WRITING RESULTS
Seventeen students competed in the University of New South Wales Writing Competition. The results again showed that Writing is an area that our students can improve more although this year’s result was improved from previous years. This year, students in all grades performed at state average or above. Congratulations to Jenna, Year 5, who was awarded a distinction. Excellent work! Students awarded credits were as follows; Rachel and Phoebe, Year 3, Emerson, Year 4; and Daniel and Katherine, Year 6. Imogen, Year 4 was awarded a Merit for being so close to a credit. Congratulations on your great results!

BOOK WEEK AND BOOK FAIR
Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who attended our Book Assembly last week. The library monitors enjoyed hosting the assembly and presenting what they had learnt about the short listed books. Thank you to all those people who supported our Book Fair by purchasing books. So far, the fair has sold more than $2500 worth of books. This allowed the school to purchase books to the value of $500 for the library as commission. Thank you for your support. Special thanks to Mrs Lambert for her assistance preparing for Book Week and assisting at the stall. Many thanks!

FRIENDLY KIDS
Kaitlyn, Kinder – for great manners and being helpful with a smile.
Lily, Year 4 – for being helpful and beautifully mannered in Maths groups.

WONDERFUL WORKERS
3 – Colbei, Kyle, Josh
5 – Phoebe, Tallulah, Tayla
6 – Connor, Tenika, Zac
4 – Emerson, Mason, Jed
K – Hayley, Katie, Kayleigh
1 – Samuel, Charli, Phoebe
Library – Sean, Grady, Lizzie
2 – Morgan, Riley, Grady

BEHAVIOUR AWARDS
This Thursday, 28 August, Silver Awards will be presented to Year 2 students at our weekly assembly at 11.15am

YEARS 3 AND 4 EXCURSION
All is going very well at camp with Years 3 & 4 showing they are very grown up - displaying independence and co-operation. The Year 3 and 4 children are due to arrive back at school tomorrow afternoon at 2.30pm. It is best that they don’t catch buses home from school. It would be best if they are collected from school by parents or friends.
YEAR 2 CLASS NEWS
It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term 3! We have been learning so much that it is hard to keep up with the progress all the year 2 children are making each and every day.
We are really enjoying our book study of ‘Billy the Punk’ and have been talking about narratives, nouns and verbs (we now know 5 different types of verbs!). In Science we have been doing lots of experiments involving water and discussing how we use it and what we can do to save it. In HSIE, we have been looking at the past and identifying the differences between when our grandparents and great grandparents were at school compared to our lives now. We have also been practising hard in class for the spelling bee with all the children very keen to have a go and some confident spellers.
Thankyou to all the parents who cooked some yummy treats for our cupcake stall and a BIG thankyou to those who helped serve on the day!
Year 2 is hosting the assembly this week and we have been working really hard on a great item to show you so we hope you can come along and watch.  
Miss Hassett

INFANTS’ EXCURSION REMINDER
By now, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students should have returned their permission note and medical consent form for the excursion to the Hunter Valley Zoo at Nulkaba next Monday, 1st September. Payment of $20 is due by tomorrow Wednesday, 27 August.
All students will need to wear full school uniform, their school hat and closed-in shoes. They will also need to wear sunscreen. Students requiring asthma medication MUST have it packed in their school bag. All students will need to bring their morning tea and their lunch, as well as extra drinks in their school bag. ALL foods MUST be free of NUTS and NUT PRODUCTS.
Students will need to be at school by 8.15am for roll call, as the bus will depart at 8.30a.m.
The students will be arriving back at school at 4.00p.m. You will need to arrange to have your child collected from the front of the school at 4.00p.m.

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE CHALLENGE
Only one more week until our school “Spell Off” finals are held on Wednesday, 3 September, at 12 noon. Don’t forget to practice the lists which have been sent home for each class.

KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF
There have been a number of children in trouble at school lately for being physically aggressive with others. This will not be tolerated. Students need to “KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOUR SELF!” The school will consider and understand why students may feel cross with another, but there is no excuse for hitting and it will not be tolerated.

CORE RULES FOR STUDENTS
Core rules for student behaviour have been developed to establish consistent expectations in all government schools in support of community values.
The critical role of parents and care-givers is recognised as the primary influence on each child’s character and behaviour and as essential partners in supporting the core rules and the successful education of their children.
Our school expects the highest possible standard of behaviour and learning from our students.

THE CORE RULES
All students in NSW government schools are expected to:
• Attend every school day, unless you are legally excused, in class on time prepared to learn.
• Maintain a neat appearance and adhering to the requirements of the school’s uniform code policy.
• Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when traveling to and from school.
• Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and co-operating with instructions and learning activities.
• Treat one another with dignity and respect.
• Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.
Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.
KIDS CORNER - Riley, Year 2 - Terrific spelling and dictation

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 27.8 - Bridget Quinn & Christine Bailey
Friday 29.8 - Michelle Owen & Casey Hewitt
Next Week
Monday 1.9 - Kellie Beavis & Louise Stokes Chapman
Wednesday 3.9 - Kate Cummings & Kristy Watson
Friday 5.9 - Angela Barry & Jo Brammer

FATHER’S DAY STALL
We will hold a stall next Friday, 5 September commencing at 9am in the school hall.
There will be plenty of gifts for all students wishing to purchase.
All classes will come to the stall. Helpers are required; please contact Kim Wolfgang.

