Dear Parents and Community Members...

Welcome to another week at The Sir Henry Parkes.

At this stage of the term our teachers and students are well into their programs of work and when I visit classrooms I see many fine examples of what is being achieved.

Sports events are also well under way with teams working together to do their best. Well done to all of our students for their various endeavours.

I took some time to pop into the concert held at the high school last week by the visiting German band. Girls, boys and teachers alike were up in the aisles and thoroughly enjoying some dancing to the rhythms provided by the band. A wonderful time seemed to be had by all. This is a great local initiative and I would like to thank everyone who contributes to the success of this event.

Oracles of the Bush, another great local initiative, will be upon us in the next couple of weeks. Many of our students are involved in either painting or preparing poetic works to contribute. Once again, thank you to all who work together to make this a success.

I will be travelling to Sydney today with Lorelle O’Brien for a ‘master class’ tomorrow on transforming learning in schools. This class will assist us in planning for the future learning of our teachers, which in turn will inform the future learning of our students. I look forward to returning with some renewed thinking and wonderful ideas to implement.

These will be held at the school on Saturday 21 March. It looks like a great line up of stalls, with food and drinks also available for purchase. I look forward to seeing people along supporting this fundraiser while also enjoying a day out with family and friends.

Best wishes to the boys and girls travelling to Inverell tomorrow with Deb Thomas and Geoff Swan for the Captain’s Cup. I am sure they will try their very hardest.

Don’t forget the upcoming markets being organised by our P&C.

Have a great week everyone.

Sue Charles

School Cross Country Fundraiser

Once again, as part of our annual K-6 School Cross Country, our school will be conducting a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. The Cross Country will be held on Friday, March 20. Family support is most appreciated.

Funds raised will provide additional resources for the students such as Sport, Science and Technology and Art resources and new blazers. Students have received a sponsorship form with a selection of over 70 prizes to choose from.

Students are encouraged to collect their money after the event from their sponsors and return the MONEY AND SPONSOR FORM (clearly indicate the chosen prize) to your child’s classroom teacher by the following Friday, March 27. This gives you a full week after the cross country.

If you misplace your sponsorship form, please see your child’s classroom teacher or the office. We ask you to seek donations for $2 or $4 or $5 or $10 per sponsor. Students who receive $10 or more in donations will be entitled to a prize of their choice. Each student will also receive a Berri Quelch frozen juice stick on the day of the event.

WIN A FAMILY HOLIDAY TO Disneyland – each student/family has the chance to win a family holiday simply by raising $10 or more.

For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please view page three of the Sponsorship Form or visit www.schoolfunrun.com.au.

Happy fundraising, and we look forward to seeing you at our K-6 School Cross Country to cheer on the students.

Grandparent’s Day

Grandparent’s Day will be held next Tuesday, March 17. There will be open classrooms from 9.30 with a concert in Bruxner Hall at 10.15. Morning tea will be served on the basketball court at the completion of the concert. Children will be provided with invitations later in the week.

We will need volunteers to help with the preparation and service of morning tea. If you can help, please phone the office so you can be added to the roster.

Year 5/6 Camp Chocolate

Due to the amount of chocolate being sold at school, students will now only be allowed to sell chocolates at lunch time. Please ensure you remind your child of this. Thanks.

Book Club

Book club has been handed out this week and will be due back to the front office by 9:30am on Thursday, March 19.
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Wed** 11 Kim Cox, Sandy McCowen
**Thur** 12 Jayne Collier
**Fri** 13 Carmel Moore, Jason McDonald 9-11:30am
**Mon** 16 Help needed please
**Tue** 17 Trudy Campbell
**Wed** 18 Vicki Hill, Kim Cox, Jess Kennedy

**HOMEBAKE (next week)**

**Mon** 16 Lisa O’Brien
**Wed** 18 Jenny Petrie
**Fri** 20 Kellie Coleman

**DONATIONS (This Week)**

Tomatoes Nicolle Jones
Block Cheese Cara Newton, Carmel Moore
Mayonnaise Deanne Eaton, Jen Donadel
Lettuce Lisa O’Brien
Tomato sauce Jess Kennedy
Margarine Jayne Collier
Eggs Jayne Harvey
Sliced Beetroot Dawn McCowen

