**Principal’s Message**

Firstly I’d like to congratulate Mitchell Darlington for his successful effort at the Zone Cross Country held in Tenterfield recently and wish him all the best at Coolah next Friday 13th June as he competes at a regional level.

Last week our school celebrated Reconciliation Week where students participated in a variety of cultural activities. Students enjoyed cooking their own damper in the camp fires and painting using the special technique of dot painting.

Over the last couple of weeks since the weather has turned cooler there have been a number of students out of uniform. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform each day unless the school notifies you otherwise. The school has just ordered some red fleecy jumpers ready for our cooler months. These will be available for purchase from our school office along with our other uniform items. The school will advise you when the jumpers have arrived.

Shanelle Gunther
Relieving Principal
Infants News

This term in Literacy students have been exploring different types of poetry. This week we have been learning how to write Acrostic Poems and Diamante Poems. The children have been very creative and have come up with some wonderful poems. In Art this fortnight we have been looking at the works of Vincent Van Gogh. We had a go at creating our own Sunflowers artwork just like him. I was very impressed with the students efforts and have noticed a big improvement in their painting skills! In PDH we have continued our work on healthy eating by creating a full days menu. The students had to use foods from each food group and come up with a balanced meal plan that they would be happy to eat. Just a reminder that home readers are due in on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS and homework is due in on FRIDAYS. Our Library day is FRIDAY so children will need to return their book in order to borrow a new one.

Primary News

Last week our class enjoyed participating in some Aboriginal cultural activities during Reconciliation Week. The damper that we made and cooked was delicious and enjoyed by everyone. Well done to all those students who have been bringing in their homework and home readers. Over the last couple of weeks we have seen a huge increase in students returning these. During the last few weeks we have been working on Narratives and writing our own. We have also enjoyed reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as our class book.

REMINDER: Homework goes home every Monday & is returned every Friday (please ensure your child is returning their Homework Books on a regular weekly basis). Home Readers are sent home daily.
### Week 3 & 4

#### Class Awards
Iszac Speedy—Excellent computer skills.
Lizzy Reynolds—Trying hard in Maths.
Mason Peell—Excellent effort in Maths.
Chloe Johnson—Fantastic attitude in class.
Ava Smedley—Excellent effort in Maths.
Chelsea Darlington—Trying hard all day.

#### Mathletics Awards
Chloe Johnson
Chelsea Darlington
Jaimie Loeb
Mason Peell
Hayley Reynolds
Lilly Cruickshank
Taneekwa Patterson

#### Sports Awards
Mason Peell
Nathan Philp

#### DOJO Winners
Lizzie Reynolds
Chelsea Darlington
Nathan Philp

### Week 4

### Mathletics Awards
Sarah-Jane Casson
Emily Cruickshank
Liam Byrne
Alex Loeb
Travis Patterson
Ava Smedley
Haylie Reynolds
Nathan Philp
Marika Patterson
Jaimie Loeb
Chelsea Darlington

### DOJO Winners
Zara Beale
Marika Patterson
Jaimie Loeb

### Week 5

#### Class Awards
Liam Byrne—Extra effort in Spelling
Kailey Peell—Outstanding ‘Kandinsky’ artwork.
Taneekwa Patterson—Excellent participation in whole school sport.
Maleika Speedy—Excellent effort.
Jaimie Loeb—An excellent effort all day.

#### Mathletics Awards
**Silver Award**
Iszac Speedy

**Bronze Award**
Chelsea Darlington
Mason Peell
Maleika Speedy

#### Super Spellers
**Week 3**
Alex Loeb
Sarah-Jane Casson
Emily Cruickshank
Chelsea Darlington
Marika Patterson
Nathan Philp
Taneekwa Patterson
Chloe Johnson

**Week 4**
Sarah-Jane Casson
Emily Cruickshank
Liam Byrne
Alex Loeb
Travis Patterson
Ava Smedley
Haylie Reynolds
Nathan Philp
Marika Patterson
Jaimie Loeb
Chelsea Darlington

**Week 5**
Iszac Speedy
Marika Patterson
Ava Smedley
Jaimie Loeb
We have been modelling our vegie patch based on some ideas in the book “Companion Planting in Australia” by Brenda Little. As you can see our beetroot, silver beet and spring onions seem to be growing really well beside each other. Our spring onions, beetroot and silver beet that are growing on their own are doing OK but not as well as our ‘companion patch’. We will keep observing and recording our results throughout the season.

Community Notices
“Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre will be holding a ‘Kreative Kids’ Winter Holiday Camp from 30th June to 4th July 2014 for 7 to 12 year old children. If you would like any further information please contact the Centre on (02) 6769 7603.”

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.
If you think education is expensive – try ignorance.
Derek Bok

COFFS COAST BEACH SCHOOL EXCURSION

A reminder that our excursion to **Coffs Coast Beach School will be held in Term 3 on the 6th, 7th and 8th August, 2014.** During this excursion our students will be participating in archery, canoeing, giant swing (Yrs 4-6), circus skills (Yrs K-3). We will also visit the Big Banana to go tobogganing and will get up close and personal with the dolphins at the Pet Porpoise Pool.

Parents will be required to pay a contribution towards the cost of the excursion. This contribution will go towards the cost of transport, meals, accommodation and activities. To make the excursion more affordable we are offering a discount for families with more than 1 child attending. The contribution will be **$100 for one child, $180 for 2 children and $240 for 3 children.** Permission notes will be sent home next week.

The purpose of the excursion is to provide students with experiences beyond the classroom that extend, reinforce and enhance academic, cultural, physical and social development. The excursion is an approved learning experience external to the school site and one that is initiated, organised and supervised by the school.

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