**Principal’s Message**

I would like to start this week by thanking all of the wonderful parents from our school community. We are very fortunate to have so many people who care so much about the education of their children. Over the past few weeks we have had parents helping in classrooms, parents volunteering in the school canteen, visitors to our assemblies and also parents and relatives attending our Sorry Day commemoration.

It is a privilege to be part of a school where parents are comfortable enough to come into the school and be involved in education. To the parents who engage with the school I say thank you. To the parents who take time to meet with teachers I say thank you. To the parents who acknowledge what an important and challenging job teaching your children is, I say thank you.

Teachers are currently busy working on student reports to go home later this term. You will be able to read about your child’s academic and social progress when these reports come out. It is wonderful to walk into our classrooms and see students working hard to gain knowledge and master skills. We look forward to sending the reports home to inform families of the achievements of all of our students.

Have a great week everyone.

Luke Norman
Principal

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**Sorry Day Friday 24th May**

We would like to say thank you to all the parents and community members who came along to our Sorry Day Assembly last Friday. It was wonderful have people in our school to help us recognise such an important day in our national calendar. The students were thrilled to have Mrs Blanch back with us for a short time and we were most pleased that she assisted by planting the feature tree in our new garden.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mr Steve McAlpine from Tamworth Regional Council for providing plants, soil and labour to help with the Sorry garden again this year. Without the support of the council we would not be able to continue to expand our Sorry Day Garden.
Upcoming Sports Day

Coming up in a few weeks is a very exciting one-off sports program. On the Wednesday 12th June ‘Sport in Schools Australia’ (SISA) will be showcasing their program to the students of our school. SISA is an organisation that offers sport and physical activity programs in schools using world-class, child specific gym equipment. Workshops will be run for all classes in our school at no cost. All classes will participate in this fun, active day.

We are asking for all students to come in sports uniform on this day if possible. Parents are invited to come and have a look at the activities if they wish, a timetable with details of class session times will be published shortly.

Kindergarten 2014

Shortly we will be sending home expression of interest forms for kindergarten for 2014. If you are considering enrolling your child in kindergarten with us next year we would encourage you to complete this form as early as possible in order to assist in preparations for kindergarten orientation later in terms 3 & 4.

The decision about when to start your child at school is a very difficult one and many things need to be considered. Kindergarten is the first formal year of schooling for children. It is expected that at the end of kindergarten students continue on their educational path into year one. Children are eligible to enrol in kindergarten if they turn 5 on or before the 31st of July. They must be enrolled in school by the time they turn 6. We would encourage parents to use our school website to assist in making this decision. If you look under “School Years” you will be able to select the “Kindergarten” link. This has many useful resources from the Department of Education and Communities to help you decide.

In 2014 we will no longer offer the Kinder Sunrise class. We will only be able to offer regular kindergarten classes where we expect that most children will continue on into Year 1 the following year. If you are considering kindergarten with us for next year and would like to discuss the issue with the school please contact the front office to make an appointment at your earliest convenience.

Clothing Store Winter Combo Deal!

Beanie, Scarf (with school emblem) & Gloves Set only $15.00!
Jumpers $23, Jackets $44 and lots of seconds from only $2!
See you Fridays 8.45-10am
Jayne McCarthy

PSSA Cross Country 2013

On Monday 27th May 30 of our students travelled to Barraba Sporting Fields to take part in the annual PSSA Cross Country. The motto of the Australian Olympic Marathon team is ‘finish’. Every one of our kids who started finished and they all ran their race. It was fantastic to see the individual and team efforts with many of our kids running together. This showed with the Senior boys team of Tom Kemp, Chris Day, Woody Dowe and Logan McCarthy winning the senior boys team event. Bridie Martin (6th) and Daniel Peel (2nd) both with sprint finishes earnt their place in the Tamworth Zone team to compete at Coolah on Friday 14th June. A sensational effort kids. Thanks for attending training on Monday afternoons. Thank you to all of the parents who came and supported the team and transported students. Thank you also to Kerry McKillop, Sharon Martin and Yvonne Peel for taking on the role of team manager at the finish line. You made my day a lot easier.

“My running was very simple; it was out of myself.”
Emil Zatopek

Thanks kids for running out of yourselves.
It was sensational. Mr. Scarborough

Swimming and Cross Country Age Champions and Runners Up

At this weeks combined assembly there will be a long awaited awarding of our age champion and runner up medallions for our school Swimming and Cross Country carnivals. We will also hand out Sporting House Captain and Vice Captain badges. Thank you for waiting so long.

