5/6 S has had a brilliant (and very busy) start to Term Three! Many students from our class are involved in the Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival and have been preparing enthusiastically for their performances tonight. Between our Athletics Carnival, Education Week Celebrations, Footsteps, Debating, Public Speaking, Spelling Bee and learning in our classrooms; our school days have been jam packed with excitement. Currently, we are learning all about the Gold Rush and have begun developing our own ‘Genius Hour Projects’ around this unit of work. Stay tuned to hear all about the awesome things we come up with!
Dear Parents / Caregivers

This week many of our students will be participating in the Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival at Picton High School. I am sure our students will once again be a credit to the school when they showcase their talent. The performances are the culmination of many weeks of rehearsing and a lot of hard work by teachers who volunteer to choreograph dancers and lead the choir in singing. I am looking forward to seeing the concert this week and I am sure you will join me in wishing our students all the very best. I'd also like to thank Miss Twist, Miss Spiteri, Miss Wyper, Mrs Syphers, Mrs Pirie and Mrs Roberts who have worked with the children on their performances.

At Buxton School we strongly encourage parental involvement in their child’s education and the staff really appreciate parent helpers in the classroom. Whilst I am sure there are times when some parents wish to speak with the class teacher I am sure you understand the importance of teachers taking their class immediately to the classroom after the brief morning assembly. This enables the class to be settled and learning to commence. Teachers do not have time once they are ‘on class’ to discuss individual needs with parents at the door of their room. However, teachers are more than happy to arrange an interview, talk over the phone or speak with parents in the afternoon. Also, if you have to visit the school during lesson time it is important that you ‘sign in’ at the office as this is a Workplace, Health and Safety requirement.

If you have any concerns about your child please contact the class teacher via a note or phone call to arrange an interview which they will happily organise. I am also very happy to meet with you if you are unable to discuss matters with the teacher in the morning.

Sue Davies
Relieving Principal

Jump Rope For Heart
Students in K-2 have been busy raising funds for the Heart Foundation. Our fantastic students managed to raise a whopping $4168.12. Special mention goes to Stevie-Leigh U, Peyton M, Sophie M, Khaylan V and Riley M for their fantastic fund raising efforts. Prizes will be coming soon! Well done K-2!

Leah Britton
Jump Rope Coordinator
Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival

A number of schools participate in the Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival and a committee comprised of staff from each school meets regularly throughout the year. The committee has decided that the following request should be circulated to all participating schools:

‘The Festival’ has a long and proud history of showcasing talent and creativity among the students and teachers of our Public Schools. Each and every item on show will reflect many hours of preparation and fine tuning to deliver a high quality performance.

In recent years, a disappointing trend has emerged where audience members choose to leave the auditorium immediately after their own children’s performance, regardless of when it occurs in the program. The result has been that later items perform to a hall less than half full, which is unfair to the children who have worked just as hard as those on stage before them.

The Festival Committee recognises that families attending the evening performances have school and work commitments, and took the decision in recent years to bring the starting time forward to 6:30pm, meaning that the final item is generally over by 8:15pm at the latest. As always, your children are supervised by staff from their own school while not on stage.

In 2015 I seek your cooperation by remaining for the entire show. Other people’s kids put on great performances too, and I guarantee that you won’t be disappointed.

On behalf of the Committee, I look forward to seeing you at this year’s Festival.

Sue Davies
Relieving Principal
President, Wollondilly Public Schools Performing Arts Festival

LIBRARY NEWS

As part of our Book Week celebrations the librarians from Picton Library will be visiting our school next Tuesday to present some short skits around the Book Week books. This is always a fun event that the librarians provide to our school free of charge.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS
Friday, 14 August 2015

KB: Excellence in Learning: Lana
Student of the Week: Leila, Hamish
Writer’s Award: Harley
PBL “Responsible” Award: Jayleigh, Abbey
PBL “Learner” Award: Lana

K1U: Excellence in Learning: Gabriella
Student of the Week: Hope, William
Writer’s Award: Jaxon
PBL “Learner” Award: Bianca

1/2X: Excellence in Learning: Xavier
Student of the Week: Emmie, Logan
Writer’s Award: Maddy

2T: Excellence in Learning: Ethan
Student of the Week: Stevie-Leigh
Writer’s Award: Connor

Student of the Week: Georgia, Reid
Writer’s Award: Aleisha

3/4O: Excellence in Learning: Abbey
Student of the Week: Alyssa, Harry
Writer’s Award: Rheyen

5/6P: Excellence in Learning: Caleb
Student of the Week: Amber, Sean
Writer’s Award: Axel

5/6 S: Excellence in Learning: Jason
Student of the Week: Brooke, Murray
Writer’s Award: Riley
PBL “Learner” Award: Kerk

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Gabriel– K/1U
Ella - 3/4O
Teacher Spotlight!

Each week a teacher will be interviewed by the Captains. This week it’s Mrs Davies interviewed by Annabelle and Kiarri.

Where were you born?
I was born in the Military Hospital Woolwich, London, England, as my dad was in the navy.

Where did you go to school?
I went to Ravensworth Primary School. My high school was Eltham Hill Grammar School.

What was your first job?
When I finished training as a teacher I worked for two years in Norway as ‘Nanny’ to four children. My first teaching job was in a school in Greenwich, London.

Why did you want to teach?
I enjoy working with children and watching them learn new things.

What is your favourite sport to do?
I love dancing! I also did a lot of ice skating when I was younger.

What do you like to do in your free time?
I love looking after my grand-daughter. I also like spending time with my husband and family (we have three grown up children) and friends, visiting restaurants. I love to travel especially to new places.

What’s your favourite food?
Cheese (blue vein)

What’s your favourite colour?
blue
Mittagong Blue Light Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL

Date: Saturday, 29 August

Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm

Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 yrs

Parents and children under 4 free.