New Principal begins this week.

It’s with pleasure that I introduce to you all, Mrs. Elizabeth Cantwell who will be the Relieving Principal during my absence. Mrs. Cantwell comes to us from Telarah Public School where she is Assistant Principal. She spent some time at school late last week and is very excited to become a part of our school. I have every confidence that Mrs. Cantwell will do an excellent job as both teacher and Principal.

I would also like to thank the many parents, students and staff for their well wishes on my upcoming operation. I was very touched by your thoughtfulness and kindness. Thank you very much. Your best wishes are greatly appreciated.

Dianne Tomlins

Thank you Mrs. Tomlins, I am thrilled to be helping out while you are on leave. We wish you a speedy recovery and I’m sure the students will keep you up to date with all that’s happening here. Elizabeth Cantwell.

Year 3 / 4 Excursion a lot of fun for all students

Last week 21 students from year 3 and 4 headed off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. The children engaged in many outdoor activities that challenged them both physically and mentally. As the camp progressed, many students faced their fears and completed more activities with increased confidence. On the final day all students and supervising adults completed the Giant Swing, despite many having butterflies. Students were thrilled to share their evening supper with a couple of cheeky possums as we sat around the campfire. All students enjoyed their time away and we would like to especially thank Mrs. Rebecca Harwood, Rael Carson and Stephanie Trunk for giving up their time to accompany us on the camp. I know that the parents and students appreciated your dedication by accompanying the students on this special excursion.

Book Week 2014

We are celebrating Book Week this week. This year’s theme is “Connect to Reading, Reading to Connect”. Start planning a costume for Friday, 22nd August 2014. Students can come to school dressed as a favourite book or movie character. A parade will be held in the afternoon.

Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition soon

All students in Year 5 and 6 will shortly participate in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition. This is an annual event and a number of our students have performed very well in this event in the past. We wish students well and trust that they will do their best.
Volunteers Working with Children
Recent policy changes by the Department of Education and Communities now requires all parents assisting in the school in a voluntary capacity, to complete a special form and bring in some identification to school so that we can sight it and copy it. Please ensure that if you are assisting with canteen, reading, excursions or P&C fundraising in the school that you get a form from the office, complete it and bring it back to Pat in the office with your identification. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter as our students safety is our priority.

School Spelling Bee Underway
All students will have been involved in their class spelling bee this week and last week. We are in the process of identifying the top spellers in each learning stage. These students will receive an award later this term to recognise their achievement. The top 2 spellers in years 3/4 and 5/6 will have the opportunity to compete for the school in the Zone Spelling Bee in September. We have some very good spellers in the school and this is an opportunity for them to be recognised for their strong skills. Good luck to all those competing.

Premiers Reading Challenge
The count down is on with less than 12 days left of the Premier’s 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 week. 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 picture 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.

Increase in Parents and Small Children Entering through the Large Gate
There has been an increase in parents and small children entering the school through the large gate of an afternoon. Please enter through the small gate only as it is a safety hazard to bring small children through an unsupervised car park. We ask all parents and carers to lead by example and enter through the small gate only. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter as our students and your safety is our priority.

We would also like to remind parents that the school car park is for staff and workers at the school only. On most days we have 5 teachers, 1 office manager, 1 Teacher’s Aide, and other days we may also have a technology officer and a general assistant at school. Add to this canteen volunteers, the occasional workman, postal, garbage and delivery vehicles and you can see that our car park is usually full and often busy. Prior arrangement to drop students off in the car park for special circumstances can be made at the office.

CPR Training at School this Week
Teachers will be renewing their CPR training with a course after school on Tuesday. All teachers must have training in CPR to accompany students on excursions, outings or sporting events. Training is undertaken each year in order to meet these policy requirements.

Entertainment Books for Sale
3 books left. You can purchase your new 2014/2015 Entertainment Book now for just $60 at the front office. Entertainment Books are filled with hundreds of valuable offers from the best restaurants, attractions, cinemas, sports, hotel accommodation and much more….receive 50% off, 25% off and 2-for-1 offers. A display book is available to look at in the front office.
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN
Zara Smith - trying hard in sentence writing.
Saige Williams - great sentence writing about sheep.
Jett Sanderson - a great effort in twirling.
Tiarna Davey - great work with sight words.
Rain Stocks - great word demonstration “groups of “ in maths.
Lucas Coffey - displaying great sportsmanship in PE.

YEAR 1/2
Lahtia Platt - improved application in maths activities.
Nathan Carson - an improvement in his independent writing.
Ebony Johnston - putting a great effort into all of her word.
Jayden Fogg - awesome work in addition and subtraction.
Jared Gibbs - always trying his best in everything he does.
Khesanh Bosworth - a greater application to her school work.
Hannah Cant - a great improvement in sentence writing.
Patrick Fletcher - awesome enthusiasm in reading and writing.

YEAR 2/3/4
Bayden Halson - excellent application in creative writing.
Cynthia Gibbs - expressive and fluent reading.
Clare Sheahan - outstanding effort with trading in addition.
Xandah Hoover - a positive attitude towards others on camp.
Callum Priestley - a positive attitude towards others on camp.
Hannah Hazell - being a helpful and co-operative student on camp.

YEAR 4/5/6
Sienna Brinkley - being a reliable and responsible worker all the time.
Aiden Shepherd - a consistent effort in mathematics activities.
Matt Quinn - always displaying good sportsmanship.
Lachlan Davey - working very well in early rounds of spelling Bee.
Lydia Siddens - excellent effort in Visual Arts.
Noah Hogan - participating well in the touch football comp.
Ella Gidney - outstanding effort in the touch football comp.

BEST BOY
Patrick Fletcher, Wil Bullman, Jake Guest, Riley Halson and Max Siddens.

BEST GIRL
Kyra Platt, Hope McCredie, Stephanie Kalverla and Violet McLoughlin.

BEST CLASS
Kindergarten

ASSEMBLY ITEM PRESENTED BY:
4/5/6 - Self portraits
GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP
2014 EXCURSION