Dear Parents and Community Members...

This **Wednesday, August 12**, Inverell Outreach Services will be visiting our school to run workshops with Year 5 & 6 students. These workshops will be looking at "Healthy Relationships". They are also running a parent session at 3:30pm in the Primary Hall.

The parent session will give insight into what was covered at the student session as well as discussing mental health. This is a great opportunity, I look forward to seeing you there.

**On Friday, August 14**, some of our local police officers will be visiting our school to hold a Cyber Safety information session for Years 5 and 6. Some topics they will be discussing are cyber bullying, safe use of the internet and social network sites. It has come to our attention that we have many students using Instagram at the moment. This is a social network system that states in the terms "You must be at least 13 years old to use the Service".

We have many students participating in the Eisteddfod next week. Both teachers and students have been putting a lot of effort into their performances, I would like to wish them the best of luck.

Tomorrow we are being visited by children from the local Pre School and Day Care Centres. The theme for the day is "Oceans of Fun". The Infants hallway has been transformed into a beautiful under sea creation. Many fun activities have been organised for their visit.

Our school is committed to providing the best learning environment for all students.

We have recently nominated to introduce 'Positive Behaviour for Learning', or PBL into our school. http://www.pbl.schools.nsw.edu.au/home

Positive Behaviour for Learning is an evidence-based whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students fostering a happy school environment.

When student behaviour is found to be in breach of the school's Welfare and Discipline Policy, our school takes firm action within the policies and frameworks of the Department of Education.

You can help your child to arrive at school ready to learn and have positive interactions with staff and peers by ensuring that they:

* get a good night’s sleep
* have a healthy breakfast
* bring healthy food to help them through the day
* wear school uniform

Have a wonderful week.

Lorelle O’Brien,

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**Helicopter Day**

On **Friday, August 14**, we are supporting the Westpac Helicopter Service by holding an out of school uniform day. Students are encouraged to wear red and yellow clothing and donate a cold coin. This day helps raise money and awareness for all of the great work they do.

**K-2 Excursion**

A reminder that the permission note and $20 deposit is due by this **THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**. Parent seats will be allocated after this and will be based on available seats.

**Spelling Bee Results**

Congratulations to all competitors who entered the Premiere’s Spelling Bee last week. Some difficult words tested the mettle of our spellers.

In the Junior division (years 3 & 4), Amelia Wishart prevailed, with Kelsie Ellis in second and Michael Cutmore close behind.

In the senior division, (years 5 and 6), Roshan Caldwell snatched a narrow victory from Zoe Jenkins, with James Beltrame as second runner up.

The top two spellers in Junior and Senior divisions will now have the opportunity to enter the regional level Spelling Bee at Armidale on **Wednesday, September 9**. Good luck to you all!

**Our School’s Anti-Racism Contact Officers**

Our school takes racism seriously. Discrimination of any kind on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion or disability are not accepted in any DoE school.

Your Anti-Racism Contact Officers (ARCOs) are best placed to handle complaints or concerns relating to discrimination. ARCOs at SHPMPs are Tracy Caldwell and Cam Pryce.

The Department of Education Anti-Racism Policy is available via the link below, or upon request from the school.

Meal Deal—"Oceans of Fun"

Yummy Pirate Burger (homemade pattie) with cheese and tomato sauce plus a popper and treasure ice cream (ice cream with crushed choc coated honeycomb) $5.00

Other choices: 6 Chicken nuggets $2.20 Lasagne $3.50

Community Notices

Billycarts on the Border
The Billycarts on the Border will be held on Saturday, October 17.
For more information please visit the front office for registration forms.

DONATIONS (This Week)

Lettuce Jody Lieberman
Mayonnaise Leanne Hall, Jenny Petrie
Blocked Cheese Kristy Petrie, Kaela Kelly
Cruskits Melanie Newman
Tomato Sauce Shona Clarke, Liz Bridge
Tomatoes Rhonda Fowler
Sliced Beetroot Jen Sutcliffe

Students of the Week:

Infants: Jasmine Finnerty, Eric Ross, Beth Phelps, Cooper Kelly, Archie George.
Primary: Luci Donges, Michael Cutmore, Emma Blain, Breanna Chawner, Jerry McGrady.
Principal Award: Wil Robson, Jaynika Hollis.
Bronze Award: Archie George, Abby Wilson, Sienna Skinner, Lila Newton.

SHP (Strive, Honour and Participation) Award:
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**Spelling Bee**

On Monday, August 3 there was a class spelling bee for 3/4B, Amelia Wishart, Luci Donges, Christopher Benstead, Sarah Harvey, Azmond Nautu and Breea McIntosh competed in it.

Amelia, Christopher and Luci made it into the finals for the school spelling bee which was held on Friday, August 7.

Sarah came runner up in our classroom.

Amelia won the Stage 2 Spelling Bee and will be representing our school at the next level.

by Sarah and Shania.

**Eisteddfod**

Commencing on Monday, August 17, 2015 at the School of Arts, Rouse Street Tenterfield students in 3/4B will be competing in the Tenterfield Quota Eisteddfod. They will be competing in the following: Prepared Speech (Section 135a)-10 years and under Lachlan “My most thrilling experience”, Jed “My Most thrilling experience, Azi and Emily “School holidays”

**Impromptu Prose Reading**

Jakeb Gibbins  
Lachlan Davidson  
Jed McCowen  
Azmond Nautu

**Australian Poem**

Piper Clark  
Sarah Harvey  
Amelia Wishart  
Rayfe Van Zyl  
Lachlan Davidson  
Emily Ward  
Azmond Nautu

Many students are also competing in the Prose-Own Choice Section.

3/4T, Year 3 students from 2/3B and our class have also been learning two poems to compete in Primary School Verse Speaking section.

by Rayfe Van Zyl