School News Week 10 Term 1

Each passing year seems to get quicker. This term has flown and it has been a hectic one with the promise of three more of the same to follow. I hope you all have a great Easter and refreshing holiday and if you are travelling drive safely.

Mrs Jenkin’s replacement
Through DEC channels, expressions of interest have been called for Mrs Jenkin’s position from June 1 until the end of the 2015 school year. These close at 3.05pm on Friday 24 April. These will be processed by a panel consisting of Mr Paul Loxley, Director of Education for Western Plains, Mrs Cath Peart, P and C President and Mrs Karen Smith, Panel Convenor and staff representative.

Mrs Pike
Today is Mrs Pike’s last day at Tooraweenah P.S. Mrs Pike’s position was previously funded in previous years by National Partnerships and integration support for Madeline Potts. Both of these sources are no longer available. The entire staff and the school community would like to thank Mrs Pike for her years of service to the children at Tooraweenah. I’m sure we will see more of Mrs Pike in the future both as a casual employee and as one of our school patrons.

Term 2 calendar
For your information I have included a copy of the Term 2 calendar with School News this week. Put it in a conspicuous spot and add to it as additional activities and dates are advised. A calendar will also be on the website along with the 2014 Annual School Report and the 2015-2017 School Management Plan by 1st May.

Extended Transition Program
We have had four affirmative responses to our offer of transition for preschoolers due to start Kindergarten in 2016. The program commences Monday of Week 2 next term.

School Leaders
Ellie Peart and Lachlan Ferguson have been booked in to attend the GRIP Conference with me in Dubbo on Friday 22nd May. They will meet and work with other school leaders and develop leadership skills, collect ideas and share experiences.

School Photographs
The children all looked magnificent in their crisp, clean school uniforms. Most had applied a fresh coat of black polish to their shoes and those that didn’t had their shoes done by photo time. The staff was even colour-coded for the occasion. The photos should be good.

Clarification-Start of Term 2
On some commercially produced calendars it has Monday 27th April listed as a Public Holiday. NOT SO!!! Staff return for a professional development day on Monday 20th April. Students return Tuesday 21st April. ANZAC Day is on Saturday 25th April. There is no Public Holiday on the Monday.
Rugby 7’s
Our thanks to Mark Ferguson who transported Lachlan, Archie, Sam and James to Warren to take part in the Rugby 7s yesterday. Thanks also to Nadine Jenkin for organizing a set of football jumpers from her Gilgandra connections for the Small Schools Barbarians as the sponsored jumpers were used by the combined small schools Years 3/4 team. The boys learnt a lot about the game supposedly played in heaven winning one game and losing two.

Toilet block refurbishment
On Monday the plumbers were here and added the colourbond flashing to the toilet block roof. It looks great considering that it replaced rotted timber fascia. Should be good for at least 30 years.

Tree removal
Quotations have been sought for the removal of three currajong trees within the grounds that are impacting on the canteen, paving and nearby water pipes and electrical conduits.

“Small Schools, Big Futures”
Col Hare
Principal

Thursday 2nd April is ‘OUT OF UNIFORM DAY’
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **02.04.15**  Last Day of Term 1/Out of Uniform Day
- **21.04.15**  Students Resume Term 2
- **24.04.15**  Canteen commences for Term 2
- **27.04.15**  Transition to Kindergarten

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**Horse Sports Day**

Friday 23rd October 2015
At Baradine Showground
Program to be confirmed early Term Two
This day will be followed by the
Baradine Pony Club Blanche Trophy
On Saturday 24th October 2015

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**Merit Awards**

Merit Awards were awarded to;
- Blake Duff – outstanding handwriting
- Kayne Hanney – improving his reading by 7 levels this term
- Darcy Holland – improving his level by 5 levels this term
- Jake Peart – outstanding effort in Handwriting
- Shane Estens – excellent writing about Grandparents’ Day
- Maddi Peart – 20 nights home reading, 40 nights home reading
- Charlotte Ferguson – excellent writing about Grandparents’ Day
- Brock Trickey – 20 nights home reading
- Lily Smith – 40 nights home reading

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**KIDS’ DISCO!**

for children 12 years & under Saturday 18th April 2015 at 5pm CURBAN COMMUNITY HALL

*Children must be accompanied by an adult*

Prizes for the Kids! Fun for all!

**ADMISSION:** $8.00 p/p, **WHICH INCLUDES:** Party pies, Sausage rolls, Cocktail frankfurts, Sandwiches, Quiche Ice Cream, Cordial & Lollies for the kids plus Supper for the adults (BYO if desired)

**RSVP:** Pat Coxedge by 13th April
Ph. 6848 5032 M. 0457 485 032 E. coxsedge@activ8.net.au
Mrs Moss’s Music lessons have finished for this term...but don’t forget your music lessons for the first day back in Term 2; Mrs Moss will commence lessons on the 21st April.

Holiday Activities - Discovery Walks, Talks and Tours - Autumn – commencing 4th April 2015 - Pilliga Forest – Baradine for bookings and further information Contact the Pilliga Forest Discovery Centre Phone; 02 6843 4011 or www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au or email pilliga.discoverycentre@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Canteen – 24.04.15
Worker: Mel. Peart
Home cooking: Mel., Kylie Moppett, Sara Worner

Canteen – 01.05.15
Worker: Cath. Peart
Home cooking: Cath., Greg Winter, Alexis Hanney

Happy Easter