts’ say! Remember, tips in by Thursday.

Last week we encouraged Ride to School Day and as one of the activities our class decorated our bike helmets. Congratulations to Grace who was our class winner and also the overall Primary winner. We also congratulate our class award winners; Shaelah, Ben and Felicity. Our uniform winners were Rachael x2, Riley Munro, Annabelle and Mackenzie. 3/4 class Win Bin Winners were Charlotte and Felicity. Well done.

This week students are going to be looking at all the wonderful books available at our School Book Fair. We will be visiting the Library this week to make our ‘wish list’ of books.

This week in Maths we will be working on our addition skills, 3D shapes (faces, vertex and edges) as well as parallel lines. Keep up the great work in Spelling 3/4, we had excellent results in our weekly spelling test.

Have a good week.

V McIntyre

**MOORAMBILLA NEWS**
The Moorambilla skills workshop tour is happening again this year. Unfortunately Michelle Leonard will not be coming to our school to run work shops. We have instead been invited to attend the skills workshops at Dunedoo Central School.

The work shops are open to all interested, they are lots of fun. If students are planning on participating, parents/carers will need to arrange transport to and from the workshops.

Dates and times are as follows:

**Primary Workshop**
Venue: Dunedoo Central School
Date: Wednesday 23rd March 2016
Time: 11:15-12pm (Boys) and 12pm-12:45pm (Girls)
Happy Singing!

L Yeo
YEARS 5/6 CLASS NEWS
Thank you to Mr. Elith for taking our class on Thursday while I stripped, cleaned and organised our Primary Sports Storeroom. It was a job that needed doing so that all Primary Teachers know what resources we have when planning Sport and PE lessons.

Years 5/6 are finishing their letter writing this week and will have a sample of that to come home hopefully by the end of the week. We are making progress on our artworks that will be on display at the Mendooran Show and they are looking pretty cool. There is no Homework this week! I have given students the week to spend on their research projects so I hope they make productive use of the time.

We have some students heading off to participate in PSSA Rugby League and Soccer trials on Thursday so we wish them well, go and give it your best and we thank Miss McIntyre for her efforts in making this happen for the students.

D Palmer

PRIMARY UNIFORM AWARDS

Kinder/Year 1  Emmanuel Sando
Years 1/2  Georgia Sweeney
Years 3/4  Mackenzie Harvey
Years 5/6  Crystal Miller

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY WEEK 6 TERM 1

Merit Awards

Kinder/Year 1
Chloe Sciberras
Tyson Thompson

Year 1/2
Marley Harvey
Ashton Harvey

Year 3/4
Felicity Cook
Ben Adams

Year 3/4
Tori Rutter
Alexander Yeo

Kinder/Year 1
Skyla Mulligan

Year 1/2
Lori Manning

Year 3/4
Shaelah Haron

Year 5/6
Hailey Quick

Pictured:
Emily Leask
Participating in Archery under the guidance of Max Neal
SECONDARY NEWS

YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE
On Monday 29th February I started my week long work experience with Christina Butcher from Romance Media in Darlinghurst. Christina runs a blog school to teach people how to create their own blog, is the author of Hair Romance, a blog about everything to do with hair, and along with her husband Jimmy co authors the blog Mr & Mrs Romance, which is about food, drinks and travel. The first day Christina had me do some research to see what skills I had.

Day 2 I started a write up on places I would like to travel to and then Christina and I did a photo shoot with Christina trying out a new hairstyle with me as the model.

Day 3 Christina and Jimmy had to attend a meeting that I sat in on, then I finished my write up.

On Thursday, we went to a press conference at Qatar where they were announcing that they were building an airport in Sydney. When we first arrived there was a protest out the front about how woman don’t have rights, it was quite confronting but overall Qatar was great. After Qatar we went and saw the Parrot Drones. After we saw what they could do and how they were constructed, we got to go to a nearby park and fly them ourselves, including doing a few flips. They also had goggles you could wear and it was like you were in the pilot seat of the Drone, you could see whatever the camera saw. They were awesome! Overall I found the whole week absolutely amazing and I was very lucky to go into the city and experience all that I did.

B Sciberras
Year 11

SECONDARY ENGLISH NEWS
I would just like to congratulate the following students for always putting a superb effort into their school work. These students have completed every task asked of them: Caitlin Houghton, Bianca Fitzgerald, L’Acie Carpenter, Peta McLeod, Lachlan Howarth, Lachlan McKecknie, Courtney Abberton, Malcolm Hellyer, Anna Ward and Cameron Bowler.

Keep up the great work!

