Students of the Week

Fern – Caring - treat others as you would like to be treated

Atticus – Achiever - Striving for success

Calendar

Term 3 - 2014

Week 7

Monday – 25th August  National Literacy & Numeracy – 9am- 11am
Wednesday – 27th August  PBL meeting – 3.30pm
Friday 29th August  Adamriginal Show
                  Jiggi Hall 9.30am
Saturday 30th August  Bunnings BBQ - P&C

Week 8

Friday 5th September  Channon Teams Day

Week 9

Tuesday 9th September  Science Day – Stage 1 students

Week 10

Wednesday 17th September  Public Speaking Competition

Zone Athletics

Congratulations to our athletes who participated in the Zone carnival last Friday. Well done to Eloise who has made it through for high jump. Great to see our students with excellent enthusiasm and commendable sportsmanship once again.

P&C Meeting

Thanks to parents who expressed their opinion either to me or at the meeting last week regarding sports carnivals and the Diamonds participation. Issues were a lack of supervision and activities on
offer that did not involve the younger students a great deal.
The majority of parents agree that it is important for all students from our school to participate in all sporting events that we have done in the past. Parents believe it helps children socialise with other students their own age from other schools and builds confidence in an environment outside our community.
The school has agreed to hire a teacher’s aide and ask for parent volunteers at these sporting events to ensure adequate supervision.
The school also agreed to discuss what activities are on offer for our younger students with the organisers of The Channon Teams day so our little ones have a more fulfilling day. The Diamonds won’t be attending this event this year but will next year once changes to the program have been made.
Thanks everyone for your input. We all want what is best for our Gems and it is very productive to come up with ideas and solve problems as a community in a positive forum.

National Literacy and Numeracy week
25th August
Next Monday at 9am to 11am our Gems will be rotating around literacy and numeracy activities in mixed groups. Parents are welcome to attend and see the iPads and Smart boards in action. Please stay for morning tea after. Attending parents are asked to bring a plate of something to share.

PBL
27th August
Next Wednesday our PBL team will be meeting at 3.30pm

Adamriginal
29th August – Money due
Next Friday our Gems will be travelling to the Jiggi Hall to watch a performance from an Aboriginal presenter. Information was provided in last week’s newsletter. Please ensure your child has returned the permission note along with payment of $5.
The school is funding the bus. Students from The Channon, Whian Whian and possibly Larnook will be joining us.

The Channon Teams Day
5th September
The Opals will be travelling by bus to The Channon for the team’s day. Please complete and return the attached permission note. The school will be funding the bus.

Science Day
9th September
Selected students from the Big Scrub learning community will be coming to our school to participate in a Science Day to be run by Mrs Dobner and Mrs Langdon. This is for Stage 1 students.

Public Speaking final
17th September
We will again be hosing the semi-final for the Big Scrub Public Speaking competition on Wednesday 17th September. This is a tuckshop day so we will be offering this to our visiting students and parents.

Opal’s Room
Contract 22 is due this Friday for homework. Students are working during class on their speeches. They have chosen a topic and a method for writing their speech. Assistance from home will help them.

Flu Season here
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
• Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
• Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.
The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Michelle Stroud-Watts
Principal

The Diamonds
Thankyou to Mrs Noble and Mrs Close for looking after the Diamonds while I was away earlier in the week learning about iPads. We are already implementing some of the ideas I have following the course so watch this space for details.
Many of the younger children are coming to school with bags full of toys or additional bags to their school bags full of toys. While they play with these nicely at school, I just wanted to make sure parents know they are doing it. If something is really precious and they want to bring it to school for news, they have the option of putting it behind my desk for the day for safe keeping. If they want to take anything outside to play with, it is their responsibility to look after it. The choice is theirs. Some bags may need a bit of a clean out as they become hard for the children to zip up if they are full of toys and things fall out on the bus.

Kind Regards
Barb Dobner

Tuckshop
Rostered for duty on Wednesday 27th August 2014.
Serving: Scott
Cake roster: Tina
Dish of Day: Sunny

Lismore Child and Family information

Please find attached information.

Website for Families
There is a new website available with information about where to go to get help with raising your family. This website puts you in contact with services in Lismore that are there to support parents with family or personal difficulties, children who may need extra support outside the family and school staff who may need help directing families to appropriate support. Check it out at www.lismorechildandfamily.info
Louise Collins
Communities for Children
Partnerships Manager

P&C News
Bunnings BBQ - Saturday August 30
The P & C have been given the 30th of August to do the Bunnings BBQ
This has proven a great fundraiser in the past. We will need people for the roster, we will need 3 people for each session. The sessions are as follows:

7:30 - 10am (includes set up at Bunnings 7:30 -8 am)
10am- 12noon
12 noon - 2pm
2pm - 4pm ( plus half an hour pack up)

Please pop your name down for the time slot that suits you best and place it in the dolphin box by COB Monday August 25.
Kirsty Langdon
P&C President