Ciaran McKillop - Motocross LEGEND

At the weekend motocross event held in Quirindi at Stu Johnson Park our very own Ciaran McKillop placed 3rd in the 65cc 9 to under 12’s. Sensational Ciaran.

Under 10’s Rugby League

Will be held this Wednesday 29th May at 6pm at Scully Park. Players need to be at the ground at 5:30pm ready to play at 6pm. Jerseys will be supplied. Students MUST wear mouthguard and boots, maroon footy shorts, maroon or white socks.

Excursion

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are going on an excursion to Bicentennial Park. This will be happening Friday 14th June form 10 –1:30pm. Permission notes and information will be out shortly.
ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Merit Awards

Infants
KP: Ben Browning, Dekoda Jerrett
KD: Kyan Gregory
K/1M: Lily Adams, Dannica Brown
1E: Emma McCullough, Zac Browning
1R: Laura Woods, Maddison Higgisson
1/2T: Latesha Butler, Harry Pinchen

Book Work Ribbon

Kyan Gregory
Kyrstle Grazazek-Cross
Bryce Rampling
Cooper Schubert
Jesse Monk

This week's assembly Friday 31st May is starting at 12:00pm for Infants and 1pm for Primary.

NSW PSSA Football
Last week I went to compete in the NSW PSSA Boys Football championships. 14 Teams from around the state came and we were split into 2 pools of 7. My pool was Sydney North, Sydney South West, Mackillop, South Coast, Western, North West and Barrier.

Day 1: Started with a team photo, handout of equipment and 2 games. Game 1 was against Western at 10:15 and the score was 5-1. Western's way. Game 2 was against Sydney North at 2:15 and the score was 9-0. Sydney North's way.

Day 2: Started Game 3 with an early game at 9:40 and the score was 10-1 South Coast's way. Game 4 was against Sydney South West at 11:30 and the score was 8-0 Sydney South West's way. Game 5 was against Mackillop at 1:20pm and the score was 9-0 Mackillop's way. Game 6 was against Barrier at 3:10 and the score was 3-1 North West's way. Day 3 Game 7 was between North West and North Coast and was the last game and the score was 5-1.

The carnival was a great experience for me. I felt really nervous at the start of the carnival but at the end I got really good with my skills. Overall, Sydney North won the state championships. Leonie Macgregor coached and managed our team, so a big thanks to her.

By Logan McCarthy

Uniforms
The last few weeks have brought the cold weather upon us. We are now asking students to wear full winter uniforms. Please note that it is important for all students to wear the correct uniform. The Department of Education and Communities expects that all students adhere to the uniform policy which means that clothing and footwear is safe and appropriate.

The winter uniforms are listed below and are available both here at school in our clothing pool and at Lowes on Peel Street. We encourage you to use the P&C’s clothing pool as many of the items purchased from here are embroidered with the school logo. The Clothing Pool is open from 8:45 until 10am on Friday mornings.

BOYS’ WINTER UNIFORM:
Grey trousers or shorts, grey shirt, maroon jumper, cardigan or jacket, grey socks and black shoes, check tie (as per girls tunic) and maroon bucket or wide brimmed hat.

GIRLS’ WINTER UNIFORM:
A grey and maroon tartan check tunic, (princess line with inverted front pleats), white blouse or skivvy, maroon jumper, cardigan or jacket, white socks or grey pantyhose, black shoes, check tie (as per tunic) and maroon bucket or wide brimmed hat.
COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

June
- Tues-Thurs 4-7th: Canberra Excursion
- Wed 5th: Yarn Up Meeting
- Wed 12th: Whole School Sports Afternoon
- Friday 14th: Nth West Cross Country
- Friday 14th: Dubbo Instalment
- Mon-Fri 24-28th: NAIDOC Week
- Fri 28th: Athletics Carnival
- Fri 28th: Last Day Term

Term 2

July
- Mon 5th: Staff Development
- Tues 16th: Students Return
- Thurs 18th: Photo Day

YARN—UP
Wednesday 5th June, 2013

Our next Yarn—Up meeting is next Wednesday 5th June and will be held between 9:30-11:30am. Please join us.

Please bring a plate to share.

Thank You