Term 2 Newsletter ~ 25th June, 2015

After a difficult start to our term weather wise, we have enjoyed a range of learning experiences for both children and teachers alike. Undoubtedly the highlight of the term was our Anzac Commemoration which drew much positive praise from the community and beyond. An interesting learning area for the children has been our geology unit, led by Mr. Wright. Unfortunately weather stopped our excursion to the quarry but Mr. Wright kindly collected a range of fossils for children to examine and all took one or two home. We thank him for his expertise which he so willingly shared with the children. Our athletics carnival was a great day for all with ideal weather and fun competition. As always our canteen supported this and other special days throughout the year. We thank all our volunteers especially our coordinators, Kristy and Sylvia. We held a well stocked Mothers’ Day shop thanks to Mrs. Carter and helpers, which raised funds for our literacy program. Year 3 and Year 5 completed the NAPLAN tests and results are expected on 18th August.

**Teachers** have worked hard throughout the term to provide engaging and challenging learning experiences for all children. Many hours of work have gone into professional learning and extracurricular experiences as well as program and report preparation. Of note, are courses in quality teaching and reading comprehension. **Parent support** has been high as always through the canteen, P&C involvement such as preparing the Anzac garden, the purchase of class fridges, support for Breakfast Club and the introduction of school banking. **Thanks go to all.**

This term teachers have included Aboriginal perspectives to class programs with stories, art and music. This week we celebrate **NAIDOC Week** with the creation of a whole school bark painting which will go on display in our library. Children will also be involved in a video conference which explains Aboriginal culture. Our music program has included preparation for our Musica Viva visit on the first day back next term. **Please return notes and money this week if you haven’t already done so.**

We are inviting parents to select a date next term for our **Three Way Conferences** where children, parents and teachers are involved in a discussion about the learning of first semester and children’s goals for the rest of the year. These notes will be distributed on Friday 26th. **Please return notes as soon as possible so timetables can be drawn up.**

This week we farewell our school cleaner Mrs. Leonie Rimouldi and thank her for her contribution to our school over the years. We also thank Miss Louise Butcher for her work with Year 5/6 for the past 2 weeks. K/1 will have a practising teacher, Miss Setterfield who is a final year student and will be with us for the term.

Our final Year 5/6 Sports Visit will be held tomorrow and again we thank the canteen for organising a healthy lunch for all children.

**Professional learning** for teachers has been in the areas of reading, leadership, student well being and school planning.

Have a happy holiday with your children. **School returns for children on 14th July.**

Kind regards,

Pauline

“Life must be lived as play.”

*Plato*

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**School Planning Snippets**

All teachers are currently engaged in an extended professional learning and action research based project focusing on the teaching of reading...
Year 6 Fundraiser Rock Star/Disco Star Day
School Banking with the Commonwealth Bank is now available every Thursday.

JUNE
Fri 26th - Years 5 & 6 Sport Day @ Gresford - Last day Term 2

JULY
Mon 13th - Staff Development Day
  - Pupil Free Day
Tue 14th - Students return
  - Musica Viva 10am
Thurs 16th - Soccer @ Seaham Bowthorne 10am
Fri 17th - P&C Meeting
Wed 29th - Open Day
  - Mad Hatters Tea Party
  - Book Fair
Thurs 30th - Education Week Ceremony at Dungog High
Fri 31st - Zone Athletics

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT UON (FREE)

TARGET AUDIENCE:
Students of any gender in years 4-8.

TIME AND DATE:
9:15am - 1:05pm
Tuesday 30 June, Wednesday 1 July, Thursday 2 July or Friday 3 July

LOCATION:
Engineering Administration Building
Ring Road, Callaghan NSW 2308

REGISTRATION:
Registration required! Register at www.nwee.org/events.html

Alice in Wonderland (and back again)
by Randy Wyatt
based on the books by Lewis Carroll
Directed by Amy Hill
June 19 to July 5

Performance Dates/Times:
Evenings at 7:30pm - June 19, 26; July 3, 4
Matinees at 2pm - June 20, 21, 27, 28; July 4, 5
Doors open 30 minutes before performances

Ticket Prices:
All tickets: $17
Season Tickets for 2015: $55

Bookings:
Bookings are recommended for this popular show. Call Maitland Visitor Information Centre to book on 02 4931 2800 or book online.

WELCOME TO Fabulous LAS VEGAS
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What happens in Vegas ...
**Librarianship Award**
Charlize Tucker
Harrison Sellens

**Spelling Champions**
William Thiecke
Kaitlin Horn
Kayden Atkins
Rhianna Conn
Jack Hill
Brooklyn Bidner

**Librarianship Awards**
Tillie Parish
Xander O'Connor
Jack Laurie
Hayden Gardiner
Blake Wilson
Mathilda Joliffe
William Mitchell
Ryan Skolyszewski

**Sports Award**
Ewen Mitchell  Ethan Crouch
Bailey Conn  Daniel Craig
Ella Osmond  Oscar Wyvill
Alana Page  Alysha Cowley

**Good Listener Award**
Piper Conn  Hayden Wilson
Bailey Conn  Chase Hoffman
Chelsea Abra

**School Merits**
K /1 - Ethan Crouch  Ewen Mitchell
1/2 - Miles McFadyen  Rose Kelehear
3/4 - Katharina Lawrence  Paige McFadyen
5/6 - Alysha Cowley  Liza Edwards
SPORTS GALA EVENT

This event is FREE

Sports over the 2 days will include:
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Golf
- Cricket
- Gymnastics
- AFL
- Bowls
- Boot Camp
- Soft Ball and League

Free registration and sign up in sport from 2.30pm

Children will try each sport offered on the day and will walk around all the different activities, which will be open from 2.30pm.

Children must be accompanied at all times, there will be no facilities for parents. Please ensure child is fully clothed and has water bottle and sunscreen.

Children are requested to bring their own water bottle and sun screen.

For more information visit our Facebook page: The Club Sports Days.

Senior School Holiday Fun:
- Tuesday 7th July & Wednesday 8th July 2015
- Clarence Town Bowling Club, Clarence Town Post Office, Dunmore Plain, Clarence Town.

Join in the fun! Have a ball!

HR

Parents - please sign the permission form and place in the office before the day.

Date

Parent Signature

Emergency Contact Name

Mobile Phone

Parent contact details on reverse.

For more information contact: admin@hrschool.com.au or 6693 1111.

Thank you for supporting the school.