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Term 4, Week 9

Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

From the Relieving Principal

Schools Spectacular

WOW! What a week. Zoe, Zoey, Rebekah, Ella, Riley, Sydney, Isabella, Katie, Ella, Elka, Alexa and Paige had a huge week in Sydney performing at the NSW Public Schools Spectacular. The week consisted of lots of walking, lots of dancing, lots of waiting and not a lot of sleep. They all handled it beautifully. They made themselves, their families, myself and our community very proud. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the mums who came with us to Sydney. The ladies cooked, shopped, sewed and supervised allowing me to concentrate on our busy schedule.

THANK YOU LADIES.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our school community and Narrandera community. Without your help and assistance our time in Sydney is not possible. We really appreciate all your support.

Year 6 Orientation

Tomorrow and Thursday our Year 6 students heading to Narrandera High School next year will be participating in their orientation. We wish them luck. The transition from primary school to high school comes with many emotions but we know that all our students are ready for the challenge!

Until next week,

Joanne Stamos

Joanne Stamos - Relieving Principal.



P & C Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 8

at Murrumbidgee Hotel Restaurant

6.30pm

RSVP – School Office 6959 2144

Calendar of Events

Date	Event/s
December 3 – 4	Year 6 High School visits
December 4	Last day Transition Transition Information Session -12.30pm
December 8	P & C Christmas Dinner – 6.30pm – Murrumbidgee Restaurant
December 9	Presentation Day – 10.30am
December 10	Year 6 Farewell
December 12	School Assembly – 10.30am 5/6 Fun Day
December 15	Years 4/5/6 Pool Party
December 16	Years K/1/2 Noah's Ark visit
December 17	2014 School Year finishes
2015	
January 27	Staff Development Day
January 28	2015 commences for Year 1 to 6
February 2	School commences for Kindergarten

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to NUTS and NUT PRODUCTS
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school NUT FREE*

LEETON SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

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We hope to see you soon!!!

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COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Junior Basketball - This week is elimination finals.

The draw is as follows:-

Wednesday 3rd December

5.00pm Junior boys BLACK v PINK

5.50pm Intermediate boys YELLOW v MAROON

5.50pm SENIOR BOYS

Thursday 4th December

5.00pm Junior girls BLACK v PINK

5.50pm Intermediate girls BLACK v MAROON

5.50pm SENIOR GIRLS

Narrandera's Farmers Christmas Market - Sunday, December 7, at Shady Gum Nursery Car Park. 9am to 12noon. Santa coming on the Lions Train with Lollies for everyone! Lions train shuttle on the hour. All produce home-grown by local cooks and gardeners. All craft goods handmade. Contact Annie on 6959 1780 for more information.

Home Safe & Sound Family Fun Day - Sunday, December 14 at Lake Talbot Swimming Complex. Entry Fee \$1. Water slide, entertainment by Lillipop and the Tirkandi Inaburra Dance Group, sausage sizzle and drink and face painting. For further information please contact Jacqueline Birch on 6959 2170.

News from The Patch by Tyrek

On Thursday Noah B, Thomas Lyons, Harvey Odgers and I helped Mrs Seymour weeding and rebuilding the garden bed with shredded paper and cardboard to go under the new raised garden beds. They will be ready for next year.

Would you like to win an iPad mini?????????



Don't forget to return your P & C raffle tickets to the office this week.

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Class News - 5C

Well done to everyone attending swimming school. There has been great improvement from all the children, both swimmers and non-swimmers.

Merit winners this week were Noah Birch, Aaliyah Hawkins, Cooper Papa and Tyler Mohr. Our raffle winners were Owen Williams and Shauna McHale-O'Keefe. Congratulations everyone.

Due to swimming school our maths has been a range of revision activities. Mrs Curry has also been doing TENS (Targeting Early Numeracy Strategies) activities with our class.

We have also been discussing the Year 5 Fun day which will be on Friday, 12th December. Please talk to your children to see what they need for their stall.

Thank you - Kerry Cassidy.

Class News - KL

I have been extremely proud of KL's achievements right throughout the year and, just when I thought I could not be any prouder, they have gone and outdone themselves. Due to a number of factors that have occurred at this busy time of year, KL has had a couple of different teachers over the past seven days. During this time they have not only got on with their learning, they have shown outstanding resilience, respect, responsibility and safety in all aspects of their learning. I am sure that their families and the wider community are just as proud of all their achievements this year.

