Students of the Week

Digby - Achiever - strives for competence

Riley – Achiever – contributes his ideas

Calendar
Term 1 2014

Week 10

Wednesday 2nd April Canteen

Week 11

Tuesday 8th April Dinosaur Show – Jiggi Hall
Wednesday 9th April Cross Country – Jiggi Hall
Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 10th April Fundraising Day
Friday 11th April Anzac Ceremony

Term 2

Friday 25th April Anzac Day March – Lismore
Friday 2nd May Cross Country – Caniaba

Week 2

Friday 9th May Grip Leadership – Year 6

Worm Farm
Thank you to Rita Oort, Johan’s Grandmother, who has given us some helpful tips on how to look after our worm farm. It appears to be a messy job so I have requested that Mr Stroud-Watts comes in to deal with it. He’ll be here next Thursday unless anyone else would like to clean out our worm farm before then.

PBL
This week we are still learning about our ‘Respectful’ rule and discussing what ‘Honesty in
character’ looks like here at Jiggi Public School. It would be a great follow up if you could discuss what being honest means to your family.

**Mentor**
I will be at Pottsville Public School tomorrow to work with their principal, Mrs Debbie McKinnon in a mentor/shadowing capacity. This was one of the recommendations from the review. I’m looking forward to seeing firsthand how Mrs McKinnon works with her staff and community to cater to the learning outcomes of her students. We will still be having an assembly to draw the winner of our raffle.

**Dinosaur Show**

**Tuesday 8**th April
Note attached money required

On the last Tuesday of the term our Gems will be travelling by bus to the Jiggi Hall to attend a Dinosaur production. Students from Whian Whian and our local Tower Preschool will also be joining us. Cost is $10 for our students which includes bus and the show. We are offering this at a discounted rate to our preschool partners. Please complete the attached permission note and return with payment by Thursday 3rd April.

**Cross Country**

**Wednesday 9**th April and **Friday 2**nd May
Note attached

We will be having our Jiggi Cross Country here at school on the last Wednesday of the term. We will start at 9am. Parents are welcome to attend. The Terania District cross country will be on Friday 2nd may which is the first Friday back. The Opals will be attending this. Parents are asked to arrange transport to and from Caniaba public school. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by Thursday 10th April. The Diamonds will remain at school that day. If there is any student from the Diamonds who really want to participate in this event, parents are asked to take their child and supervise them for the day.

**Easter Hat Parade**

**Wednesday 9**th April

We will be having our Easter hat parade on the last Wednesday of this term at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Fundraiser Day**

**Thursday 10**th April
Money required

We will be raising money for our charity, The Australian Cancer Council on Thursday 10th April. Students can wear mufti (free dress) that is still sun safe and have something ‘odd’ such as odd socks, or odd hair. One prize for each class will go to the student with the ‘oddest’ item. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation.

**Anzac Day Ceremony**

**Friday 11**th April and **Friday 25**th April

On the last day of this term we will be having our ANZAC service at 10am. Our Stage 3 students will be running this service and our guest speaker will be Mr. John Llewellyn. All parents are welcome to attend. Please bring a plate of biscuits, fruit or slice to share for morning tea. We will be marching in the Lismore service again this year. This is on the last day of the holidays. I will meet students at 8.30am in Browns Creek carpark. Students will need to wear their full school uniform including their broad brimmed hat and have a drink bottle handy.

**Grip Leadership**

**Friday 9**th May
Note attached money required

Our year 6 student has the opportunity to attend the Grip Leadership Conference in Tweed Heads on Friday 9th May with Year 6 students from other local small schools. Students who have participated in the past have found it to be an extremely valuable experience. The conference is designed to develop and enhance leadership skills in primary students. Transport will be by bus and the cost of the excursion will be $50. Please return the attached permission note and payment to school by Thursday 10th April.
Lantern Making
Friday 16th May
Money required
The Gems have indicated that they want to make lanterns again this year and participate in the lantern parade. The cost to have one of the organisers come out and make lanterns with the students is $12 each. Please return payment for this before Thursday 8th May.

Athletics Carnival
25th July
The Terania District Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 25th July which will be the second Friday in term 3. Our P&C will be running the canteen on this day. I had the wrong date in last week’s newsletter so please mark it in your diary for 25th July and keep that day free so you can help out in the canteen. This will be a great fundraiser for our school.

The Opals Room
During guided reading sessions we are looking at finding information in texts. We are learning the skills of skimming and scanning to locate information for our comprehension.
In Maths we have had a revision to see what areas we need to revisit. Long multiplication is one of those areas. Considering this is a Stage 3 outcome, we are doing pretty well. We have also looked at types of angles and parts of a circle.

Michelle Stroud-Watts
Principal

From the Diamonds
In literacy we have been learning how to write a narrative from a plan. This helps us to keep our story on track and make sure we have a beginning, middle and end. Here are some examples:

Brachia and Me
I went to a restaurant with Brachia. There was no food. So we went home and made dinner instead. It was delicious.
By Georgia

The Day I Asked a Dinosaur to Dinner
One day, on a dark and stormy night, at 7 o’clock, I sent out an invite to Tyro’s huge cave in the jungle. But!! Oh, there was no yummy food in the cupboard. There was none there!! I went outside to have a good look. I looked everywhere in the green jungle, dry desert and wet seaside. I found some crunchy apples. We ate them all up. They were good.

Kind Regards
Barb Dobner

Tuckshop
Rostered for duty on Wednesday 2nd April is Belinda Willis.

Quote of the week
The secret to change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.
Socrates.

From the Department
Dad and son time
A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together and building a healthier relationship. Find out more:

Motivating lazy children
All kids are born active. Some just learn lazybones habits and need a nudge. Find out ways to encourage your child to get up off the sofa and get a little physical.
Find out more:

Homework for little kids
Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult...
for your child, have a chat with your child's teacher.
Find out more:

Helping your child to become a good speller
What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.
Find out more:

Why active kids are less likely to be cyberbullied
We all know that getting kids off the computer and outside to play is important for their health. But researchers have found kids who do extracurricular activities tend to be safer online, encounter less cyberbullying, and are more resilient to harassment if it occurs.
Find out more: