

Dates for your diary**Week 6**

31 st May	Cowra Eisteddfod
1 st June	P&C meeting 3.15pm

Week 7

7 th June	Yrs 5 & 6 Parent Information evening at Blayney High
8 th June	Parent maths workshop

Week 8

13 th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
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Week 9

24 th June	Athletics Carnival
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Dear Parents and Friends,

Firstly, apologies for the lateness of the newsletter - Mrs Colson has been away a few days this week at an Occupational Health and Safety course and has had lots of catching up to do.

Last week we said goodbye to Kai and Ben, who have gone back up to sunny QLD (maybe a good place to be at this time of year??) and we wish them all the best. We also gained two new students, who came to us from Cambewarra Public school. A big Welcome to

Emily, in Year 6 and Jackson, in Year 4.

Cowra Eisteddfod Triumph!!

More great things to celebrate! Building on last year's success, we again came first in the Small School's Verse Speaking Choir section at the 2011 Cowra Eisteddfod, earning high praise from the adjudicators. The competition was even stiffer this year, with more schools entering. As an added bonus, this year there was a \$50 cash prize. Congratulations to all our performers who impressed all with their manners and their ability. A big thank you to the parents who came to support and help with transport.



Can you spot the trophy?

Maths Matters....for parents.

Mrs Griffiths and I are attending a Maths Matters workshop on Tuesday 7th June to find out about new ways to help students with their maths learning. Following this, on

Wednesday afternoon at 3.15pm there will be a parent information session at school. Afternoon tea will be provided - so come along and have your maths knowledge updated! Your children will thank you.

Cooking with Miss Cate - Don't pack lunches on Wednesdays! From now until the end of term, 3-6 will prepare and eat different dishes from around the world - finishing up with Aussie bush tucker in the last week. The emphasis will be on safe, nutritious and simple to prepare meals.

Thought for the day...

"No one is in charge of your happiness except you". Positive affirmations and self talk are part of 3-6 PDHPE program in resilience and health life choices. I think it is important each day to acknowledge and ensure each child knows they are valued for the things they do and the potential they have. I am very proud of all them just as I know you are too.

Sally Beer



School Photos...

These should be back soon. A couple of families have not yet paid - a reminder will be sent home about this.

Athletics Carnival....

This will be held on Friday 24th June at King George Oval as usual. Notes and information will go home closer to the day.

Changes to visitor procedures...

In order to comply with DET security standards, we will have to put in place some

rules regarding visitors. ALL visitors to school (including parents and contractors) **MUST** report to the school office **BEFORE** they go into the playground or other school buildings. If they are to be on site for any length of time, they **MUST SIGN THE VISITORS BOOK** and read the information relating to emergency drills. Parents, if you are dropping off students late or picking them up early, you must sign a blue note. Students can't just be dropped off to enter the school by themselves.



Updating contact details.....

Lately when staff have needed to, they haven't been able to contact some parents regarding their child/children - due either to wrong or out of date contact information. It is vital that we are able to get in touch with family in case of emergency, so **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE!** If you're not sure what numbers etc we have, please ring or write to the school to check.

Canberra trip....

The P&C have generously agreed to support most of the excursion cost of \$185. Each child will only have to pay \$60 for the 2 day excursion which will take place on 20th and 21st September (Week 10 term 3). This includes bus travel, accommodation, entry fees and most of the meals.

Canteen News...

Just a reminder that lunch is available for \$2.50 each on **Fridays ONLY**. Healthy snacks are available every recess.

Library News....

Please help your children find their lost books (and library bags). A few are being unearthed, but too many are not making it back to school. This means that students who have too many overdue books or no library bag have not been allowed to borrow - which is something we hate having to do. Students love Library and we want all of them to enjoy borrowing. We may have to look at replacement costs for lost books.



Student Writing...

Hoot

As I entered school on the morning of the 27th of May, I heard Daryia saying to a heap of girls that there was an owl in the tree. We all went to look. They left but when I saw it I realised it was being attacked by **6 different breeds of birds and approximately 20 to 30 birds altogether!!** I quickly told Mrs Stanley and joined by Trent we took 2 sticks and kept the birds attacking the poor owl at bay.

Mrs Stanley left Trent, Jasmine and me to stay and guard the confused owl. We decided to name him Hoot.

After 2 or 3 minutes Mrs Colson came, had a

look at the owl, and rang 'Wires'.

Later, the owl tried clumsily moving from branch to branch, and then he fell! Hitting the ground on his back!

He then started to frantically fly up the oval but only flew a short way when we were able to catch him by throwing a school jumper over him. Mrs Colson put him in a box with shredded paper near the heater until the WIRES person came a bit later from Blayney.

The WIRES lady, whose name was Kimberley, inspected him and told us he was a Boobook owl and that he was in quite good condition. She praised us for looking after him so well and took him away to keep an eye on him.

The next day, she sent us a note to say that Hoot was ok and that she had let him go on Saturday night. She thought he must have just been tired or lost but if we saw him again looking sick, to call her and she would return.

By Jack Silver



Hoot, when we first saw him.



The 3 rescuers.



Kimberely, the WIRES lady.

Cinquains....

RASPBERRIES

Red and ripe
Soft and hairy
Sweet and juicy heaven to eat
By Kirsten

MEATBALLS

Orange and brown
Grotty, lumpy and rough
Meaty explosion of beautifulness
Perfect to eat if you're not vegetarian
By Zak

Lemons

Yellow and round
Smooth, lumpy and zesty
Sour bursting with freshness
Lovely to eat
By Grace

Whipped Cream

White and creamy
Soft, bubbly and smooth
Cold and silky
A whipped life ahead
(Disappears in your mouth as life goes on)
By Cara

Some reminders:



Active After School...

Tuesday afternoon is a late finish. The program finishes in Week 8 - Tuesday 14th June is the LAST day for this term.

Library for 3-6 is on Tuesdays and K-2 is on Thursdays.

HEADLICE ALERT!!

*Head lice are back in force!
Please check your children's hair carefully –
you may need to use conditioner and a fine
toothed comb to spot them. If you find any –
please treat immediately. Talk with a
pharmacist about the latest and
most effective treatments.*

