Dear Families,

This week is Pet Week and all students have been invited to bring their pet to school. Students will be expected to talk about their pet, how they care for and train their pet as well as showing us what their pet can do. A note was sent home on Friday letting families know what time to bring their pet in to school. At the end of the week the students will be presenting their case for a school pet. The five options are:

1. An axolotl (2 groups)
2. A guinea pig
3. A sheep
4. A turtle

Groups have also been requested to nominate a plant that would be suitable for inside the classroom. It has been fascinating watching the students plan, discuss, research, analyse, calculate and evaluate their project.

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

**Taryn Unwin**: For her sustained concentration and focus during NAPLAN.

**Claire Laverty**: For her sustained concentration and focus during NAPLAN.

**Tiahn Bloomfield**: Excellence in reading and writing.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MAY 18**

Pet Week – all week.

**MAY 24**

Future Leader’s Camp at Lake Keep-it

**MAY 27**

Taronga Zoo Mobile Education visit

**MAY 29**

Soccer Gala Day Years 4-6
Excursion to library and vet K-3

**JUNE 4**

Author talk and writing workshop at Frank Partridge Primary School

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**AWARD WINNERS**

**THIS WEEK’S FOCUS**

- SAFETY – during pet week
- REFLECTION – we reflect on our work
- JUSTIFY – we justify our opinions
Don’t forget to check out our school website – there are heaps of photos, an up-to-date calendar, a school blog, newsletters + more!

www.medlow-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

TARONGA ZOO MOBILE EDUCATION CENTRE

On Wednesday 27th May we are getting a visit from the Taronga Zoo Mobile and the Cascade Environmental Team. They will be at the school from 9 until 11am.

In its travels to all corners of New South Wales, Taronga Zoomobile has been specifically designed for school groups that have difficulty coming to the Zoo. During a visit, the student audience will be able to meet, learn about and interact with native animals, encouraging them to take positive action in the conservation of our native wildlife.

The Zoomobile travels with a collection of Australian native animals and each program is delivered by one of our qualified and experienced educators. Your students’ curiosity about the natural world will be sparked, as they come close to some of our country’s most stunning wildlife, such as a snake, possum, frog, echidna, lizard, young crocodile and phasmid.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We have been invited to participate in the John O’Neill Sports Carnival at Willawarrin on Friday 5th June. After talking to senior students, staff and the P&C we have decided to accept this invitation and attend this Athletics Carnival with the small schools from the Macleay Valley. These schools are Greenhill, Willawarrin, Bellbrook and Millbank. This will mean that we will not have our own Medlow Carnival which was scheduled for the same day. I strongly believe attending the John O’Neill Sports Carnival will have many benefits for our students.

SCHOOL BIKES

We have purchased six bikes from the local bike shop at Macksville. I would like to thank all the students and Jane for helping to make the decision on make, model, size and price. The students have decided to bring in a helmet to leave at school so they will always be “ready to go”. Now that we are heading into winter, bike riding will be a great activity for the students to build their fitness, confidence and knowledge of bike maintenance.

YEAR SIX LEADERSHIP CAMP AT LAKE KEEPIT

Next Sunday the Year 6’s, Mick Burt and myself will travel out to Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre for a Leadership Camp. We will return home on Tuesday night. I am really looking forward to the experience and learning with the students about the Art of Leadership.

I spoke about leadership at our Assembly on Friday and I began by telling the students that we all lead our own lives. This means that we are responsible for the choices we make and how these choices can impact positively or negatively not only on ourselves but on others.

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**HOMEWORK AND HOME READERS**

The students are really improving in remembering to bring their home readers in every day regardless if they have finished their book or not. It is essential that we encourage this routine and support them in building their capacity to be organised. It is also important that you talk about the books they are reading. When students retell the story or information it assists their comprehension. Ask them questions, share a connection that you may have with the book. All of this “book talk” is sending strong messages to the students that we value what they are reading and we are interested in their learning.

Homework is being handed in each Friday. Students are expected to put their homework in the basket without being reminded. Again I am trying to build their self-responsibility skills.

**LIBRARY**

We are very fortunate to have received a lovely box of books from Elizabeth Argue. They have been covered and are ready for borrowing. We had a great time on Friday looking at them all and putting them on the shelves. We also spent time organising all the books and making sure that they were in the right place. Thankyou boys and girls for helping to keep our library a special learning place.

**YEAR SIX CAR WASH FUNDRAISER**

We had a great day yesterday down at the reserve doing the car wash. Well done to the Year 6’s for organising and contributing to the fund raising for your excursion. Nick counted $160.00. Thank you to Beth, Alex, Sara, Mick and Millie (Lucie’s sister) for supporting the Year 6’s. We also had some little helpers – Alani and Claire who were experts at drying off and polishing! (Check out the school website for more photos!)

**HELP WANTED**

**Covering Books:** We need some volunteers to help out with covering some new library books.

**Interactive TV:** We need three men to help lift the (very large) interactive TV on to the wall of the hall. If you are able to be at school at 11:00 am on Friday morning for a quick lift, I would really appreciate it. Please ring the school if you can be of assistance for either of these tasks.

Regards,

Sarah Landers
Relieving Principal