M. Galiatsatos

SENIOR ENGLISH AND HISTORY NEWS
With exams fast approaching I want to remind Year 12 students to continue studying hard. You are all capable of achieving the results you want provided you put the hard work in now. Keep up the good work!

M. Galiatsatos

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Dates and times are as follows:

Secondary Workshop
Venue: Dunedoo Central School
Date: Tuesday 22nd March 2016
Time: 2pm-3:10pm

Happy Singing!

L. Yeo
Stage 5 has now completed our unit ‘Motion’ in Science with Mr Newberry. The topic was all about motion, force, acceleration, mass distance and time. For our final assessment in this unit, we had to gather every possible thing we knew and were taught and design/build a device to fling a tennis ball as far as we could.

Lachie McKechnie, Alana and Aleesha Leaney, Steven Ashford and James Eyles took part in this event and constructed five very different pieces. Last Wednesday, 2nd March, the students tested out their designs, to see how far they could fling a tennis ball from them.

They used a variety of materials from wood, metal, rope, pipe, plastic, springs, chain and even paper to construct their versions of a ‘Catapult’.

The first to test their designs was Lachie McKechnie reaching over 10m. Following suit was Steven Ashford reaching over 7 metres. Next was Alana Leaney with the longest fling of the day, an impressive 14m; decorated and painted bright pink with black and purple ribbons. Loud yet very effective! Than Aleesha Leaney’s design stretching over 7m. And last but not least James Eyles, with his last minute design, unfortunately didn’t cover any distance he still competed which was exceptional. For all the students that participated impressive designs and a great effort.

D Thompson

This year’s Book fair has some exceptional resources. You’ll be amazed!!!

**Good Value**

- Wacky Packs $6.00
  These packs include: activity book, colourful rubber and a crazy pencil.

**For the Littlies (Preschool)**

- Extra hardcover books for little brothers and sisters. From $10.00

**Dinosaur Puppets on Sticks**

- What more can I say? $10.00

Four Large metal cases of a very wide selection of beautiful books for all ages. This forms the basis of our “bookshop” and Library classes will be focusing on the Book fair and its variety of books this week.

- Prices from $10.00

**Variety Table**

- Variety of colourful, wacky things including rubbers, pens, erasers and other fun items. From $1 - $6.00

**Parents**

You are most welcome to visit the Book Fair with your children and help them choose a book. All students who are bringing money to school please make sure that it is secure. You can put the money in an envelope and give it to your classroom teacher for safe keeping until you wish to go to the Book Fair.

See you at the Book Fair!
OLIVER - BOOK REVIEWS!

Oliver, our new cataloguing system in the Library has some terrific features. One of these is the ability to have students write a review about a book they have read. The purpose is to encourage other students to read the book (or not!) Here are a couple of recent book reviews.

THE SPOOK’S SECRET

This book is really good. I have just finished reading it (29/01/16). I have also read the first two and was looking for the fourth one, Battle but couldn’t find it. This book is from the Wardstone Chronicles. It may be hard to understand because of some of the creatures. For Harry Potter lovers this is the series for you. It may be a bit scary to read but really well written. It’s aimed at Grade 7-9. It may be hard to understand at first and hard to read (the first book) but if you skip it, you’ll find the 2nd one harder to read.

SPOILER ALERT! STOP READING IF YOU DONT WANT SPOILERS :D

The first one (Apprentice) tells you about the boggarts, witches and ghosts. Tom is employed as an apprentice of the local Spook, John Gregory. Tom must face the dark sounds of the cellar. It also tells you about Alice, a young village girl with pointy shoes …..

The second one (Curse) is about a mystical creature that hides in a series of tunnels turning from its spirit self to its animal/creature self. Thomas J Ward must help his master the Spook save the County from being controlled by the mystical creature. However, Alice gives her blood to the creature and makes it stronger…..

The third book (Secret) is the best I’ve read so far. Tom must face the dark again, battling Hallknockers, Stonechuckers and a Lamia Witch. It’s turned winter and the Spook and Tom must go to the Spook’s winter house. The Spook meets an old apprentice from the Spook’s past. That person works for the dark, getting his just desert.

Hope you liked my review.
This book is good. Please read it!

Hailey Quick
Year 6

BILL THE BASTARD

I LOVED this book so much and if you look at it and you like horses then this is the book for you!!!!!!!!

Kiera Turnbull
Year 5

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE 2016

The NSW Premiers Reading Challenge begins today! For all students interested in participating in 2016 please head to the School Library and see Miss Pip and Mrs Davis, who are more than happy to help you select books from the list that will start you on your reading challenge.

The Challenge is a great incentive for students to discover the world in a different perspective through reading.

