**Diary Dates to Remember:**

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**Education Week Activities a Success**

Our Education Week Open Day last week was well attended with a large number of parents and family members coming along to school. Several items were performed for our audience and then classrooms were opened up and a variety of activities were shared with an enthusiastic group of visitors.

We concluded our Open Day with a whole school dance session that was a lot of fun. That night our school was involved in our Community of Schools Education Week Celebration at Rutherford Technology High School. Members of our school were acknowledged with special awards during the evening and our senior students also performed The Highwayman poem as an item. It was a special night for all who attended and I have listed the awards recipients and I congratulate them on their efforts in supporting the school.

**Teaching Award:** Ms. Nicole McCutchan for her dedication to Kindergarten

**Non Teaching Award:** Mrs. Karen Clarke for her improvement of student well being in Kindergarten

**Community Award:** Katrina McKeough for her management of Uniform as part of the P&C.

**Student Awards:** Abby-Rose Carpenter for her school citizenship over many years.

Kiara Platt for her improved participation and application.

**School Program Award:** Lochinvar Public School K-6 Dance Program. The student leaders of this program will receive a Principal’s Award for this Program and their efforts each week in modelling and teaching a variety of dances.

**Principal on Leave till Next Term**

I will be on sick leave for the remainder of the term and a Relieving Principal will be placed in the school to assist in managing the administrative aspects of the school as well as taking on my class responsibilities with Year 4/5/6. This was a little unexpected and I have tried to make the best of a situation that has arisen fairly suddenly. I hope to be back to finish my final year of teaching early in Term 4.

The P&C elected Tony Williams as the parent representative on the panel that will select a new Principal to take over the school full time in 2015. The staff elected Rebecca Harwood as their representative on the same panel. The panel consists of these two representatives from the school, Mr. Andrew Eastcott, Director Public School and a Principal from another small school outside the local area. It is hoped that the job will be advertised later this term with a new Principal appointed by the middle of Term 4 so that parents and students can meet the new Principal and a suitable transition process can be undertaken.
**Spelling Bee Information Going Home**
All classes will be involved in our School Spelling Bee. Information about these will be sent home this week as each class has a list of words to address for Round 1 and 2 of the competition. More competent spellers from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will then be involved in the Premier’s Spelling Bee words so that we can identify our champions who may later represent the school at the Zone. Good luck to all of our students.

**Zone Athletics Carnival**
Last Friday twenty students represented our school at the Maitland Zone Athletics Carnival held at Woodberry. All students represented our school with pride and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship towards their peers and fellow competitors. All students competed to the best of their abilities and particular congratulations must go to Ella Gidney, Dylan McCormack and Lacey Matthews who placed in event heats. Thank you to all of the parents who assisted with the transport and supervision on the day. Congratulation must go to all competitors, we are proud of your achievements.

**P&C Bunnings BBQ a Success with More Activities Planned**
Many thanks to the group of parents that supported the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday. A steady flow of sales ensured our BBQ raised some much needed funds for the school. There were a keen group of about 18 workers (including students) that worked throughout the day or in a variety of shifts that cooked, served and prepared lots of sausage sandwiches for some hungry shoppers. We raised about $1100 during the day and congratulate these workers on giving up their time to support our school. It is greatly appreciated.

The P&C have plans for 2 other fundraisers this year. The first one being a Country Family Night in September with soup and damper, games, bush dancing and a campfire sing along. Watch out for more information about this family night. The second activity is a Halloween Trivia Night. It will be held on Friday, 31st October at Lochinvar Community Hall. This is planned to be a night for parents and adults so book your babysitters now!! More information on this night will be sent home in the next few weeks so you can encourage your friends to join you and book a table. It will be a fun night for all involved.

**Leaders to Have Breakfast with the Council**
Our School Leaders Lydia, Toby, Sienna and Ella attended a breakfast with the Maitland Council and the Lord Mayor this Wednesday as part of Local Council week. Students joined other school leaders and were entertained with magic by Joel from JD’s World of Magic.

**The Great Aussie Bush Camp**
Final preparations are being made for the Stage 2 camp next week to The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. Student will have a great time participating in a variety of physical challenges and outdoor activities. It would be greatly appreciated if all payments are finalised by Friday, 8th August (this Friday). Students will need to be at school at 8am on Monday morning in order to ensure departure is at 8:30am sharp. Equipment lists and souvenir order forms were sent home last term however please contact Mrs Harwood if you require another copy of these notes. Happy packing!

**Pets in the Community**
Nikki from Pets in the Community came to visit Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 on Tuesday. She spoke to the students about being responsible pet owners. Nikki also explained to the students how to safely and respectfully interact with dogs. The students were told the correct way to approach a dog and what to do if approached by an angry dog. The students loved meeting Nikki’s dog Jesse.
WEAR A BEANIE FOR BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS
Last Thursday our school participated in the Mark Hughes Foundation’s ‘Wear a Beanie for Brain Cancer Awareness Day’. Students and staff came adorned with an array of interesting beanies and made gold coin donations. Together our school community raised $115. This money will be forwarded to the Mark Hughes Foundation and used by the Hunter Medical Research Institute to research brain cancer. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
The count down is on with less than 20 days left of the Premiers Reading Challenge. It has been wonderful to see most of the children at Lochinvar participate with enthusiasm to complete the challenge. To finalise and ensure all students reading records are up to date on the computer system can all children please return their green, yellow or orange booklets to the library during the next fortnight. Many books read in class will also be counted towards the challenge for the infant classes so don’t panic if your child has not reached the 30 book limit at home. Classes 2/3/4 and 4/5/6 need to ensure their parents have signed off on the books they have recorded. Remember if you are close to your 20 book limit you can borrow the stickered pictured books to complete the challenge. The 20 books do not need to all be novels. All booklets need to be returned to the library by the 21st August.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KINDERTAGEN
Jake Guest - always demonstrating an enthusiastic approach to learning.
Sarah Brazier - taking care with her handwriting.
Riley Halson - great catching skills in P.E.
Jack Williams - great answers in class discussions.
Madison Sowter - great attitude towards all areas of learning.
Darcy Ellicott - trying hard in his reading.

YEAR 1/2
Ryan Swan - writing wonderful and imaginative stories.
Jasmine Beer - always working hard in class.
Nathan Carson - improvements in his writing. Well done.
Jared Gibbs - being an enthusiastic writer.
Ryan Hazell - putting a great effort into his reading and writing.
Khesanh Bosworth - awesome work in literacy groups.

YEAR 2/3/4
Max Siddens - fluent reading during group activities
Mali Gray - improved application and listening in class.
Chloe Carpenter - excellent effort in class discussions.
Grace Cant - using her 'loud' voice in class discussions.
Amy Whalan - excellent recall of three times tables.
Declan Williams - excellent recall of three times tables.

YEAR 4/5/6
Hope McCredie - being a great “evil witch.”
Teneil McLoughlin - a great effort in her Highwayman verse.
Jasmine Smurthwaite - for being a very “evil witch”.
Luke Ralston - great job as drummer during our performance.
Emmie-Lou Philp - always co-operative and responsible.
Toby Champness - excellent poetry work.

BEST BOY
Ryan Hazell and Ryan Swan

BEST GIRL
Saige Williams, Latiesha Fernance and Cynthia Gibbs

BEST CLASS
4/5/6 & 2/3/4

ASSEMBLY ITEM PRESENTED BY:
Kindergarten - Directed drawing of pigs
EDUCATION WEEK 2014

RESPONSIBLE PET DAY

BEANIE DAY