**MEAL DEAL- “Pick and Fill”**

A delicious fresh sandwich (egg & Lettuce or ham & Cheese) your choice, with a popper and a scoop of ice cream topped with a mini meringue drizzled with strawberry topping $5.00

Other choices: Lasagne $3.50
Hot dog in roll $2.60

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**Write4fun**

The 2015 Schools Writing Competition in NOW OPEN. The quickest and easiest way to enter is online at www.write4fun.net

To assist with this there is NO THEME! Entries can be on any topic and in any style.

Entry is FREE and the closing day is Sunday, March 29 2015.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Keep Calm They’re Just Kids**

Parents will learn:

To identify the child’s concerns and triggers that cause the behaviour,

To teach the child coping skills and,

to find workable solutions that satisfy both parent and child and lessen the likelihood of negative behaviour

When: Wednesday, March 25
10:30am to 1:30pm

Where: Tenterfield Community Hub—204 Rouse Street
Cost: FREE

For more Info contact: 1800 372 826
Or 67 38 7200

**Falls Prevention Program**

Date: Every Tuesday from the 10th of March until the 28th of April 2015

Time: 1pm—3pm

Venue: Best Western—The Henry Parkes, 144 Rouse Street
Tenterfield NSW 2372

RSVP: Registration forms at the front office
The students in the Sunshine Room have been building and creating Volcanos with Mrs Makings. The experiment was a big pink hit.

The students have started to create word walls as they visualise what they will find in a book, predict and make connections.

The students have made 3D shapes of the first letters of their names. Lots of learning, experimenting and creating in the Sunshine Room.
**NNE League Trials**

Well done to all the boys who represented our school yesterday at the Northern New England Rugby League Trials in Glen Innes. Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected to attend the Northern Primary Rugby League Trials in Armidale on **Monday, March 16**.

**Under 12s** - Ralph Thomson, Tyran Petrie, Kori Eaton, Alex Butler and Jamie Benstead.


Thanks to Miss Coats for washing all the smelly uniforms !!!

**Boy’s Cricket**

The school boy’s cricket team travelled to Guyra Central School last Friday as part of the NSW PSSA knockout competition. The game was played on the school oval which provided Guyra with the home pitch advantage.

The bounce on the synthetic wicket caught some of our boys off guard and it took some time for them to settle in.

We won the toss and Jamie Benstead, as team captain elected to bowl. I was very impressed with our team’s bowling as the majority of it was consistent making it hard for Guyra to score runs. Tyran Petrie took the first wicket when he clean bowled their opening batsman. The number two and three batsman settled in at the crease though and managed to score good runs for Guyra. Will Holley picked up the second wicket with some excellent bowling. Will then showed some impressive skills in the field by running the next batsman out. The best of the bowling was Will Holley 1/10, Tyran Petrie 1/21 and Fletcher Koch 0/27, all off five overs.

Guyra batted through the 25 overs and finished 5/117.

Kori Eaton and Adam Thomas opened the batting for Tenterfield. Unfortunately Kori was bowled out in the third over. Tenterfield then had a minor batting collapse when they lost three quick wickets. Tyran Petrie and Adam settled the innings and took their time to take back control of the game. Both boys batted through to the twentieth over. They both knew that they had to swing the bat to make quick runs. The boys made nine runs each before being dismissed. Macca Cox tried to hit some shots away, but inconsistent bowling from Guyra made this difficult. At the end of the innings Tenterfield had tried their best to chase the runs, but fell 27 runs short, finishing 7/91.

My Manser was impressed with the boys performance and he saw a marked improvement in batting, bowling and fielding compared to last year. This is promising as only five out of the twelve boys are in year six.

A special thanks must go to Mr Holley, Mrs Preston and Mr and Mrs Cox for taking time off work to transport the boys on Friday.