Principal’s Message

Technology for Learning (T4L) Rollout
Every two years small school in NSW receive a computer rollout under the Technology for Learning (T4L) program. We have just received our latest rollout of 4 Desktop PCs and 10 Laptops. The 4 desktops will replace the older computers from our computer lab. The 10 laptops will complement our other laptops which are used by all classes daily.

Australian Ballet Incursion
We were lucky enough to have the Australian Ballet Company run a series of workshops today with all classes. There was also a demonstration after lunch. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to be involved in, something they would not normally get the chance to experience. Only 80 schools Australia wide are offered the program each year. A big thank you to the Australian Ballet Company for the opportunity to be involved.

School Crossing
There have been several occurrences recently where traffic has not stopped for pedestrians using the school crossing. If you park on the northern side of Balfour Street, please collect your child from the Western Crossing group. Please do not call them across or ask them to use the crossing on their own. We have been informed by the NSW RTA that our school does not qualify for a crossing supervisor. Consequently we have instructed all students not to use the crossing of an afternoon without a parent or staff member present. Flashing School Zone lights will be installed before the end of next year.

Hotdog Lunch
The P&C Hotdog day, which was held last Wednesday was a great success. Thank you to everyone for your support of Lucy and her participation at the National Athletics Carnival in Tasmania later this month.

Active After School Sport
There will be no Active After School Sport next Monday, 17th November. A make-up session will instead be held on Monday 1st December.

Reminder – School Planning Surveys
Thank you to those families who have returned their school planning survey. If you have not yet returned your survey could you please do so before this Friday, 14th November. If you require another copy, please see Miss Fage in the office or look on our school website or app.

Principal’s Meeting
I will be attending a Principal's Meeting in Wagga Wagga on Friday. If you have any concerns during my absence please see Miss Phillips.

SES Wear Orange Wednesday
Tomorrow student are encouraged to wear something orange in support and recognition of the very important role the SES plays in our community.

Yours in Education
Craig Allibon
PRINCIPAL
**What’s In Our Newsletter**

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**Dates to Remember**

*Tuesday 11th November*
Remembrance Day Service
Silver Morning Tea

*Monday 24th November*
Intensive Swimming Program begins

*Wednesday 3rd December*
Year 6 Transition Day
Year 6 Farewell

*Friday 5th December*
Intensive Swimming Program concludes

*Thursday 11th December*
Talent Quest/Class Parties

*Friday 12th December*
Gold Assembly/Concert
Reports go home to parents

*Monday 15th December*
Gold Excursion

*Wednesday 17th December*
Last Day for Students

**SRC News**

Everyone has started their rehearsals for our Talent Quest! Unfortunately there are no free timeslots left to use the hall or stage to practice for the Talent Quest. But if you have an item that you’d like to do on the day, that’s fine, you will just need to rehearse in your own time. The SRC will ask closer to the date the names of all students/groups of students who will be performing on the day.

2015 is coming up quickly, which means voting for School Captains and Vice Captains! Those Year 5 students wishing to go for a leadership position next year need to have their A4 size poster to Miss Phillips by the end of Week 8, that’s Friday 21st November. These posters are to be done at home. The earlier your poster is handed in, the earlier it will be up on display. Speeches will be held at morning assemblies in Week 9. Good luck!

Congratulations to our good raffle winners:

Week 5: Jarrod Harris
Week 6: Eden Feagaiga

**Cake Stall**

This Thursday the students in the Senior Life Skills Group will be holding a cake stall to raise money for their cooking program. The cake stall will be held at recess in the canteen. On sale will be cupcakes, jelly cups and biscuits. Prices will be from 50¢ to $2.00.

If you did not receive your note please come to the office.
Class K-1

There will be no more homework sheets for the remainder of the year, but homereading should continue for the next three weeks. Today we had a very interesting workshop and performance with the Australian Ballet Company. It was a great opportunity for us to experience another form of dance. Please remember all students need to bring a hat every day – NO HAT, NO PLAY. Golf Awards: Max Pumpa, Lincoln Wright and Lachlan Wotten.

Class 1-2

Students are nearly done working through the big list of assessments required in term 4. It is fantastic to see so many students making solid academic gains. Students have been researching important safety messages and have begun making their Safety Books. When completed, they will share these with students in K-1. Next Monday Miss Taylor is travelling to Wagga to participate in a KidsMatter introductory workshop which outlines resources schools can implement regarding self-esteem and mental health initiatives. Students in Class 1-2 will have their computer and library sessions on the Wednesday not Monday.

Class 3-4

This week is a busy one! Today our class participated in a workshop with the Australian Ballet, viewed a performance by their ensemble (a first for many), attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Culcairn Memorial Wall and for those students who have achieved their Silver Award, enjoyed the Silver Morning Tea. Well done everyone. Measurement in Maths is a focus this week. I encourage students to look at food packaging at home to compare grams and millilitres.

Class 4-5

Students in 4-5 will be very busy in the final weeks of 2014. Today we were lucky enough to have the Australian Ballet come to teach us about ballet and perform a show for us. The school also attended the Culcairn RSL Remembrance Day Service. The Silver Morning Tea was also held for those students who have achieved Silver. Students are enjoying their photography lessons and have been taking some wonderful photos. They are also enjoying making their movies, which will hopefully be finished in the next couple of weeks. Have a good week everyone.

Class 6

There is a long transition afternoon this Wednesday at Billabong High School. Students will become familiar with the canteen, canteen manager and the process of filling out a lunch order. Students attending will need to take $2:00-$5:00 this week to place a lunch order for their last long transition day in Week 8. All students will be attending a full day of transition on Wednesday 3rd December. The book launch for our Creative Catchment Kids is next week, Friday 21st November, at Holbrook Public School. We are looking forward to presenting Mrs Sheree Hamson with her book. Our thanks to Mrs Hamson for being our Catchment Hero!
Orientation and Enrolment Information Session.
Monday, November 17th, 9.45-11 am.

All interested families are invited to attend, bring your child, mix with the current children and see how the Preschool operates and have a chat informally with our Staff! This will be followed by an Information Session with the Director.

We welcome your interest and any questions will be happily answered. Please contact us to let us know you are coming on 0260298654.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Regards,
Lizzie Pogson, Director.
Fortnightly Calendar Updates
Your Friend on the Fridge!

TERM 4 2014

Week 6

Monday 10th November
Tuesday 11th November Australian Ballet Workshops / Performance
Remembrance Day Service 11:00am
Silver Morning Tea
Wednesday 12th November
Thursday 13th November Senior Life Skills Cake Stall
Friday 14th November

Week 7

Monday 17th November
Tuesday 18th November
Wednesday 19th November K-1 visiting Culcairn Early Childhood Centre
Thursday 20th November
Friday 21st November
2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

$150* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

Apply before Midnight
16 June 2015

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY
- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

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