Week 10
Primary Excursion to Katoomba
All notes and money are due in by Friday 5th September
Year 12 Farewell Social
Wednesday 17th September

REMINDER TO PARENTS
MEDICAL INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL RECORDS
It is imperative that our school records on a child’s medical condition be kept up to date. If your child has been diagnosed with a severe medical condition that could impact on their wellbeing whilst at school then please inform the school admin office immediately so a suitable response plan can be initiated.

Nut Aware
The school would like to remind students and parents that our school is a nut aware school. Please be mindful of foods that contain and may contain nuts and refrain from packing them for recess and lunch. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Important Information for the Community
If you are concerned for a child’s well being you may ring the Department of Community Services on 132 111 or the Police on 131 444. Both phone numbers operate 24 hours a day.

WE ARE A ‘SUNSMART’ SCHOOL
‘NO HAT NO PLAY’

Productivity Commission Visit
This week we had federal Productivity Commissioner Patricia Scott visit our school to review the Trade Training Centre. Our school was one of thirty schools nationally selected for a visit by the commission to gather information for a report requested by the Federal Minister for Education. The Commissioner, talked with students staff, parents, regional representatives from the Department of Education and Communities and businesses who have a relationship with the school through the Trade Training Centre and Vocational Education and Training Courses. She asked a series of questions aimed at the value of the Vocational Education and Training for students and communities.

With Metals and Engineering students grinding and welding, Construction students pouring a cement slab, the visitors got a first-hand view of the level of skill of students. Commissioner Scott was particularly impressed that our school was the only school in Australia that they had visited which had invited industry partners and past students.

I would like to acknowledge the work in preparing for this visit undertaken by Mr Stewart Blomfield (Head Teacher of Technical and Applied Studies), Mr Robert Daniels, Mrs Joanne Southwell, Mrs Susan Dwyer, Mr Stephen Hives and Mr Bruce Fahey. In particular I would like to thank Mr Matthew Corkhill (Corkhill’s Engineering) and Local Builder Mr David Hinds for taking the time to speak on behalf of industry in this important review. David and Matthew were able to discuss the Industrial Relations impacts on their businesses and the importance of a skilled workforce in rural communities.

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Thanks also to past student Nicholas Dwyer for bringing in his major metal work piece from year 12 and the Boorowa Council for allowing him to attend this meeting. Nicholas was able to identify skills from his VET courses being applicable to his current apprenticeship with the Boorowa Council.

Commissioner Scott was glowing in her appreciation for the efforts of industry representatives and also the work of staff in preparation for the visit.
SMArt and Drama Night

Last night, a large audience enjoyed a concert performed by our youngest to oldest students in a smorgasbord of singing, music, dance and drama. With two acts full of talented and very enthusiastic performers, the audience had a great variety of acts to keep them entertained. Students work from Art, Textiles and Design were also on display showcasing our talented students work. A big thank you to Ms Laurelle Nosworthy and her team of helpful staff for once again producing an entertaining nights program during a season with unprecedented interruptions due to the number of staff and students sick with the flu this year. Thanks you to the production team for running everything from the doors, to lights, sound and back stage. A special thank you to our school captain and MC for the night Maddy Corcoran.

Thanks to the P&C for having delicious snacks on hand to keep the hungriest performers going.

A huge thank you to all of the students who learnt and practised their acts and performed with pizzazz. You all shone.

Longitudinal Geographic Study (LGS) 2014

Years 6-10 Excursion
This week parents of students in years 6-10 would have received (and by now returned) permission notes for the LGS 2014 Fieldwork Days. We are very fortunate to be able to offer such an interesting and relevant curriculum experience to our students with the support of Local Land Services -Boorowa and Yass, Landcare and P&S Dwyer.

Dates
Tuesday 9 Sept: 9/10 ACE students will be attending the site with a particular focusing on work ready skills including teamwork, collaboration, problem solving and working in the field.

Wednesday 10 Sept: Years 6-10 (including ACE) will be attending the site to complete and finalise their mandatory fieldwork and investigation skills for Geography and Science.

Both days are full day events. Students will be able to arrive and depart school via their normal routine on bus, bike or foot.

What to Wear & Bring
Parents and students are reminded that jeans/long trousers (no shorts), sturdy enclosed shoes and a bright tee/polo shirt (preferably highly visible) should be worn due to WH&S. Students are required to bring a HAT in preference to a cap, sunscreen, water, recess/snacks, and their fieldwork equipment as detailed on the note. All clothing/hats must be school appropriate in terms of modesty and images/statements.