The book list is now available in the school Library as a hard copy for all of those who are interested otherwise an electronic version can be found through the following link; https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

The school always has a healthy number of participants, although it is always great to have new students join in on the fun each year.

G Davis
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**MENDOORAN PONY CLUB NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the instructors school that we hosted on the weekend. A big thank you especially to Michelle and Bev for organising lunch and Michelle and Louise for doing the first aid talk. We had eight people attending the course Stuart, Tom, Murray, Jodi, Louise, Tracey, Nita and myself. It was so nice to be using the new shed at last. Thank you to Anna, Belle, Victoria and Airlie for bringing their horses in and sitting around being instructed by so many people on such a hot day. We need to have a meeting about camp and all our upcoming events.

Narromine are hosting Zone sporting this weekend at Rawsonville – please get your entries in.

Our next rally day is 20th March. The Zone calendar can be down loaded from the Zone 4 Facebook page.

Good luck to anyone attending Coonabarabran Show this Friday and Saturday

J Smith

**MENDOORAN/MERRYGOEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB**

Point Score is on this Friday at 4pm at the Mendooran Pool. There will be a 2 dollar sausage sizzle this week after swimming. Thanks to everyone who helps out each week at point score and thank you to Mrs Norwood who does the swimming training each week for our club.

Presentation shall be on the 18th March 4pm at the pool with a free sausage sizzle.

Michelle Ward
0428621345

**DUNEDOO JUNIOR LEAGUE AND NETBALL NEWS**

**REGISTRATION**

Another registration afternoon will be held this Wednesday the 9th of March at 4pm at the Dunedoo Sports Club during and after touch football. Should you have any questions or queries, please direct them to Julie Redding on 0428751120. All football registrations are online this year but unfortunately I cannot do it for you, but I am here to help you. Please go to www.playnrl.com/register and follow the prompts. You will need an active and accessible email address and PLEASE choose an easy to remember password as this will be how you register for future seasons. At the end of the registration form, you can opt to pay by credit card, or you can just close down and pay by cash or cheque at the registration afternoon.

**TRAINING**

Will commence at 4.00pm on Wednesday 16th March 2016 at Robertson Oval.
We are excited to announce our Annual Book Fair this week!

**THEME: MONSTER BOOKS**

Dates:  7th March - 11th March

During **MONSTER WEEK** we will have our wonderful Bookfair shop open in the Library for business at the following times.

Times:  8.30am - 9.00am  
         1.00pm - 1.30pm  
         3.00pm - 3.30pm

On Thursday 10th March, we will be hosting a **MONSTER BOOK FAIR PARADE** incorporated into our normal Thursday assembly starting immediately after Recess.

We encourage all students to dress up in your most inspiring **MONSTER THEMED OUTFIT**.

There are three categories to choose from:

- Monster (as in HUGE!!!) Book
- Favourite Monster Character
- Favourite Character out of a book (not necessarily a Monster)

**SEE YOU AT THE MONSTER BOOK FAIR!**
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2016

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10-12 May 2016.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 13 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.
### HOT FOOD
- Large Plain Meat Pie $4.20
- Cheese & Bacon Pie $4.50
- Curry Pie $4.20
- Small Sausage Roll $0.60
- Large Sausage Roll $2.40
- Party Pies $0.60
- Pizza Singles $2.40
- Homemade Quiche $3.20

### SANDWICHES
- Devon $1.50
- Cheese $1.50
- Vegemite $1.50
- Chicken/Ham Salad $3.50
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato $2.40
- Toasted EXTRA $0.20

### BURGERS
- Hamburger $4.20
- Chicken Burger $4.20
- Cheese Muffin $3.20
  *(Meat, cheese & sauce only)*

### WRAPS
- **Large $4.00  Small $2.20**
  - Chicken Salad Wrap
  - Ham Salad Wrap
  - Egg Salad Wrap
  - Chicken Wrap
  *(chicken/tomato/cheese/lettuce/Mayo)*

### SALADS
- Ham Salad $5.00
- Quiche & Salad $5.00
- Egg Salad $5.00
- Chicken Salad $5.00

### SNACKS
- Chips $1.20
- JJ’s $1.00
- Popcorn $0.60
- Homemade Biscuits $0.50

### ICE BLOCKS
- Zooper Dooper $0.60
- Jelly Sticks $0.15
- Animal Pops $0.20
- Shaky Shake $2.00

### DRINKS
- Water $1.00
- Fruit Juice $1.00
- Choc/Strawberry Milk $1.50
- Slushie Large $1.60
  Small $1.00

### SNACKS
- Jelly $0.50
- Custard $0.50
- Trifle $0.80

### OTHER
- Sauce EXTRA $0.20
- Brown Bags $0.20
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