

UPCOMING  
EVENTS!

- **Zone Cross Country** Thurs  
30th April
- **NAPLAN**  
12th, 13th,  
14th May
- **Small School Athletics Carnival** Tuesday  
19th May

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School

TERM 2, WEEK 2

29TH APRIL 2015

## After The Flood

**A warm welcome back to Term 2** for all of our families after a long, wet week. It has been very interesting to hear from the students about the variety of experiences they all had in the different areas of the valley. Our staff are very happy to see everyone back at school safe and sound.

**Another especially warm welcome** to our new students Jem and Piper. Jem, in Year 3 and Piper In Year 2 are cousins and have moved up from Sydney with their families.



We know you will have a wonderful time at our beautiful school!

**Our school** was spared any major damage in last week's storm, but other schools to our north were not so lucky. Hunter schools are organising a collection to help out the community at Dungog. The Dungog PS principal, Steven Richard, has stated his community are struggling to acquire items such as: school shoes, casual shoes (childrens and adults), socks, adult work clothes, blankets, towels, small children's underwear, disposable nappies and baby formula. If you are able to help with any of these items please drop them to the school tomorrow or Friday and we will get them where they are needed.

Thank you.

**NAPLAN.** The NAPLAN test for students in Years 3 and 5 will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Week 4 of the term. Students have been doing some practice tests to familiarize them with the test environment.

**Congratulations to our P&C** who put together a very successful Tea Stall at the Wollombi Easter Markets. The hot dogs and milkshakes were great innovations and great sellers. Thank you to everyone who contributed food, time and equipment to make this such a successful fundraiser. Come along to the next P&C meeting to hear more!

## Zone Cross Country

**This Thursday selected students will be competing in the Zone Cross Country in at the Cessnock Racecourse. Best of luck to all of our athletes!**

## Library News

The Chess competition is back in full swing, with a record number of students competing. Students, make sure you keep recording your books for the Premier's Reading Challenge. **Parents - if you can spare an hour or two to help in the library sorting or covering books, please see Mrs Baker—your help would be very much appreciated!**

## School Matters!

**Parents,** we ended up with quite a store of Tupperware containers at the end of last term. Please ensure that all containers are labelled so that we can return them to their rightful owners! Feel free to pop into the staff room and see if you recognize any. Thank you.

**Gardening.** Thank you to John, Sally and Rebekah who have constructed three vegetable beds with timber donated by Sweetman's Timber

(thank you Ms Sewell). We have some good quality soil to fill the boxes with and we look forward to a plentiful harvest.

**Our hardworking GA John Donkers** is travelling for the term, visiting England and India. Oliver's dad Andy is stepping into the role and has already done a great job restoring the path to the senior seating area.

**Guitar Group** will swing back into action next week - keep up the practice! Check the school

website for tips on chords, riffs and simple songs.

**The Autumn Ball** has been postponed—the new proposed date is 12 September.

### **Disaster Recover Payment.**

This payment is available if your circumstances meet certain criteria. Go to [www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/nsw-east-coast-storms-and-flooding-april-2015-drp](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/nsw-east-coast-storms-and-flooding-april-2015-drp).

Poetry is  
like a bird,  
it ignores  
all frontiers.  
– Yevgeny  
Yevtushenko

## Year 4-5-6 News

With last week's storms fresh in our minds we will be studying Wild Weather in Science this term. We have begun by learning some facts about the wind, and we look forward to lots of experiments investigating different phenomena.

We are getting into poetry this term and welcome Ms Davey back into our classroom to share her expertise. With the regional public speaking competition in Term 3, we will be holding a school wide competition this term to select our representatives.

Work is beginning in Drama to 'build' a new play - we have lots of ideas and look forward to creating something fantastic.

Homework has gone home this week - to be returned by Friday for marking. Here's to a great term ahead!



*See more photos from Milson Island on the display inside the school front office—thank you Mrs Shaunessy for your hard work in putting it together!*

## K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

Welcome back to Term 2! This term in HSIE we will be looking at 'Present and Past family life' in particular the history of our valley. In Science and Technology we are continuing to study 'Our Living World', which will be a continuation of last terms 'Rainforest' Theme, but will have a greater focus on our own environment and living world.

Could I please have all Homework books returned so homework can begin next week. I will also start sending home sight word lists to both Kindergarten and Year 1. Sight words are an important factor in literacy, (which many can only be learnt by rote). Knowing these words ensures students continue on a positive learning path.

Don't forget water bottles. Even as the weather is cooling, keeping the brain hydrated is always important. Have a great week back!!



**Well done** to Lara, Sam, Oliver, Trevor and Lochee who spoke at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service last Saturday. It was a perfect morning, the brook was babbling and the speeches were very much appreciated by the many people who attended. Thanks also to the parents who awoke early to get their children to Wollombi for a 5.45 start!

## Year 2-3 News

Welcome back after our extended holiday! I hope everyone survived the flood and extra quality time we all spent with our families. The students have settled in quickly after their big break and are eager to get stuck into their studies. Below are a few holiday recounts from our class:

**My Holiday – By Brody.** During the holidays there was a flood. My mum, myself and my sister Jade had to stay home an extra week and so did the whole school! But luckily, we had a generator so we had power the whole time. When it stopped raining my mum put together a bridge party. The bridge party was so cool. Then a few days after we could get out. While we were out my family went into town and when I was there I got to see Skye. It was the best flood ever!

**My Holiday – By Jesse.** During the holidays I helped my grandma move house.

**My Holiday – By Kiah.** During the holidays I went to the hospital. It was fun sometimes. I got to go in an ambulance which was cool in some ways but I didn't like it when they put needles in me.

**My Holiday – By Lucy.** During the holidays I had a mud fight and after that Lilly, Ruby and I had a freezing cold hose off and then a warm shower. Then I played with Bernie inside. I also got flooded in with my grandma and grandad and my cousins.

## *What's Happening at Wollombi School!*

There have been a lot of great workshops and events happening down at Wollombi School. Over the holidays, Harper's mum Sally ran a very successful ceramics for kids workshop. There are two very interesting events happening over the next week:

- Carl Hoipo is presenting a talk on the pioneering European families in our district. 3.00-4.30, Sat 2nd May . RSVP [wscetevents@gmail.com](mailto:wscetevents@gmail.com) by 1st May.
- Self Defence and Awareness course for Women, developed by Steve Turner from Eureka Taekwondo. 10.30 a.m.—12.00 p.m., Wednesday 6th May. Cost \$10pp. RSVP [wscetevents@gmail.com](mailto:wscetevents@gmail.com) by Mon 4th May.

### **Uniform**

An order will be placed with our supplier tomorrow to enable our stock to be replenished. Kellie will be available to fulfill any requirements on Mondays and Thursdays from 9am.



**LIBRARY PBL AWARDS!** *Zara - Respect, Bela—Respect, Harper—Responsibility. Mrs Baker appreciates everything you do in the Library!*