Year 10 Leaders
We are very glad to be able to offer year 10 students a special opportunity as a fieldwork facilitator/group escort. In this role they can put their fieldwork experience, active citizenship, teamwork, and leadership skills to practice in assisting their peers through the day’s program. At the completion of the days program students will be informally assessing themselves and their peers on their ability in relation to the specific outcomes.

Student Behaviour and Onsite Safety
It is important for all parents to understand that should any student present as a safety issue as a result of their behaviour/choices, you may be contacted and expected to attend the site to pick up your child. This will ensure the safe and undisrupted continuation of the experience for all students. If you are unsure/uncertain of your child’s ability to actively participate safely and effectively for the whole day, please contact the school to make suitable arrangements for them to remain at school.

HSC STUDY DAY

With the advent of the LGS 2014 on Wednesday 10th September, staff are able to provide a great opportunity for Year 12 to participate in an intensive, guided HSC study day. Students will be working across the day on various topics to reinforce and reinvigorate the successful habits of HSC achievers. With only a few weeks of formal schooling left, this is a good time for students to refine their existing study habits and ensure they have used the constructive report comments to their advantage.

Deputy Principals’ Conference
I was very fortunate last week to be able to take the time to attend the NSW Deputy Principals’ Conference. A very full conference program was available, covering a range of issues relating to young people and education.

The most interesting keynote address was given by Jonathan Nicholas, who is the CEO of the Inspire Foundation. This organisation is responsible for a website I have written about before: ReachOut.com. Jonathan reminded us about a series of fairly shocking statistics about young people and mental health:

- Mental health is the leading health issue for 15 – 24 year olds;
- Suicide is the leading cause of death for teenagers;
- 75% of mental health issues begin in young people;
- Less than half the people suffering from mental illness receive appropriate treatment and it is even more likely that young people in rural and regional areas will not receive adequate help;
- In an “average” class of 20 Year 12 students, 5 will be experiencing mental health issues of some sort, 2 will be receiving timely & effective care and 1 will have attempted suicide (these statistics have not changed over time).

These are sobering statistics. What is very interesting, though, is that evidence shows that self-help and self-care of some mental health conditions can have the same outcomes to clinical care. Many resources for self-care are available online. Amongst the best online resources are ReachOut (www.ReachOut.com), Kids Helpline (www.Kidshelp.com.au 1800 551 800) and
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We must remember that many mental health issues result from genetic conditions. Just like physical illnesses, they require appropriate treatment. We must break the taboos associated with mental illnesses so that anyone suffering from these conditions receives timely, targeted help.

Sexualise Behaviours of Concern

Staff have been increasingly concerned with a number of young students who are using sexually explicit language and describing sexual acts. Teachers being mandatory reporters are required to notify authorities of problematic sexualised behaviours. We are seeking external expert advice on support for parents of students who exhibit these behaviours, and for parents of children who may have heard these unacceptable comments and need to support their upset and confused children. We hope to have this advice available early in term 4.

We remind all parents to please ensure your children know it is not acceptable to swear in public and that laughing at little children when they swear can encourage its use later in life. Parents should monitor computer games, television and movies children watch to ensure they are appropriately rated. We are hearing a number of very young children have played games with an R rating. Parental locks are available for pay and free to air TV and may be found using your remote control with the settings feature. Select the settings and scroll down to the parental lock feature.

Parents who have had concerns with their children in this area may be interested in contacting the Young Hub 5 days a week or the Boorowa Hub on Friday Mornings to access support programs.

Staff will be continuing to closely monitor this set of behaviours.

New to your library
MINECRAFT BOOKS

We have four titles now available for readers of these interesting books. The Minecraft phenomenon has exploded into a worldwide sensation, delighting seasoned video gamers as well as newcomers of all ages. This open-world game of building with textured blocks, exploration, crafting, resource gathering, and combat encourages unlimited creativity, which explains its vast appeal. With each new update, Minecraft offers an increasingly rich feature set. Mastering Minecraft from Brady Games introduces players to this global blockbuster and teaches them to master its charming world!

One of our latest additions to the library collection is Minecraft Redstone.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET FULLY WIRED ON MINECRAFT!

