Kindergarten - 2015

Happy Birthday
Happy birthday to Askel & Nova who celebrated their birthday during the holidays and Jiah who will celebrate his birthday this week. And a happy birthday to our fabulous Mrs Mac who also celebrates her birthday during the holidays.

Calendar

**Week 2**

| Friday 6th February 2015 | Swimming Carnival – Years 4-6 |

Welcome back to school. A very special welcome to our new kindergarten children, Livinia, Coco and Askel. We hope you have a fantastic first year of school. We know that Mrs Nobel will be a teacher you will look back on fondly. We also want to extend a warm welcome to our new student, Dylan, and his family. Dylan joins us in year 6. We hope he has an enjoyable yet highly educational year before he starts high school next year.

Parent Teacher Interviews
We will be having parent teacher interviews over the next few weeks. Please indicate which days and times suit you and we will arrange a time to meet. At these meetings we will together look at what areas of your child’s learning is on track and which areas need extra consolidation. Together we will devise a plan of how best we can support them at school and home.

Staffing
Mrs Noble will be taking the Diamonds all year. Mrs Stroud-Watts will teach the Opals every day except Thursday. Mrs Close will work with the Opals on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings taking small groups for developing writing skills. On Tuesday middle session she will take small selected groups to consolidate targeted learning. On Wednesday middle and last session she will take the Diamonds for Mrs Noble’s release time. During
this time she will teach Art, P.E skills and Environmental Education.

On Monday afternoons the Opals and Diamonds will join together for PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning). We will be using activities from the ‘You Can Do It’ program whilst providing our older students an opportunity to take on leadership responsibilities. Groups during this time will be multi-age.

On Friday afternoon we are planning to have drumming circle this term. The cost is $6 per child per week. Peter will be teaching children rhythm using body percussion to begin then introducing drums. We will start in week 3 and have another practice on the first Thursday back in Term 2 ready for a performance at our Anzac assembly on the first Friday next term. This will be discussed at the next P&C meeting to determine how it will be funded.

Recycling

We will be categorising the rubbish from the playground for now on separating recycling, compost and waste. Please try to limit waste and non-recyclable items from your child’s lunch.

Swimming Carnival

Next Friday is our Terania District Swimming Carnival. All students who are 8 years and older are invited to attend. The carnival will be held at Lismore memorial Baths. It will commence at 9.30 am and the cost for pool entry is $3 for swimmers and $2 for spectators. Mrs Stroud-Watts will be attending. Supervision will be shared among teachers from the Terania District. Parents are asked to ensure their children have plenty of water, lunch and recess or money for the canteen, a hat, sunscreen, towel and whatever else you think they may need. Please remind your child to reapply sunscreen throughout the day. Whilst I endeavour to help protect our precious Gems from the harmful rays of the sun, I may be waylaid and unable to remind them. The onus of responsibility to stay in the shade, apply sunscreen and wear a hat is on them. The carnival should finish around 2 pm. Please ensure you are at the pool to collect your child before this time.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be on Thursday 12th February at 5pm. At this meeting we will continue to look at our planning process.

Fruit break

To start the day with a bit of fun and to help increase fitness for our Gems, we will have skipping, dance, the run and fitness first thing in the morning at 8.55am. After this we will have fruit break and water.