Dear Families,

Last Wednesday Medlow attended the Remembrance Day service in Taylors Arm. It was a solemn and moving occasion.

Our school captains Amelia and Lauren laid the wreath, Jamie and Nick read out the names on the Cenotaph, Lauren, Lucie and Lehman read out information about the history surrounding the Cooee March, Jamie read a poem and all the students sang the Spirit of the Anzacs and the National Anthem. Mr Stuart Johnson was very appreciative of our involvement in the ceremony and many members of the community commented on how impressed they were with the students.

Well done girls and boys and thank you to Jenny for providing us with transport.

Remembrance Day was incorporated into our learning back at school as we read stories, watched footage and listened to music about war. We had lots of really interesting discussions.

WATER WATCH ARTICLE

Sara compiled a fabulous news and pictorial feature on our Water Watch program for the Guardian News. I hope you got the chance to see it – if not it is on the notice board at school.

The students are now writing up their scientific reports that explain their testing methods and results.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 20TH
Book Club orders due

TUESDAY 24TH
Yr 7 Parent Evening at Macksville High School

SATURDAY 28TH /SUNDAY 29TH
River Festival – Macksville

30TH NOV TO 4TH DEC
School Swimming Program

DECEMBER

THURSDAY 10TH
Presentation Day 9.30 to 11.00am

MONDAY 14TH -16TH
School Camp

SCHOOL FOCUS

FOCUS
We share ideas
We ask questions
BUSY TIMES AHEAD

As the term progresses we are getting increasingly busy with commitments. This will mean a lot of notes, requests for money and the support of a school event on the weekend of the 29th November. We apologise if this is confusing or financially hard but these are important opportunities. Please give Julie, Jane or myself a call if you are undergoing hardship and need extra time or assistance.

NAMBUCCA RIVER FESTIVAL

This fantastic community event is on Sunday the 29th November and we are performing “Lanterns” and the “Lion Sleeps Tonight” on the Riverbank Stage. All families get free entry that day. Students are to wear neat and comfortable clothing.

SWIMMING WEEK 9 – 30TH NOVEMBER TO 4TH DECEMBER

We have condensed the swimming program to one week this year but the lessons will be longer – up to 2 hours. We have done this to lessen the impact on students and to reduce transport costs. On the Friday, we will have a water slide and healthy meal deal and then our final lesson. It should be lots of fun. Please start to think about purchasing a cap and goggles for the lessons. Goggles will be essential, especially as we will be in the water for an extended time.

Attached to the Newsletter today is an information sheet with a permission note on the bottom. Please read the information provided carefully and complete and return the permission note with payment to school by this Friday 20th November.

PRESENTATION DAY WEEK 10 – THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Our Presentation Day is on Thursday 10th December beginning at 9.30am. We will have the formal proceedings in the Hall and then the students will perform their talent show acts in the covered area. Afterwards we invite you in to the classrooms to see some of the work that the students have produced this year. A picnic lunch and Farewell cake will conclude the day.

SCHOOL CAMP WEEK 11 – MONDAY 14 – 16 DECEMBER

Our end of year school camp is really taking shape with a fantastic program planned for the students. We are staying at the Yarrahappini Ecology Centre at Grassy Head. On the Monday we will be doing activities around the centre including a challenge ropes course, digital scavenger hunt and the water slide. On the Tuesday we will be canoeing from Grassy Head to Stuarts Point. We will spend the day there fishing and swimming and a visit to the middens at Fisherman’s Reach. On Wednesday we will be doing the flying fox and the bungee. Bowraville Central is assisting us with the use of their canoes and Uncle Ritchie is helping out with transport to the middens. Students will return to school by 3pm and then school is out for the summer! What a way to finish the year and this is all possible because of the generosity of the P&C.

Regards
Sarah Landers
Relieving Principal

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