Dear John,

Since last I wrote three weeks ago many things have happened……………..

Whole school Gulgong excursion
In Week 2 we all headed off for a three day K-6 staff, parents and all excursion to Red Hill at Gulgong. My thanks to all the staff and parents for their interest, care and attention that made the trip so successful. The children were exposed to a wide range of educational activities. Parents joined in all activities including dressing up in period costume of the 1870’s on the first day. You should have seen the looks on the faces of the students when Lachlan Ferguson was taken outside of the 1872 classroom for a mock caning. They could only hear what was going on, not see it. He squealed like a real girly girl and added realism to the role play. After 3 days most came to the realisation that they would not have survived in those days and that they are pretty “soft” compared to past generations. The students also discovered, playing “old school” games, that they were capable of entertaining themselves without being linked to a computer or electronic device!!

Musica Viva
At 9am the day after the excursion we boarded the Dowsett buses and travelled to Geurie for “The World According to James” which covered many facets of music including different instruments, timbre, tone, melody and the improvisation of jazz. The children had the opportunity to contribute to hands on experiences with instruments composing a short musical presentation. We all danced the tango which was hilarious.

School athletics carnival
We were blessed with fine weather for our athletics carnival and the children presented a great effort on the day. My thanks to Dennis White for assisting with transporting and setting up the afternoon before and on the morning of the carnival and then again after the event. Thanks also to Mel. Peart and Kylie Moppett for organisation of lunch and mini-canteen facilities and to Gavin Duff for cooking the sausages. Gavin also helped with the packing up of the carnival. It was great to see so many parents and extended family members attend on the day to show their support for the students.

Winning house was Butler. Garling were also down in numbers due to illness. Champions were:
Juvenile Boy – Kayne Hanney         Juvenile Girl- Mikayla Skinner         Junior Boy – Tom McDonell
Junior Girl- Heidi Ferguson         11 Years Boy- Archie Haling        No 11 Years Girls Senior Boys – Lachlan Ferguson
Senior Girls – Teagan Watt

Small School’s athletics carnival
This was an outstanding event and our first use of the multi-million dollar facility at Barden Park. We clearly won the march past but this is no longer judged and winners announced. This change of practice only adds to the creation of a marshmallow generation that can’t come to grips with not always coming first. Seems like we give out gold stars for breathing. The staff and students would like to thank the many parents who ran the canteen at the carnival. Cath Peart, Mel Peart and Janine Ferguson set up and stocked the canteen on the afternoon prior to the carnival. On the day helpers were Cath Peart, Mel Peart, Sonia Bonham, Sara Worner, Bindi Haling, Janine Ferguson, Karen Smith, and Kylie Moppett. Our thanks also to Gavin Duff, Mark Ferguson and Bevan Peart for their barbecue skills. We all know that the best cooks in the world are men! Craig we loved your work on the camera!

District representation
Fabulous results were recorded last Friday with over 50% of the Years 3-6 group progressing to the Dubbo District PSSA carnival in Dubbo on Friday 14th August. Of the 13 students who attended the Small School’s carnival last Friday, 7 have made it through to the next level.

Speaking of representation, FYI-Let’s be clear
Sporting representation and involvement of students in extra-curricula activities is not a given. These are a privilege, not a right. On all future permission notes, expressions of interest and information about school activities will appear a statement as is found on just about every note in just about every school in New South Wales. It will say that if a student’s behavior and general conduct at school is not of an acceptable standard, then that student will not represent or will be excluded from activities.

Baradine Progress Association Public Speaking
On the school calendar issued for Term 3 there were two dates for the Baradine Public Speaking to be hosted by St Johns Baradine. These dates had TBC (to be confirmed) next to them. The date has been confirmed as Wednesday 2nd September. More details later, but we will be travelling to and from on both Dowsett buses, as per the Eumungerie and Geurie visits. We will have 7 spare seats for parents on a first in, first served basis.

“Small Schools, Big Futures”

Regards
Col Hare
Principal
Term 3 - 13.07.15 – 18.09.15
Week 4 (This week, all week) – Book Fair
06.08.15 & 07.08.15 – Col. Western Plains Principal meeting
07.08.15 – Canteen
10.08.15 – Transition to Kindergarten
11.08.15 – Yrs 4-6 ICAS Mathematics, Connect 5, Music
14.08.15 – Canteen, Dubbo District Athletics
17.08.15 – Transition to Kindergarten
18.08.15 – Music
20.08.15 – CWA Country Of Study – Italy
20.08.15 & 21.08.15 – Col. Principal Conference
24.08.15 – Transition to Kindergarten
25.08.15 – Music
28.08.15 – Canteen, Western Region Athletics
31.08.15 – Transition to Kindergarten

Canteen Roster

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Earn and Learn – as well as depositing stickers in Tooraweenah’s box at Coonabarabran (I have rung and chased them up again) you are able to deposit stickers in the box at the school office. If you don’t shop at Coonabarabran Woolworths, please send stickers into school with your children.

Transport Conveyancing Subsidy – I have been unable to complete the transport subsidy for Semester One due to technical difficulties within the Transport Department. We will be advised when the system is up and running again.

Wanted! House to rent in Tooraweenah village (or on a property providing there is bus access into our school.)

After a recent trip to Tooraweenah, Natasha has fallen in love with our village and has made the decision to move her family as soon as she is able. If anyone has any knowledge of a rental house please contact the school.
Dustin Skinner – being motivated to complete his homework
Lily Smith – 80 nights home reading
Charlotte Ferguson – 40 nights home reading
Taylor McDonell – achievement in reading
Jake Peart – settling into Term 3
Darcy Holland – settling into Term 3
Ella-Nae Hanney – improved Mathematics work
Grace Winter – great listening skills