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## Term 4 - Week 2 2014

Friday, 17th October 2014

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a relaxing break. This term is already set up to be a very busy one with our centenary celebrations, intensive swimming, reports and end of year performance!

### Centenary Celebrations— 25/10/2014

Only 7 more days!!!! After much time spent organising and preparing the time is almost upon us! It would be great to see all students here on the day to help out and take part in the celebrations. I have asked all children who will be attending to be here by 10.30 in full school uniform. Many of the children have a role to perform in the official ceremony and there will be an abundance of activities and demonstrations that everyone can take part in and enjoy! I look forward to seeing you here on the day to celebrate this momentous occasion.

### Are you bushfire ready?

With the 2014-2015 season fast approaching we all need to be prepared for the possibility of a potential bush fire threat. Part of this preparation includes getting your family bushfire survival plan up to date. I have attached a fact sheet which you may find useful in your own personal preparation.

At school over the next few weeks we will be discussing fire safety and practicing our evacuation procedures. I will also be in contact with the local RFS to discuss their procedures for evacuation in the event of fire in the local area.

## Chickens and Duck!!!

Last week we welcomed three chickens and a duckling into our school family. Einstein, Greg, Fluffy and Speckles have all settled in remarkably and are enjoying their new enclosure. All of the children have taken it upon themselves to take care of our new friends and are regularly feeding, watering and handling them.

The inclusion of these animals into our school was part of our sustainability plan. It is our hope that we can use their droppings to fertilise our vegetable garden, that they will provide a valuable service in insect extermination and hopefully provide us with some eggs as well. Please feel free to drop in and say hello to our new additions.

## The Little Mermaid-Civic Theatre

Firstly let me take the time to thank our wonderful staff for volunteering their cars and driving skills to transport the whole school to another excursion. Without our staff doing this we would be unable to attend many things that we do. A small amount was added to this excursion cost to put towards the parking and fuel costs, this in no way covers the real cost and nearly all car trips by staff and volunteers are constantly donated to each cause. I just wanted to raise awareness of the contributions that staff make regularly. Thank you also to Theresa who ferried her family to Newcastle as well. The show was absolutely delightful. The acting, singing, music and especially the costumes were all fantastic. This was a valuable experience for all of our students to travel to a very beautiful theatre and experience a show of this level. The smiles and looks of amazement on all of their faces was priceless! 14 of our students had never been to a live show before and all children and adults were thoroughly entertained.

*Have a great weekend*

*Mrs Amy Hughes*

*Principal*

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## Assembly Awards

**Infants:** Thomas for improvement in his writing.

**Primary:** Kelsey for always trying your best in everything that you do!

**Principal's/Citizenship Award:** Elizabeth for her mature and continued approach to the support and care in all areas of her schooling.

## Thank You!

A huge thank you to Craig Greenham for taking the time to drive to Taree to pick up a load of garden timber for us. We really appreciate your help with this task, it has taken quite a bit of organisation but we got there in the end! Thank you.



## AASC Term 4

Next week sees the start of AASC for Term 4, also the last ever AASC programs. The funding for this program has ceased and therefore we will not be able to run it after this term. We have had some fabulous sports and coaches over the years and are sad to see it come to an end.

For this term we get to enjoy Dance with Jackie for one last time (always very popular) and League Sills with Katie. Please ensure all permission notes are returned to school by Monday 20th for your children to be able to participate. Thank you.

## High School Experience and Puberty Clues

The year 6 students have some busy times approaching with the commencement of the Puberty Clues program at Gloucester PS and also the High School Experience program at Gloucester HS. You will have received information on these dates on the permission notes and how the students will attend these programs. Please contact the school if you have any queries or concerns in this area. These are great support and integration programs for the students almost ready to leave primary school and head into the big, wide world of high school.

## P & C Centenary Monster Raffle

Please continue to sell as many raffle tickets as possible for this fundraiser day and send in all sold and unsold tickets to the school office. This looks to be a great day to commemorate the 100 years our school has been in operation. We as a committee will be very busy on this day, please take some time to offer some help and support to ease the burden of the committee members.

Thank you.

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