Dear Families,

It was pleasing to receive the rain, however the students had their Soccer Gala Day and Macksville Excursion postponed once again. The event has now been rescheduled for Week 6 Friday 29th May. Hopefully third time lucky!

Attached to this newsletter is the 2015 – 2017 school plan. It is a comprehensive document that focusses our learning community on 3 strategic directions. These are the Curriculum – building Teacher and Student capacity, Health and Well Being and Environment and Sustainability. The school plan was discussed at length at the P&C meeting last week.

The most important points I would like you to consider are:

1. Personal Learning Plans for each student where your input is essential.
2. Making the most effective use of our learning spaces. I would like the library moved up to the main school area and the space in the teachers residence to be converted to a playgroup/outreach Pre School for 3-5 Year olds to assist their transition to school.
3. Creating and establishing links to environmental, agricultural and lifestyle projects in our community.

I welcome your feedback.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 7 - 8
GRIP Leadership Excursion

MAY 8
Bowraville Cross Country

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 Hd

TERM DATES

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

THIS WEEK’S FOCUS

We do quality work.
We are proud of the work we have done.
**YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP CAMP TO LAKE KEEPIT SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE - TAMWORTH**

On the 24/25/26 May the Year 6 students, Mick Burt and myself will travel out to Lake Keepit for a Leadership Camp. This is a really exciting opportunity for our fabulous Year 6’s so we seek your support to help them achieve their fundraising goals. Beth and Lauren have already started with a 100 club! Our main fundraising drive will be holding a car wash day at 10.30 on Sunday 17th of May at the Fire Station in Taylors Arm. The Year 6’s will be creating flyers to advertise the event so mark the day on your school calendar.

**ATHLETICS**

We have had 2 great athletics sessions with the students rotating around the field events of High Jump, Shot Put, Long Jump and Discus. Already we are seeing the students build on their skills and knowledge of each event. This year we are holding our Athletics Carnival down at the Taylors Arm oval as a result of a request from the students. All events except for Long Jump will be held there.

**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.

**ELECTRICITY**

There is a supply interruption scheduled for Wednesday. Please ensure your child has plenty of water.

**BOOK CLUB ORDERS**

Just a quick reminder that Book Club orders are due back at school by Thursday 7 May.

Regards

Sarah Landers
Relieving Principal

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**Kids Love to Cook!**

Preparing healthy food with your children is a great way to teach them good nutrition PLUS they will enjoy eating what they helped to prepare!

A simple recipe to prepare with kids:

**Mini Vegetable Pizza**

1. Halve an English muffin
2. Spread on tomato paste and oregano
3. Throw on vegetables like sliced capsicum, sliced mushrooms, grated sweet potato etc.
4. Sprinkle with low fat grated cheese and grill

For more recipe ideas go to: www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au