Dear Families,

Our apologies for the black and white copy of the Newsletter. Technology has let us down again in the form of the colour photocopier not working at all. Please make sure you check the website for some great photos and articles (in colour) I might add.

Most students have been sitting the ICAS tests and we have been receiving some pleasing results. I am also watching how the students manage themselves in test situations. For example are they organised with the right materials, are they focused throughout the assessment time, are they completing all the questions, are they rechecking their work, if they do finish early, are they sitting appropriately and not disturbing other students? I have certainly seen a vast improvement in the way the students are approaching these tests. I hope that the experience gained from this will give them confidence in future formal testing situations.

On Friday, we revisited our SMART Goals that the students set at the beginning of the term. Students are becoming much more aware of the urgency of working towards and achieving goals. I am also encouraging the students to be more independent and innovative when seeking answers.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Congratulations to Alani and Lauren who received awards at Fridays Assembly. They received their awards for:– Alani for outstanding performance at Showtime and Laurens award was for excellent results in discus and shot put at the District Athletics Carnival.

**ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

I will be at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday. Robyn Wren will be at school for the day. Good luck to Lucie, Amelia, Lauren, Lehman and Jamie who will represent Medlow at the Carnival.
The following are just 3 samples of the wonderful .... Written by students about people they considered to be local heroes.

**Lehman Laverty wrote about Stuart Johnson.**

Stuart Johnson is a local farmer who served in the Army Reserves. He has continued to support the commemoration of the local soldiers who lost their lives fighting for our country. He co-ordinates the ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day Services at the Cenotaph. He was one of the lucky people to miss WW2 as he had to stay at home to continue to farm. Stuart is a long time President of the Taylors Arm Branch RSL Club and he is a great part of the community. Stuart is a well known and respected cattle breeder and is a local hero in our community.

**Amelia Kyle Wrote about Poppy Joe.**

My local hero is Poppy Joe because he is my pop and he is a local idol to the community. He served in the army for Australia. He also helps be gardening at the Cenotaph for the Macksville RSL. He also has his own garden at his home with vegetables and flowers. Pop grows the biggest and tastiest cucumbers and snow peas and in summer he will always bring over some of his giant cucumbers. That's why he is my hero.

**Lauren Laverty wrote about Alison Launt.**

My local hero is my dance teacher Alison Launt. She works at Valley Performing Arts Centre in Macksville and teaches jazz, hip hop, contemporary, ballet, acro, singing and helps with drama on Thursdays. She has black hair and wears glasses. She is outgoing and friendly. She teaches children to be confident and she taught me how to do the splits and helped me with a jete. Alison’s daughter, Hosannah helps with dance too. I really like the way she inspires her students to never give up and to enjoy what they are doing. This is why Miss Alison is my local hero.

Regards,
Sarah Landers
Relieving Principal

---

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

At TAYLORS ARM HALL Saturday 15th August. 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

Tables of 8 (if you can't find 8 people just come along and we will find you a table to join)

$10 per head.

BYO drinks and nibbles for your table.
Hot supper and tea/coffee supplied.

“Scotch Toss” with a great prize.

Bookings not necessary, but would be appreciated on:-
Julie 65 64 2220 or Raelene on 65 64 2342

---

**Tweens Disco**

8 – 14 yrs
Saturday 22nd August

At EUNGAI HALL
6 -9pm.

$5 per person – which includes a sausage sizzle and a popper