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Week 5 Term 4

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From the Principal's Desk

What fantastic weather we are having this term. It was wonderful to see the rain and our grounds are looking amazing (thank you Mr Johnston).

As COVID-19 rules and regulations are constantly changing I thank all parents for supporting the school to keep our community safe by following the Department of Education protocols. We have seen a couple of the restrictions change and we were able to welcome our friends from Bonshaw Public School into our school once again. However, many restrictions and hygiene practices are still in place. We will continue to keep our parents up to date with COVID-19 compliance on a regular basis.

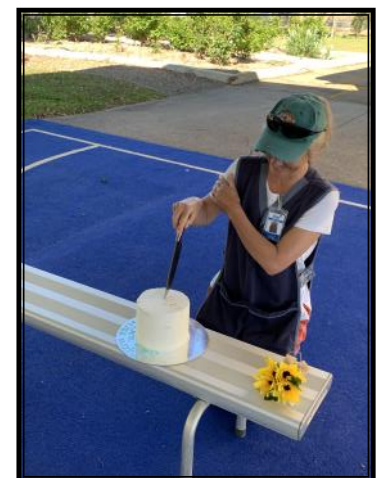
Restrictions have impacted our end of year community celebrations and it has been decided that it will remain an in-school only event this year. Presentation will take place on Wednesday 16 December 2020 at 12pm at Yetman Public School. Parents are welcome to attend but unfortunately it will be closed to the general community. We will be livestreaming the event on the Yetman Public School Facebook page for those who are interested.

After five years of service we said a fond farewell to Ruth Carruthers and thanked her for keeping our school lovely and clean. This term we welcomed a new staff member, Emma, as our cleaner. Enjoy retirement Ruth.

Enjoy this fabulous spring weather.

Mrs Charmaine Johnston

Principal.



Education

You Can Do It! award winners



Stevie and Lily for confidence



Lachlan and Clancy for confidence



Zac and Ted for getting along



Matilda and Bradley for getting along



**Congratulations
everyone!**

Garden and Chickens

by Zac

It is Spring which means lots of gardening! On Friday the Yowies had to pull out some of the plants for new ones but before we did that we had to turn the soil so that the plants could grow better. It took about 40 minutes. We didn't plant the new plants because we didn't know what to plant. So we skipped the planting step and we gave them a good water. We were so excited because the chicks hatched. They were so cute. One jumped on its mother's back and had a piggy back ride. It was soooooooooooooooooo cute. The chicks are really fluffy and tiny and are two weeks old now.



Good for Kids good for life

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

The days are getting longer and it's a great chance to get outdoors with the family.

Have fun finding as many things as you can in this scavenger hunt, or create your own.

You could go for a walk in your local area, or even just your backyard.

Encourage children not to touch or collect the items, but record them on their hunt sheet.

For an example downloadable list, visit: natureplayqld.org.au/nature-play-scavenger-hunt

Acknowledgement: Northern Sydney LHD

- An animal's footprint
- A bird's nest
- A clover (find a 4 leaf clover for an extra 10 points!)
- The Southern Cross
- Paper bark
- A native Australian animal
- A mushroom or fungus
- Spot a creature that lives underwater
- A large feather
- A sunrise or sunset over the horizon
- A lilly pillly tree
- A gumnut
- A waterfall
- A heart-shaped stone
- A farm animal
- Spot a witchetty grub
- A herb garden
- Nature pushing through concrete

Good for Kids good for life

MOVE AND PLAY EVERY DAY



For their best health, kids aged 5-13 years should aim for:



At least 60 minutes of physical activity each day – the more you huff and puff the better!



Non-educational screen-based activities limited to less than 2 hours each day. In your spare time, move more and sit less.



9-11 hours of uninterrupted sleep each night.

Source: Australian Movement Guidelines; www.health.gov.au

K-2 All Stars News

The All Stars have been working hard towards their personal learning goals again this term. In English we have been reading and brainstorming about sea creatures as a class and then writing an information report about one. We have also practiced our letter writing skills by writing to our pen pals at Tooborac Primary School in Victoria and also to Santa at the North Pole. We participated in a Bush Christmas Zoom lesson with the Kamay Environmental Education Centre in Botany Bay where we learnt more about Australian animals. Maths has seen us busy learning about dividing groups and subtraction. Kindergarten have done more work on fractions and ordinal numbers while Stage 1 students have been exploring flips, slides and turns of shapes and tessellation. We are now starting the assessment part of our term and I am pleased to see the growth each student has made in their learning in the testing that has been completed to date.

