Principal’s Update Term 3 Week 2

This week we have been practising our dance moves ready for the Education Week assembly. Students are very excited to be performing and I hope all students and parents are able to join us for this event at Dungog High School from 4pm next Thursday afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs Hanrahan, Miss Rogers and I attended the first of many professional learning sessions related to Quality Teaching Rounds looking at improving teaching practices and student outcomes. This is a small school, Maitland and Dungog initiative and is conducted after school hours in lieu of Staff Development days usually held at the end of Term 4. Today we began our Sporting Schools program for this term. Each Friday students will be involved in AFL skills and need to wear sports uniform.

On Wednesday the Primary class will be taking part in a video conference with scientists from Casey Station on Antarctica where we will have the opportunity to ask questions about life in Antarctica.

Next Friday we will be celebrating Education Week. Parents are invited to a slightly later assembly at 10:00am followed by a morning tea.

Our Canberra excursion is only a few weeks away. Please make sure final payments are made to the office. A packing list and general itinerary is attached to this newsletter for students attending the excursion.

Mrs Murray

Assembly
Congratulations to this week’s award winners:
Principal’s Award: Michaela
Class Awards: Jayden and Jordan
Assembly Award: Kendall
Captains Award: Dannii

Congratulations to those who received Mathletics Awards for earning 1000 points or more last week.
Enrolments for 2016
We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. If you know of any one who might be interested enrolling next year, please ensure they contact the school for an enrolment package.

LMG Education Week Assembly
LMG Education Assembly: Dungog High School, Thursday 30th July 4:00pm-6:00pm with the formal assembly starting at 4:30pm.
We encourage all parents and students to attend. As well as students, staff and parents receiving awards, our school will be performing the “Dancing Toys” dance we have been practising. Students can arrive dressed in their Toy Story costume and will sit as a school group during the assembly.
If you have any questions about this please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

School Education Week Celebrations
On Friday, 31st July we will celebrate Education Week at school with a few changes to our usual Friday routine. Parents are invited to a slightly later assembly at 10:00am followed by a morning tea. Parents attending the morning tea are asked to bring a plate to share. Students can also bring a small plate to share with their friends. Our second break will then become our lunch. The canteen will only be available for lunch on this day.

Canberra excursion
Just over two weeks until we head off to Canberra and we are beginning to get excited. Full payment needs to be made to the office by Monday, 3rd August. We are travelling with Hinton and Mt Kanwary Public Schools and looking at Parliament, Government, laws and democracy as in HSIE this term. A general itinerary and packing list is attached to this newsletter.

Living In Antarctica
To finalise our HSIE unit last term on Antarctica, primary students will be participating in a Video Conference next Wednesday, 29th July. We will be connecting with Casey Station, an Australian research base in Antarctica where we will have the opportunity to meet and talk with scientists about how they survive the harsh conditions and the purpose of their time in Antarctica. We will also have the opportunity to ask them questions about what life is like in Antarctica. Recording of this video conference may be used for research and publicity purposes. If you have any objections to your child taking part please contact the school.

P&C News
A reminder that the bike ride is coming up next month and we will have a stall with second hand books and nik naks. If you have any items at home that you would like to donate for our stall, please bring them into the office. We are also after empty 2 and 4 litre icecream containers.
Father’s day is not far away. There will be a donations box in the office for our Father’s Day stall.

Woolworths Earn and Learn - For every $10 spent at Woolies (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards) you will earn a sticker. Stickers should be placed in the collection box in the foyer at school or in the boxes located at Raymond Terrace Marketplace and Plaza Woolworths. Please encourage family and friends to donate their stickers to our school.

Our Rhodes Shopping Centre/Ikea Shopping Trip is on Saturday 31st October. Tickets cost $45 including morning tea. Call Leanne on 0416 058 557 to book your seat.

Remember your Library Bag on Fridays to protect the books we borrow.

The next P & C meeting:
Monday, 3rd August at 2:00pm in the Library
All parents welcome!