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**Principal’s Report**

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a lovely time on Sunday celebrating Mothers Day. It certainly was spectacular weather.

We had so much fun with the "dress-up" box. Don't we look absolutely fabulous? All we need now is somewhere special to go now.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MAY 18 - 22**  
  Pet Week
- **MAY 24 - 26**  
  Lake Keepit Camp
- **MAY 27**  
  Zoo Mobile Visit
- **MAY 29**  
  Soccer Gala Day & Macksville Excursion
- **JUNE 5**  
  Medlow Athletics Carnival – Taylors Arm
- **JUNE 18**  
  Small Schools Athletics Carnival – Scotts Hdr

**TERM DATES**

- Last day of term 2 is **Friday 26 June**.
- First day of Term 3 is **Tuesday 14 July**.

**This Week’s Focus**

Focus – We allow others to learn.

Good Learning Behaviours – We plan before we start.
NAPLAN

This week our students in Year 3 will be sitting the NAPLAN assessment. On Tuesday it is Language Conventions and Writing, on Wednesday it is Reading and on Thursday it is Numeracy. We wish our students all the very best in these tests.

GRIP LEADERSHIP BY AMELIA AND LAUREN YR 6

On Thursday 7th May Amelia and Lauren went to a GRIP Leadership camp. When we arrived at the leadership conference we found it very interesting and funny. We learnt how to be better leaders and to be more responsible. After the conference we went to the campsite and unpacked our bags, then we went for a walk up Mutton Bird Island. We saw a mutton bird. After that we had a roast chicken dinner and went to play dodgeball, bang bang and soccer, then we went to bed. Lights out was at 9.30pm. In the morning we had breakfast and went to do activities, we went on the Giant Swing and did archery. Then we had lunch and went home. We had an amazing time and learnt a lot. Thank you to Ms Worling from Stuarts Point, Mrs Stewart from SHPS and Dave Hall from Eungai for looking after us.

SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The small schools athletics carnival will be held as usual at Scotts Head. It is Medlow’s turn to be in the Canteen so we will need “all hands on deck” that day.

BBQ 9 - 10.30 Alex Currin, 10.30 12 - Dave Ryan 12.00 – 1.30 Mark Barnett

Canteen - 9-11 Amanda Barnett, Sara Foley, Tracy Bloomfield, Sylvia Laverty
11 – 1 – Kelly Thompson, Ella May, Katrina Burt, Jules Kyle, Olivia Ryan

Beth Laverty will be sending a note home letting each family and all staff know what they have to bake for the canteen.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT BY LEHMAN LAVERTY YR 6

On Friday 8 May Jamie and I represented Medlow at the Bowraville Cross Country. It started at 9.30am and ended at 2.00pm. Firstly we walked the course, then we waited for 3 hours for our race. In the meantime we watched other races and played handball. Finally our race was on, so we lined up and when the gun went BANG we were nowhere to be seen. We kept our pace until the end and we sprinted to the finish line. Jamie came 20th and I (Lehman) came 21st out of 70 runners. It was really fun, too bad it was our last year.

NEW VOLUNTEER AND NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK

We welcome Mr Tim Earnshaw (pictured right) to our school community. Tim has volunteered to assist on Thursdays. Tim will work in the reading room listening to the students read, changing their readers and supporting the older students in mathematics.

I will take this opportunity in National Volunteer Week to thank Mr Scott, Mrs Smythe and Sara who are our regular volunteers each week. Your contributions to the Medlow learning community are immense.

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L3 LANGUAGE, LEARNING AND LITERACY

On Friday, Mrs Brooke Stewart the L3 kindergarten trainer who is based at Greenhill, Willawarrin and Bellbrook, visited Medlow and observed a Reading and Writing lesson. Mrs Stewart was very impressed with Tiahn’s progress and our school. I would like to thank not only all the staff but the students who assist Tiahn each and every day. It certainly demonstrates a shared responsibility and collaborative learning.

EMERGENCY DRILL

On Wednesday we practiced an Emergency Drill where the students were required to evacuate the classrooms and line up at the Emergency Assembly Point 1 which is at the front gate. Our second Emergency Assembly Point is down near the office on the gate through to the back paddock. Mr Simpson and I were pleased with our procedures.

MOTHER’S DAY PORTRAIT COMPETITION

Congratulations to Lauren who was selected as a prize winner in the Guardian News Mothers Day Portrait competition.

PET WEEK

Next week is Pet Week and the students are encouraged to bring their pet in to school.

Please indicate in the attached note what pet and which day you would like to bring your pet in. Obviously parents will have to assist in this and will have to ensure that the pet they choose to bring in is suitable. Please return your note by Wednesday.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

As the weather is starting to change please ensure your child has a school jumper for those chilly mornings and afternoons.

ASSEMBLY

We are looking forward to a big assembly on Friday as we have missed the last two weeks due to interruptions in the school.

MATHS ACTIVITIES

All classes participated in a Maths activity last week which involved estimating distance and then measuring it.

Regards

Sarah Landers
Relieving Principal
Medlow Car Wash

On Sunday 17th May Medlow Public School Year 6 students will be holding a car wash at the Taylors Arm Reserve. We are raising money to attend a Future Leaders Camp at Lake Keepit, Gunnedah.

When: Sunday 17th May
Where: Taylors Arm Reserve
Time: 10:00am
Cost: $10.00 per car.