A big welcome to our Kindergarten Transition students this week. It was lovely to have Claude and Cameron join us for the day to find out more about what Big School is like. We are looking forward to having them visit again in a fortnights time.



What a great first day at 'big school' for Claude and Cameron!

Above are some pictures of our Zoom lesson with the Kamay Environmental Education Centre. We had such a great time listening to stories and facts about some Australian animals, doing craft activities and copying the actions of some of the animals.

Cooking Club

Easy Orange Cupcakes

Orange cake

125gm butter, softened
¼ cup milk
¼ cup orange juice
2 eggs
¾ cup sugar
1 ½ cups self raising flour
1 tbs orange zest, finely grated

Orange icing

1/3 cup butter, softened
1 ½ cups icing sugar
2 tbs orange juice

Method

Preheat oven to 180 degrees Celsius.
Combine all cake ingredients in a large bowl and beat thoroughly for 3 minutes using electric beaters.
Pour mixture into cup cake papers.
Bake in the oven for approximately 15 minutes or until cooked.
Allow to cool.
Mix orange icing ingredients in a bowl and ice cakes.



This is a reminder that we are an allergy aware school. Could you please be considerate of this when preparing your children's lunches and seek alternatives to nut and egg products?

Bandanna Day + Day for Daniel

by James

What is red with 30 feet and knows how to be safe?

Yetman Public School students getting ready for Day for Daniel! On this day we learnt how to keep ourselves safe. We put up an activity on the board, and watched a video and an activity called our safety hand. We all liked it. It was great. The hand because we like cutting and writing. It was so fun it was the second best activity ever. It was also Bandanna Day which raises money for CanTeen - children living with cancer.



Bonshaw and Life Ed Visit

by Stevie

Did you know that drugs are very bad for you?

They make you very sick and unwell. Yetman Public School did not know much about drugs but lucky for us Healthy Harold knew lots of things about drugs. So we learnt to not take them and if you have to it should only be for medical reasons nothing else; and follow the instructions.

Bonshaw Public School joined us and it was really great to see our friends again. I met a really nice girl from Bonshaw. Now we're really good friends and after Healthy Harold we played lots of games.

Legacy Week Poster Competition

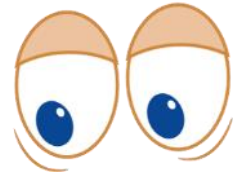


Each year the Yetman PS students participate in Inverell Legacy's poster competition. The competition reminds us of the important job Legacy does in our community.

Legacy Australia is an amazing charity that cares for the families of veterans, who gave their life or health serving our country, with one hundred and twenty three widows and children of veterans in our area being supported by Inverell Legacy.

Congratulations to Ted, who received a Highly Commended Certificate for his poster.

From your Library



It's nearly the end of 2020! Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year - you all did so well. So many of my books were borrowed out over this time.

The CBCA book activities during library have been a lot of fun, including making hot air balloons for ourselves and birdhouses for holding treasure.

Thank you for looking after the books you borrow and bringing them back safe and well; it takes a lot of work to keep all of these books looked after and you're all such a great help. I have noticed that your library bags aren't in the greatest condition anymore so I thought I might help fix that with a surprise for you all!!



Each year 1,700 public school children in need go to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for up to 10 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All other costs associated with the children's stay are met from charitable donations. Children between school years 2 and 8 are invited to attend the program.

Once the children leave school for the day they are cared for by suitably qualified supervisors overnight and at the weekend. Meals, accommodation costs, transport and entertainment expenses as well as salary costs for supervisors, cooks, cleaners, laundry and maintenance staff are all sourced from donations made to Stewart House. These costs amount to some \$4.5 million each year.

Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope for the Stewart House donation drive. This year's drive was postponed because of COVID-19 and is now due to be returned to the school by Monday 23 November. Your donation will go towards continuing this support for, not only children in need, but children from rural and remote locations who may not have the opportunity to experience a stay in the city. Your envelope will also be placed in a draw for a holiday. Please contact the school if you have received the newsletter via email or are reading online and would like to support Stewart House.

Mini-Olympics