During the last few weeks we have been learning a lot about Christmas and some of its traditions. The students have created some beautiful artwork to decorate our classroom and Christmas tree and have even been visited by Elvis the Elf.

As part of our L3 activities, students have been making things out of old boxes and other odds and ends. They have been extremely imaginative in both the creation of the objects and what they have been writing about the objects afterwards.

I look forward to spending these last two weeks with the students of KL and, whilst it will be sad not to have them in my class next year, I look forward to hearing of their continued progress next year.

Regards,

Paul Lucas - KL Class Teacher.

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Infants' Assembly

This Friday will be our last infants' assembly. KL will be the host and there will be some extra 'special' awards for some of our students. If you would like to attend, the assembly will be held in the KL classroom at 10:30am on Friday morning. We hope to see you there!

Class News - 1D

Last week we read a book called 'The Treasure Box', which is about a boy in a war-torn village who keeps a special book about his people and their stories. The boy and his father carry the book in an iron box, keeping it safe and dry. 1D made their own treasure boxes and wrote about the special things they would keep inside them.

I would put my toy train and my monster high in my treasure box. Darinda Bright
If I had a treasure box I would put a ruby in it. My ruby is very special to me. Stevie Saunders
I would put gold in my treasure box because I like gold. Brody Mill
I will put my Ninjago DVD in my treasure box because I love it. Kane Bassett
I would put jewellery in my treasure box. Huntah Brooker
I would put my blanket in the treasure box. Kyiah Watt

In my special treasure box I would put my iPod 5 because it is fun! Rhett Bolton
I would put my iPod 5 in my treasure box because I can play Clash of Clans. Jobe Litchfield
I would put a ship in a bottle in my treasure box. Xavier Charles
I will put a Monster High in my special treasure box. Maddison Clifford
I would put my penny in my treasure box and my 450 too. Morokai Mondo
I would put jewellery in my box because I love jewellery. Jorja Davies

This week is our last week of swimming, please encourage your child to continue to bring a spare set of clothes to wear to and from the pool, so they don't have to get their uniforms wet and to bring sunscreen so they can continually apply it.

In the last week of school we have our K-2 excursion to Noah's Ark in Wagga. This is on the 16th December. If you need a new permission note see Mrs Hugo in the front office.

Thanks,

Miss Shelley Day - Classroom Teacher.

Class News – 456S

During the last week 456S have been enjoying experimenting with some different class challenges and new art activities.

One of the popular activities was the marshmallow challenge. It involved making the tallest possible freestanding tower using 20 sticks of uncooked spaghetti, 1 metre of sticky tape, a small reel of cotton and two marshmallows. One of the marshmallows could be cut and used to help support the structure. The other marshmallow needed to be at the top of the freestanding tower.

Students were able to use the iPads for the first 10 minutes of the lesson to research their towers.

Some of the tallest towers were 65cm, 64cm and 49cm.

Students worked in teams and individually on the project.

In class students have also worked on some zentangle Christmas artworks using felt pens.

Melanie Beer

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Transition News

The last Transition day will be this Thursday, 4th December. There will be a BBQ and information session to let parents and carers know some more details about Kindergarten in 2015. This will be held near the hall at 12.30pm. If you are unable to attend please contact the school so that the information can be passed onto you. Thankyou for allowing your child to be involved in the program over the past two terms. All children and teachers have had a lot of fun and all children will be better prepared for Kindergarten in 2015. Presentation Day is next Tuesday, 9th December at 10.30am at the CRC church. All parents and carers are invited to attend. Children will need to come with families as Transition will be finished. They have a space down the front where they are able to sit with their teachers. Last week Transition children made some groovy glasses with the help of 2B and 2H. The children all worked well together and the end results were fantastic. Some older siblings really enjoyed helping out their younger brothers and sisters. Healthy Harold was a hit last Tuesday and he kept everyone entertained and told us all about staying healthy. Children loved giving him a pat to say goodbye. If you have any questions about next year please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Ms Julie Neville – Transition Teacher.



Year 4 Camp

The night before the Year 4 Camp, I was very excited and nervous. On the first day, when we got there we unloaded our gear and set up our tents. Then we had a walk around the park and we walked down the boat ramp and back up the stairs. When we got back we had morning tea, then we played French cricket. After that we had lunch. Later on, we went to the Narrandera swimming pool. We stayed there for an hour and a half. When we got back we got changed, then played football. After football we had burgers for dinner and then we went and played bingo in the games room.

