From the Principal’s Desk

Year 5/6 Fun Day and Book Fair
Our 5/6 Fun Day was a very fun and exciting day. Some of the stalls were the Bird Show, Arm Wrestling, Find the Prize, Paint Sculptures, Ping Pong, Cupcake Decorating, Taste Testing, Face Painting, Sock Wrestling, Jelly Bean guessing competition, Tug o War, Dancing Competition and Book Fair. All the teachers commented on how well the students behaved. Overall the day raised close to $260 a wonderful effort when the stalls only cost 10, 20 and 50 cents. A big thank you to all the parents and caregivers who supplied cupcakes and prizes for the day.

Melbourne Cup Day
We had some very stylish students at school on Tuesday and I am very glad that we did not have to pick winners in our Fashion of the Field. Most of our students took advantage of the special lunch deal, with Mrs Chandler and her helpers preparing 78 hot dogs. Below are photos of classes in their race gear.
Year 6 Farewell

We will be holding a meeting with the Year 5 parents to organise the Year 6 Farewell today at 3.00 pm in the staffroom.

All year 5 parents are asked to attend. This year's theme is a masquerade ball.

Infants Excursion

Last Friday, Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 travelled to Narrabri to watch the live performance of 'Pete the Sheep'. It was a funny, lively show full of humour. The students laughed a lot and enjoyed it very much. Their behaviour was wonderful and a great day was had by all.

Remembrance Day

Mrs Wood’s class will attend the town remembrance service at 11.00 am tomorrow. Could all students please ensure that they are wearing their year 6 or red shirts and navy blue shorts/skorts, year 5 to wear their red shirt and navy blue shorts/skorts. Please wear black shoes and white or navy socks. Captains are to wear the formal uniform to the service.

Worm Farm

We would like to thank Boggabri Coal Mine for their very kind donation of the worm farm to our school. The worm farm will be very beneficial to the children so they can learn all about compost.

School Captains Speeches

It is that time of the year again where we have to choose our leaders for 2015. Notes will be handed out to those students who are interested in running for school captain for next year. There are some very strict guidelines outlined in these letters that students and parents will have to consider before they are signed and sent back to me.

Candidates will present their speeches to the school at the assembly on Friday 14th November.

Behaviour

As school begins to wind down and we participate in activities that are not part of our normal school day, I would like to remind all students that you are still expected to be on your best behaviour. There is a no tolerance policy to bad behaviour and some students may find themselves not attending these extra-curricular activities if they cannot behave as expected.

Gunnedah High School Transition Day

Gunnedah High School will be holding a Transition Day this Thursday 13th November 12.20 – 3.20. It is the responsibility of the parents to get students to the High School but the students are able to travel home on Haire's High School Bus this afternoon.

Great Aussie Bush Camp

Notes have gone home today for the Great Aussie Bush Camp. These contain information about the camp and notes that need to be returned to school.

If you have any questions please bring them with you to the information afternoon on the Monday the 17th of November.
Up Coming Events

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Kindergarten Orientation Day
We will be having our Kindergarten Information Afternoon for parents and carers of children wishing to start Kindergarten in 2015 this Thursday 13th November starting at 2.00pm in the school hall. Children will be able to join in with our Smartie students while parents and carers enjoy afternoon tea and receive information about Kindergarten for next year.

Great Aussie Bush Camp Information Afternoon
We will be holding an information afternoon for parents of students attending the Great Aussie Bush Camp. It will be held at 3.00pm on Monday 17th of November.
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.

Mobile Phones/ipods/Tablets
Only students travelling on school buses from out of town are allowed to bring their phones, ipods or tablets to school. These are to be left at the school office when arriving at school and collected at the end of the day. Any other students bringing any of these items to school must be aware that the school will not be taking any responsibility for these items.

Jump Rope for Heart
We are once again participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program. All families should have received a sponsorship form, if you require extra forms please contact the school office. The jump off date will be Friday the 21st in sport time 10.00am – 11.00am. Please support this worthy cause, raising money for the Heart Foundation.

Wood Chips
We have wood chips for anyone who would like some. Please contact the school office.

Active After School
If your children would like to participate in the Active After School program, you are required to complete a Parent Consent Form, these forms are available at the office.

Active After School
Term 4
Wednesday Both Groups
K-2
Skills Developing Games
3-6
Basketball
Uniforms
Just a reminder that we are now in summer uniform and the following should be worn on these days.

Monday – Thursday

Girls
• School Dress with black shoes and white or navy socks, navy bike pants underneath (optional)
• School polo shirt with navy skorts (no bike pants visible), black shoes with white or navy socks

Boys
• School polo shirt with navy cargo shorts, black shoes with navy socks

Friday
Girls and Boys
• School polo shirt and navy mesh sport shorts with joggers and white or navy socks.

All uniforms, except the shoes and socks can be purchased from the school office.
We do run a very limited clothing pool where items are available for a small donation.
If you require a copy of the school uniform policy please see the front office.

Selective High Schools
Year 5 students thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2016 must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.
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.

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.

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.

Have a great week.
Charna Wood
Principal
Community News

Busy Little Hands at Play
Busy Little Hands at Play will be held on Tuesday 18th November 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 their 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 a venue to suit the individual/family – on farm, in their offices, at a café, via telephone, or even online. Ph:67 629200.