Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone to Term 3. I hope that you all had a relaxing break.

We finished off the term with a wonderful NAIDOC celebration. The students did an amazing effort transforming the hall into a dining room and the decorations looked fantastic. Our “garden of hands” was beautifully illuminated by candles and certainly made for a spectacular entrance. Uncle Ritchie and his wife Carol were the special guests and other members of the community included Mr Scott and Tim Earnshaw. In his speech, Uncle Ritchie Donovan acknowledged and thanked the students for their creativity and attention to detail in incorporating the Indigenous theme “We all stand together on Sacred Ground”. Uncle Ritchie handed out the athletics carnival ribbons to the students and he also announced an Indigenous Cultural Day to be held at Scotts Head early in Term 4. Only three schools in the Valley have been invited – St. Mary’s at Bowraville, Scotts Head Public School and Medlow! Thank you Uncle Ritchie for including Medlow and we look forward to developing a greater understanding and appreciation of the Gumbayngirr Country.

Jules and Beth did a super job with the catering on Thursday night to ensure that everyone was well fed.

NO ELECTRICITY

Once again there will be no electricity at school on Thursday this week. Please remember to send children to school with plenty of warm clothes and water to drink.

Medlow Public School is a proud member of the Valley 10 Community of Public Schools.
ASTRONOMY AND CAMP IN

Thank you Mr Simpson for organising all the astronomy activities and the “camp in”. The students got to experience using a telescope and binoculars. Lots of fun was had trying to find stars and planets although other things were sighted like birds and distant trees! Jupiter put on a celestial show around dusk which we could all see. Unfortunately we had a bit of unwelcome cloud cover on Thursday night which affected the visibility. Mr Simpson would get everything lined up and then a big cloud would drift over obscuring the view.

We had a special time around the campfire on Friday. The boys kept the billy boiling all day and Sara made delicious damper. The students played lots of games and by lunchtime we had some very tired campers. Claire shared her spectacular birthday cake with everyone (a touch of Master Chef from her Mum Beth) and then it was home time.

Well done everyone and thank you for all your generous contributions.
MARKETS AT TAYLORS ARM PUB

Amanda and Marc did a fabulous job at the markets with the P&C Bookstall. It was a great success with $230.00 raised. Lots of people enjoyed looking at all the wonderful books. One 9 year old girl visiting from Eungai made a comment “oh Mum what are those books there?” The mother replied incredulously - “they are encyclopaedias”. The 9 year old said “what are encyclopaedias”? Oh dear!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated books: Burrapine Book Club, the Argues, Sara and Alex, Syd and Dawn, Sarah Landers, Terence Hudson, Mark & Amanda and Ryan Cartwright Fundraising Crew.

TERM 3

The immediate focus for the first 3 weeks is SHOWTIME. Showtime will be held on Thursday 30th July at 6.00pm at Macksville High School Stadium. We will travel down by bus on Thursday morning and attend the rehearsal all day. Medlow will be allocated a class room that we will be able to use as a base. Students will be expected to bring their own lunch but a BBQ dinner will be provided. Mr Simpson and I will be there all day and for the performance to supervise the students. Parents will need to take their child/children home at the end of the night as there will be no bus back to Taylors Arm.

Beth has been busy purchasing costume material and getting outfits made for the boys and girls. They look amazing. Thank you to Beth’s mum for sewing the outfits.

Tickets can be purchased from the school and are $5 per person or free for Under 5’s if they sit on your knee.

CRUNCH AND SIP

Parents please ensure your child has fruit that is cut up and ready to go for Crunch and Sip. When we do Crunch and Sip the students are expected to be sitting quietly, eating their fruit, sipping water and reading. This is a very important time for teachers to be monitoring your child’s reading.

CHANGE OF NAME

Please note that from 1 July 2015 the Department of Education and Communities will be called the Department of Education.

READING VOLUNTEERS

Reading Volunteers are needed for Term 3. If you are able to help on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday please let us know as soon as possible.

Monday – Sara  Tuesday – Mrs Smythe  Wednesday –  Thursday –  Friday –

Regards,
Sarah Landers
Relieving Principal