From the Principal’s Desk

State Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Lilly Dredge and Kalab McMillan who attended the State Athletics Carnival last week. Lilly ran very well to make the final where she came 11th and Kalab came 30th in discus overall. Well done Lilly and Kalab, we are so proud of you both.

Author/ Illustrator

A big thank you to Bob Sutherland and Whitehaven Coal for organising for author Paul Collins and illustrator Marjorie Gardner to conduct workshops with our students. All students attended the illustrator workshop and had a wonderful time learning how to draw, while the primary students in years 4, 5 and 6 wrote some wonderful stories.

Whitehaven Coal also donated a box of books some by author Paul Collins to our library.

Great Aussie Bush Camp

The Great Aussie Bush Camp is fast approaching. Payments can be made at the school office anytime during school hours. Thank you to those parents who have finalised their child/rens payments.
**Tree Lopping**
You may have noticed that we have lost some of our trees over the weekend. This is the department’s response to the tragic accident where a student was killed by a falling branch. The culling of the trees in the playground was necessary to ensure the safety of our students. The decision of which trees to cull was made by a professional arborist and the DEC it was not in any way a decision made by the staff at the school.

**Gunnedah High School Transition Days**
An Extra Transition session will be held this Thursday for Year 6 students who will be attending Gunnedah High in 2015. If students could arrive at the High School as they would normally do next year and will meet in the front area at 8.30am. Pick up will at 12.20pm so if parents could meet students at the front at this time it would be appreciated. Students are able to purchase recess from the canteen. Notes were sent home last week, please sign and return by tomorrow.

**Infants Excursion**
On Friday 7th November children from Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 will be attending the Crossing Theatre in Narrabri to watch a performance called, ‘Pete the Sheep’. Notes were sent home last week. If you would like your child to attend please return permission note along with $10.00 by Friday 31st October 2014.

**Selective High Schools**
Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online between 14th October 2014 and 17th November 2014. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12th March 2015.

**Active After School**
There will be no Active After School this week.

**School Assembly**
Our School assembly will be held this Friday 24th October in the hall commencing at 9.00am. Everyone most welcome to attend.

**Tutoring**
There have been a few requests for tutoring in the areas of reading and mathematics. If you or someone you know would like to assist children in these areas please contact the front office. We will then pass your information onto interested parents. Year 11 and 12 students would make suitable tutors.

**Football Ban**
All footballs and football games have been banned at school until further notice. Competitive teams will continue to train with their coaches.

**Primary Principals Conference**
I will be away Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. I will be in Sydney attending the annual Primary Principals Conference. Ms. Pauling will be in charge of the school in my absence.

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Have a great week.
Charna Wood
Principal
P&C Fundraiser
If you would like to order a calendar, cards, diary, notebook or iPhone case, please have orders and payment to the school by Monday 27th October. Paper for art work is available from the school office. Please call in and get some at any time during the day.

P&C Meeting
P&C meeting has been postponed until Tuesday 28th October commencing at 3.15pm in the staffroom. On the agenda for discussion is the school uniform. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

Student Banking
Commonwealth Bank is running an amazing promotion to reward regular saving. The Dollarmites have found the ancient Clam of Fortune, a mythical shell packed with precious prizes. The precious prizes
- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders
To be in the running, students simply need to make a School Banking deposit between 20 October- 30 November 2014, regardless of the value. They will then be automatically entered into the competition. For more information, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers.

Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Catalogues
This year’s toy catalogues from Modern Teaching Aids have arrived at the front office. These catalogues are a fun and easy way of fundraising to purchase much needed resources for our classrooms. By ordering through the Chalk & Parent Direct Toy fundraising catalogues you are helping our school. For every dollar you spend, 20 cents will be donated back to our school in the form of a voucher. If we collect enough parent orders, we will receive an additional $400 to purchase useful learning resources and equipment. If you would like to order from these catalogues please pick one up from the front office and simply complete the order forms in the middle of the catalogues and return to us with your payment or order online. We will consolidate your orders and send them to Chalk and Parent Direct. Your orders will then be individually packaged and labelled and sent to us for you to collect. Please return your orders to the school office by 7th November. Orders will then be delivered to the school before the end of term for those wishing to purchase Christmas gifts.

Stewart House Hand Balls
Stewart House Hand balls are available for purchase for $3.00 from the front office. This is a wonderful opportunity that students from our school access every year. By purchasing these balls you are assisting the continuation of this very worthwhile program.

Up Coming Events
TERM 4

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Community News

Busy Little Hands at Play
Busy Little Hands at Play will be held tomorrow Tuesday 21st October at 9.45am – 11.45am in the Smart Start room. For further enquires please phone 67923299.

Swim and Survive Classes
Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive program caters for children from 18 months through to 12 years of age. The lessons provide intensive water familiarisation and learn to swim classes, generally held over eight or nine consecutive weekdays.
All enrolments for Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive program should be directed to www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or our client service centre on 13 13 02.

Centacare
Centacare New England North West is a Rural Resilience program which is part of the Australian Government’s drought assistance package to promote support services, and deliver free counselling support to areas drought declared in February 2014.
The Rural Resilience program offers free counselling and support to those who need it. No GP referral is required, and it is open to self-referral, or referrals from friends, family, or business contacts.
The support is available at avenue to suit the individual/family –on farm, in our offices, at a café, via telephone, or even online.

Ability Links NSW
Ability Links NSW is a NEW support service for:
- People aged 9-64 years with disability who are not accessing the traditional disability service
- Carers and family of people with disability
- Communities and mainstream services looking for strategies to become more welcome and inclusive.
Come and have a yarn with one of our Linkers and learn how we can help you to:
- Set goals and plan for your future
- Develop your existing networks and create new networks
- Link up with local services and activities so you can participate in, and be part of, your local community.

Welcome to country Official launch BBQ and yarn up to be held at Winanga-Li ACFC 12 Hunter Street Gunnedah on Wednesday 29 October 2014 commencing at 11.00am to 1.00pm. For further information contact: Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre 02 67 430999 linkers@winanga-li.org.au

Legal Aid
A solicitor from the legal Aid office will be visiting Gunnedah on Wednesday 29th October and will be able to provide Family Law advice and assistance. Appointments are necessary and can be made by contacting the Legal Aid office on 6766 6322.