It’s time to wire up and get connected to one of the most complex areas of Minecraft – Redstone. Redstone experts guide you through all aspects of working with Redstone including mining, smelting, using repeaters, circuit components and circuit designs. This handbook also includes exclusive tips from the game’s creators at Mojang… and some of the most extraordinary Redstone creations ever made. So power up and get switched on to Redstone – it’s electrifying!

Come into your library any lunch time to have a look at the other new titles in this series.
Kindergarten 2015 completed their last half day of Kindy Start last Friday. They went in disguise on a Teddy Bears Picnic and met their BIG BUDDY BEARS for next year. They played some games and had a great time with their Year 5 Buddies who will be a great help making sure their transition into school is smooth.

We look forward to welcoming Kindy 2015 back on Thursday/Friday of Week 3 of next term for two full days.

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### TERM 3 - WEEK 8 - PRIMARY AWARDS

**50 NIGHTS READING**

Kirstie Trethowan

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**75 NIGHTS READING**

Mylee Taylor
Laylah Stewart
Destiny Hardefeldt

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**FIRST STAR CARD**

Tamsyn Ritchie
Elle McIntosh

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**SECOND STAR CARD**

Finlay Shore
Erik Hagar
Archie Gay
Lily McKinley

**THIRD STAR CARD**

Laylah Stewart
Éclair Eastham-Ward
Tristan Summerfield
Dijana Shemon

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**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Luke Dean - completing all Year 5 core spelling words
Joshua Dean - completing all Year 4 core spelling words
Logan Mears - completing all Year 4 core spelling words
Natasha Hagar - completing all Year 4 core spelling words

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**STAR STUDENTS OF WEEK 7**

#### Kindergarten

**Name:** Tyler Sullivan  
**Age:** 6  
If you were a dinosaur, which one would you be? Pterodactyl  
What are the 3 things that children like the most? Toys, puppies and stories  
What will you be doing when you are 20 years old? I'll be doing a job.
If a genie gave you 3 wishes, what would you wish for? A racing car, a motorbike and an extra present from Santa.

#### Year 1/2

**Name:** Dalijana Shemon  
**Age:** 6  
If you were a dinosaur, which one would you be? T-Rex  
What are the 3 things that children like the most? Toys, computers and puzzles.
What will you be doing when you are 20 years old? Cooking.
If a genie gave you 3 wishes, what would you wish for? I would just wish that every person in the world could receive one wish.

#### Year 2/3

**Name:** Katlyn Edwards  
**Age:** 9  
If you were a dinosaur, which one would you be? T-Rex  
What are the 3 things that children like the most? Science, holidays and drawing.
What will you be doing when you are 20 years old? I will be teaching Kindergarten.
If a genie gave you 3 wishes, what would you wish for? A mansion, a horse and a never ending life.
HSC Business Studies Revision Day

Last Thursday Year 12 Business Studies travelled to Goulburn to attend a HSC Business Studies Lecture Revision Day. Students spent the day revising the four core topics for the course. The day was led by experienced HSC teacher and marker Mr Graham Roll who travels to regional centres in order to assist students to revise and prepare for their final examination. Students found the day to be informative and it proved to be a great refresher of the course content. This is a great outcome for the students who are sitting their exam in mid-October as it prompts the start of the final revision and study process for them. We wish the girls the best of luck and hope you are rewarded for your efforts.

Legal Studies Excursion

On Friday of Week 8 the HSC Legal Studies class travelled to Canberra to visit the highest court of the land, The High Court of Australia and the Australian Crime Commission. As well the students were given an introduction to first year law studies at ANU with Dr Mark Nolan.

The High Court visit was a small, privileged question and answer style tour, featuring court practice and procedure, art and architecture reflecting the diversity of the building and the history of judicial appeals, famous cases and constitutional law of Australia before private access was granted to the Court of Special Leave. It was very informative and cemented the concepts and ideology of the High Court into real terms for students to write on its role in HSC.

It was interesting for students to learn that anybody can visit the High Court due it being a public access building and cases involving the Constitution like Mabo, Wik and others around asylum seeking and migration are all heard at this court in yes or no answer format, unlike the lower courts where verdicts and sentences are issued.

A restricted access visit, which we were very privileged to be a part of, then took place in the lower level security floors of the Australian Crime Commission where students had the opportunity to discuss such topical items as foreign fighters, organised crime, money laundering and people smuggling across international borders (transnational crime) which directly impacts Australia. The topics discussed were really intense but a real eye opener to see the level of impact transnational crime has on the Australian economy.

