**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Dear Families,

**Nambucca River Festival**

It was an amazing performance by Medlow at the Festival. They sang and played “Lanterns” and “The Lion Sleeps Tonight”. Thank you to Mr Simpson for preparing the students so well. The stage presence of the band was spectacular. A big cheer to the parents and families who travelled in to town to watch.

Many thanks to Jane who was on the organising committee for the River Festival. Numerous hours of voluntary work has gone into hosting this major community event and it was lots of fun. See the last page for photos and a report by the students.

**SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

Thank you, boys and girls for taking the time and effort to enter in to the School Magazine Cover Design Competition.

There were so many creative and thoughtful entries. Sara and I had the very difficult task of choosing the winners.

**1st Place and the Front Cover:** Amali Bloomfield – Year 2

Prize – 2 tickets to Majestic Cinemas

**2nd Place and the Back Cover:** Jamie Burt – Year 6

Prize – 1 ticket to Majestic Cinemas

**Highly commended:** Lehman Laverty – Year 6

Prize – 1 ticket to Majestic Cinemas

Lehman’s entry will be included in to the magazine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOVEMBER**

**30th NOV TO 4th DEC**

School Swimming Program

**DECEMBER**

**THURSDAY 10th**

Presentation Day 9.30 to 11.00am

**MONDAY 14th - 16th**

School Camp

**SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Don’t forget to check out the school web site for some more great photos and information.

**SCHOOL FOCUS**

**FOCUS** Safety first around water.

**PROPERTY** Look after our own swimmers, towel and goggles. Help others to get on and off the bus.
**SWIMMING**

Everyone is really excited about swimming and we are hoping for perfect weather and perfect water temperature!

On Friday, we will be going to Macksville earlier than usual. Jenny has to put the bus over the pits and it has to be that day. So we will depart school at 9.00 am and Jenny will drop us at the new bridge construction site on the northern side. After inspecting the engineering we will walk back in to Macksville along the riverbank footpath. Morning tea is scheduled for 10.30am at the Festival stage so please pack lots of fruit and snacks. We will then walk to the pool in time for our fun day on the water slide. I have organised a healthy lunch for the students from the canteen. After our swimming lesson we will return to school by 3.00pm.

**RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP EDUCATION**

Today Leeanne from the Responsible Pet Ownership program came in to school.

We learnt lots of safe tips about pets. Watch next weeks newsletter for some great pictures.

**SCHOOL CAMP**

Tomorrow we will send home a permission note and list of things to bring for our camp at the Yarrahapinni Ecology Centre.

**ZONE LITTLE ATHLETICS AT SCOTTSHEAD - JAMIE**

On the week-end I competed in the zone championships for little Athletics at Scotts Head. I came 2\textsuperscript{nd} in the hurdles, 6\textsuperscript{th} in the 100m and 4\textsuperscript{th} in the 200m. I have now qualified for Regionals in Newcastle as the top 4 go through in each event.

I would like to say a big thank you to Richie (my coach) and Mum and Dad (my chauffeurs).

**YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY – MACKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

On Thursday the Year 6’s will be involved in their final transition/orientation day at the High School. I have spoken to many parents and they really enjoyed their tour of the school last week. Jane is trying to chase up bus application forms so we will let you know when they arrive.

**HELPERS**

A big thank you to Dianne, who is tidying up the reading room.

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‘TRADIES DAY’

Mr Tony Trudgett came to the school on Friday and taught the boys some carpentry skills. Our new school letter box looks fantastic. Thank you Mr Trudgett for giving so generously of your time and expertise. The boys really appreciated it.

Report by Lehman

On Friday Mr Trudgett and the 3 Yr Six boys made a new letter box for the school. Before we started the letter box the whole school had to do their maths tests. After that the boys went down to Mr Trudgett and we started to think of how to go about it. To start with it was a bit of an experiment, but once we got going it just got easier and easier. Mr Trudgett had many tools for us to use, such as a jig saw, hand saw, glue gun, drill and a couple more. We glued on the sides and also drilled them just to make sure it wouldn’t fall apart (like the old one). Then we made a wall and put a slit in it for the mail to slide in. To make the slit we used a jig saw. For anyone who doesn’t know what a jigsaw is, a jigsaw is a little electric saw that moves up and down really quickly like a sewing machine.. Then we made the roof and sat it in place at the front of the school.

I learnt lots of new skills and I really enjoyed learning how to use all these tools. Many thanks to Mr Trudgett.

Regards

Sarah Landers
Relieving Principal

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MORE RIVER FESTIVAL - WREN

On Sunday Medlow Public School students performed at the River Festival. I had lots of fun playing the glockenspiel to both songs. We played “Lantern” and “The Lion Sleeps Tonight”. There were lots and lots of people listening to the school performances. The crowd clapped and cheered when we finished playing. I think our band should be called “The Magpies”.

Medlow students getting ready to make the river bank rock on Sunday at the River Festival.