The next day when got up, I had Nutri- Grain, as well as bacon and eggs on toast. After breakfast, we went on a bush walk for an hour and a half. We walked 6km. When we got back, we had an icy pole and a rest. We had morning tea and after that we played French cricket, then had lunch. After lunch we went to the pool then came back and got changed into dry clothes. We had afternoon tea, then played football and then we rested again for half an hour until it was dinner time. We had rissoles, sausages and salad for dinner. We went and played bingo and I didn't win anything sadly. When we got back we all went to bed.

On the last day, we went for a big bush walk. We walked 7km and we spotted some wallabies and kangaroos. When we got back we played French cricket again. Afterwards, we had to take down our tent and pack up all our gear for when the bus came and picked us up. When we got back to school it was recess time so I played handball. We spent the rest of the afternoon on the computers. We had free time. My favourite bit was the bush walking.



By Dayne Essam.

The night before camp I was sad, because mum was going to Canberra. She went to a friend's wedding there.

The next day I went to camp. I slept in PJ's tent with him, Bodean and Reid. We went to Lake Talbot swimming pool. I had so much fun.

On Thursday, we went for a walk. We saw three koalas and we found a turtle's nest. It was sad because a fox had gotten the eggs. We went back to camp and had some afternoon tea, then we played French cricket. When it was my turn at batting, Bo got me out, so it was his turn to bat. Bo hit the ball and I caught him out, but I gave the bat to Zoe Absolom. Stevie got the ball and bowled it to her and it got her out. After dinner, at night time, we went and played bingo. Blake won bingo and got a block of chocolate.

On the last day, we went on a big bushwalk around the lake and I fell over. We stopped to wet our hats and I got soaking wet. We had to walk up and down a big hill. When we got back, we had an icy pole and ran through the sprinkler. We had to pack up our tents and then we had lunch. After a big clean up, the bus came and took us back to school.

My favourite part was when we saw the koalas, wallabies and horses on our walk.

By Xavier Davis

When we arrived at the Lake Talbot Caravan Park, we went through the rules and then we set the tents up. Richard helped Zoey and I set up Zoey's tent. It was easy to set up. After we set up the tents we had morning tea and played a few games. After that we had lunch and went to the pool. It was fun at the pool. We went back to the camp and played a couple more games, then Miss Dunn and Mrs Cassidy told me and a couple of other people to have a shower. After everyone had a shower we had burgers for dinner. A while later we went to play bingo. After bingo we had a hot milo, and then we brushed our teeth and went to bed.

When we woke up we had breakfast, we brushed our teeth and we got ready to go for a walk. On our walk we saw 3 koalas and lots of turtle nests. When we got back to camp we had morning tea and then had some rest time. After lunch we went to the pool again. When we went back to camp, we played French cricket, had dinner and went to bingo. I won a full block of chocolate! We had a milo, brushed our teeth and then went to bed.

When we woke up we had breakfast, brushed our teeth and got ready for another walk. Our walk was long and we had to climb up a steep hill. When we went back to the camp we had something to eat, then we packed up our stuff and the tents and went back to school. We went to the computer room and had free time on the computers, then the bell rang for the end of school, we went to go get our stuff and went home.

By Paris Patrikis



School Assembly - Friday, November 28



K/1/2 Dance Group performed for us at our Assembly on

Friday.

Congratulation to the Silver Star recipients Coen Dawson and Lara Eldridge. Well done.



Neatest & Tidiest Room went to 5C - Congratulations Mrs Cassidy and 5C



Reading Awards

Middle Sized Merit Special and Middle Size merit

Year One Gardening News

Last week Mrs Seymour pulled out two spinach plants that the year one students had planted at the start of the year as they were going to seed. The students were amazed at how tall it had grown and were very interested in looking at the leaves, roots and flowers. We also measured how tall each plant was and found that one of them was taller than some of our students!! Many students took some spinach leaves home to try. Here is some of the students' writing about this activity:

It was lots of fun when we measured the plant and it was 153cm. Mia Spencer

We measured how long the plant was. Riley Cosgrove

There were lots of bugs on the plant and the leaves were big. The roots were big too. A little bit had snapped off. Jason Matthews

We measured to see if the plant was bigger than Kyiah.

Malaya Greedy

