Term 2 2014 Dates

11th April - Last Day Term 1
28th April - Staff Development Day
Teachers & SASS
29th April - First Day - Term 2
Students return
13-15th May - NAPLAN
15th May - Mobile Library
9th June - Queen’s Birthday Public
Holiday

End of Term One!

Wow! Where did that term go?! As you can see, we have been very busy this term with lots of excursions and fun events happening at school and in the wider community. The children have well and truly earned this coming holiday break! In this edition of the school newsletter, some of the children had the opportunity to write a report on some of the things we have been doing this term. We hope you will enjoy reading about these events from their point of view.

Mrs A will be returning from her long service leave first week back next term. We are all looking forward to having her back at school!

We hope you have a wonderful break and enjoy the Easter and Anzac holidays.

From all the Staff and Students

Easter Hat Parade
By Lachlan Fifield
On Wednesday 9th of April we had our annual Easter Hat Parade. We had the pre-school kids join us and then our parents and Robynne came to watch us show off our Easter hats that we made last week. We then had an Easter Egg Hunt. Some of the eggs were a bit hard to find. Mrs Field made us wait until we got home to eat them! We all got a certificate and a chocolate Easter Bunny.
Environmental Science Day
By Zali Wallings

We had an Environmental Science Day here at school on Monday, 31st March.
Our Focus was to use plants from our vegetable garden and mix them with eggs fresh from local chooks - Thank you to the Wallings' hens!!! We then learnt about eggs before making our yummy dish.

Did you know the chook egg is soft when it comes out of the chook's cloaca and the shell gets hard as soon as it touches the air? The yolk feeds the baby chick and the egg white protects the chick's body and feathers.

We made an egg pie together using the herbs parsley, oregano and spring onion.
Please look at the photos Sandy took of us being great chefs. Thank you Mrs Curtis for a wonderful day!

Dates to Remember

"A Century of Change" is the theme chosen by the Wollemi Children's Creative Arts committee for the 15th Annual Children's Art Exhibition to be held from 22nd to 25th October 2014. This exhibition of artworks will be a culmination of the Kandos Centenary celebrations commencing in October.

The popular Winter Holiday Art/Drama Workshops are also on the agenda for Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd July featuring some wonderfully talented visiting presenters including Toni Behrens of the Mud Factory in Mudgee and Eddy Harris will return to share more of his aboriginal culture. Local talented artists and crafts people will include Jenni Conlon, Cheryl Murray, Jo Williams, Sarah Lodewijks, and Oriana Panozzo.

Lots of creative fun for everyone so please pop these dates on your calendar and keep your eye out for more details to follow in school newsletters.
Easy ways to add physical activity to your day:

- allow time for children to play outdoors
- don't use the remote control
- plant a veggie garden
- schedule regular time each week for your family to be physically active together
- limit television time to no more than two hours per day or 14 hours a week

TUNA PASTA

**Ingredients** (serves 3)
- 1½ cups of uncooked pasta (spirals)
- 400g tin of tuna
- 1 jar of tomato pasta sauce
- 4 tablespoons sweet corn
- 1 small onion
- 1 tablespoon of olive oil

**Method**

Cook pasta in boiling water till soft in saucepan.
Drain pasta and place in bowl
Fry onion with oil in saucepan till soft and golden
Add tuna, sweet corn, pasta sauce to the onion and stir through. Add pasta and stir mixture through again.
Heat in a saucepan and serve with bread

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**Life Education Van**

By Amelia Van Huisstede

On Wednesday the 19th of March we went to Ulan Public School to see Healthy Harold. Rory, Zali, Lachlan F and I got to learn about being sensible when it’s hot and being safe at the park. We also learnt about the Healthy food Pyramid and which foods we should eat every day and other foods we should only have sometimes. The bigger kids got to learn about the bad things in cigarettes and what happens to their body when they smoke. Their lungs turn black and their teeth rot and go yellow. Yuck! We are now doing our Healthy Harold Book in class to help us remember what we learnt about.

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**Small Schools Public Speaking Day in Mudgee**

By Jack Wallings

Last Friday, Bylong students travelled to the Town Hall Theatre in Mudgee to give a speech. Each student had to prepare a timed speech on a certain topic. Rory chose “What he is good at.” Lachlan Fifield, Amelia and Zali chose “What they would have as a pet.” Jack and Lachlan Andrews chose “TV is better than books.”

We are pleased to tell you we were ‘pants wetting’ nervous but most successful! Rory got an Encouragement Award. Amelia received a Highly Commended. Lachlan Andrews came first in the senior division and received a trophy (to keep!) and a shield for the school to look after until next year which will have his name engraved on it. Well done!!

Everyone else received ice-cream and a pat on the back – we surely deserved it! Thank you to parents and Grand Parents for transporting us and cheering us on!