It was a long but very rewarding day that provided case studies with legal and non-legal responses that students can use in their HSC exams. The students represented the school with great repute and should be congratulated on their efforts. We wish them the best of luck during their HSC.
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**BOOROWA JUNIOR CRICKET**

**AGM MONDAY 8TH SEPT**

**7.00PM**

**EX-SERVICES CLUB**

**ALL**

**POSITIONS VACANT**

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**JACKEROO RANCH**

“**SPRING HOLIDAY HORSE RIDING CAMP**”

**Week 1. Sat 20th Sept—Sat 27th Sept**

**Week 2. Sat 27th Sept—Sunday 5th Oct**

“**Shorter stays are possible if camps are not fully booked**”

Camps are for children aged from 6—16 years. Five and six hours per day are devoted to horse activities including a one hour lesson and three hours trail riding the beautiful Turon Valley—with tuition still being given. Campers are taught grooming, saddling, haltering, catching a horse, safety aspects and many other facets of horsemanship. Previous experience is not necessary as beginners to advanced riders are catered for. We specialise in teaching nervous riders and developing their confidence.

**Enquiries:** Mrs Pattie Hudson. Phone 63 377173 (after hours)


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**MERCY WALK FOR WOMEN**

**Sunday 21st September, 2014**

**26km Boorowa to Galong**

*Shining a light on violence against women!*

Early bird registration $40.00 closes 12th September

All proceeds to:

Karinya House Refuge for Women and Children

For more info please contact: Teena McGrath

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[www.karinyahouse.asn.au](http://www.karinyahouse.asn.au)

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**Women Walking for Women**
CALLING FOR YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPES TO INCLUDE IN OUR COOKBOOK!!

We are putting together a cookbook to raise money for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

We would love it if you could choose your favourite recipe for us to include in the book. When published, each recipe will have your child’s name and class printed at the bottom. Everyone can send in a recipe mums, dads, students, grandmas, grandpas, infants, primary and secondary. We will try to include as many as possible.

Mrs Southwell, our fabulous kitchen specialist, has already contributed some of the children’s favourite recipes from her cooking classes.

Can you please send your yummy recipes in with your child or bring them to the school office as soon as you can, we will be aiming to have the cookbook ready to publish early next year?

We are looking forward to getting your delicious recipes!!

WOOLFEST IS AROUND THE CORNER………..

Can you spare an hour and come along and help at the P & C Stall
Between 8.00am—3.00pm
Sunday 5th October

Please contact Kim on 040 869 6104 or 63 853 690
or contact the school office on 63 853 009 if you can come along.
Would love to see you there!!

This year we will set up outside the Courthouse Hotel and will be selling Gourmet Hot Dogs, Drinks and Showbags.

Let’s go for a Walk!

Family Chain and Boorowa Hub

Invite you to come walking on Friday mornings. The first walk will commence on Friday 5th September at 10am

Meet at the Boorowa Hub
22 Marsden St, Boorowa

Bring some comfortable shoes & water
Please contact Jenny Spring 63826697 or 0429886697 for further information

Hi Kids!

Thanks for joining your schools Jump Rope for Heart team. Together, we can have fun and help others. Your school Jump Off day is coming up soon so get skipping. Simply ask family and friends to help you raise money for a great cause! Why not try to use the internet to get sponsors. It’s fun! Log on to www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart and follow the directions! All you need to do is Click, Flick and Skip!

11th September
Waste matters
CleanOut your household chemicals the right way

For more information call the Environment Line on 131 555 or visit www.cleanout.com.au

This is a NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the Waste Levy. Visit www.epa.nsw.gov.au

You can drop off these materials:
From your home:
- Solvents and household cleaners
- Floor care products
- Ammonia based cleaners
- Fluorescent globes and tubes
From your car:
- Car batteries
- Motor oils, fuels and fluids

From your garage:
- Paint and paint related products
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Poisons
- Gas bottles
- Fire extinguishers
- Pool chemicals
- Hobby chemicals
- Acids and alkalis

Including materials with the following logos:

Only household quantities accepted 20kg or 20L maximum container size. Please transport your materials carefully and remain in your vehicle at the collection site.

Your next collection is:
Friday, 3rd October, 2014 between 8.00am - 11.00am
Location: Front of Boorowa Swimming Pool Kiosk
YEAR 12

FAREWELL SOCIAL

Theme: Nickelodeon

Date: 17th September

Time: 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Cost: $2 each