DENMAN CATTLE SALES
Thank you to Tammy Bull for working at the Cattle Sale last Friday. Thanks also to Renee Wear
and Renee Wallace for cooking.
The roster for the next cattle sale next Friday, 19 September is as follows;
Working – John and Ann East  Cooking – Ann East and Chantel Blake

UNIFORM SHOP
The school uniform shop is open for sales each Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8.30am.
For winter we have; Full tracksuits - $55, Jackets only - $35, Pants only - $25
Grey long pants for boys - $20  Maroon long pants for girls - $20  Long sleeve polos - $20
Fleecy V-neck jumpers - $25  Hats and Caps - $10  Scarf - $6
Any outstanding uniform debts need to be paid ASAP. Sandy Russell, 0418572265

YEAR 6 PHOTOS NEEDED
Any photos of Year 6 students to be included in the Year 6 Farewell Dinner slideshow needs to be
located and sent into school. “before” … the school holidays, so Mrs Fuiono can work on the
presentation during the holidays. Please bring in your photos to Mrs Fuiono ASAP. Mrs Fuiono

RSL BURSARY
Each year the RSL donate a bursary to one Year 6 student in the district. Students wishing to sit
the test in Term 4 must return their permission note by Monday, September 15.
This will give the RSL Club enough time to check parent membership.

P&C Pizza Day
The P&C is having a Pizza Day on Tuesday 9 September. Order forms have gone home with the
newsletter. Orders and money must be returned to the office by Monday 8 September.
NSW PSSA RUGBY UNION CHAMPIONSHIPS
On Monday 18 August, Brock and Luke represented Hunter PSSA at the All Schools NSW State Rugby Union Championships in Kiama. It was a very long drive to Kiama in the wet and blistery conditions but both boys had a great time playing union over the 4 days.
On Monday they trained with their team. Tuesday, they played 3 games, the first game against Sydney North was tough, the next game against Riverina was won 10-0 and the third game against North Coast was a close loss.
On Wednesday, the boys played 2 games; winning against North West Sydney 12-10 and then a second win against Riverina 12-7.
Thursday saw them play 2 more games of which they were unsuccessful against South Coast and Western. The team finished 9th from 13 teams.
The boys had a great time and were thankful to the coaches. Luke was also thankful to the family he stayed with at beautiful Kiama.

LEGENDS FINAL SERIES
Congratulations to Connor, Zac, Kieran, Corey, Mac, Kobe, Wade, Darcy, Brodie, Hunter and Nicholas. We wish “All the Best” to our “Legends” seven-a-side football team in Sydney tomorrow; They will play the other four teams in their pool commencing at 9.20am – Blaxlands PS, Putney PS, Christian Brothers, Hurtsville and Holy Family, Parkes.
Play offs will be played in 3 divisions - the Shield 1-8, the Cup 9-16 and the Plate 17-24. If we finish in the top 24, we will play quarter-finals at 12.20pm, possible semis at 1.20pm and finals at 2.30pm.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS
The following children will be competing at the Regional Athletics Carnival at the Glendale Athletics Complex this Friday, 29 August.
Tenahya - 11 years long jump, Kathrine - 12 years long jump, Tasmyn - 11 years discus, Emma - junior shot put, Kobe - 12 years long jump, Darcy - 10 years 100m & 200m, Luke - 11 years 100m, 200m, long jump & shot put.
The school junior boys 4x100 relay team of Jed, Josh, Taj and Darcy will also compete. We wish these students all the very best of luck in their events. Mr Bryant

ABERDEEN HORSE SPORTS
Aberdeen Horse Sports will be conducted this Friday 29 August. We wish James and Millie the best of luck.

CALENDAR
Wednesday 27.8 - Legends Day Sydney
- Years 3 & 4 return from Myuna Bay, 3pm
Thursday 28.8 - Newcastle Maths Test, Years 5 & 6
- Year 2 Assembly, 11.15am
Friday 29.8 - ZUMBA for sport
- Regional Athletics

Next Week
Monday 1.9 - Infants Excursion, 8.15am - 4pm
Tuesday 2.9 - Chess tournament at Singleton, depart 8.15am
Wednesday 3.9 - Spelling Bee Finals, 12 noon
Thursday 4.9 - Year 2 Assembly, 11.15am
Friday 5.9 - Father’s Day Stall, 9am
- ZUMBA for sport

THE SPORTING CHALLENGE CHAMPION
This week our sports challenge champion is: Amelia, Year 5
- For having a go at everything including new sports. Well done!

SPORTS UNIFORM MONITORING
Parents and student know by now that I am closely monitoring what students are wearing each Friday. Girls are reminded that check shorts are only for Monday to Thursday - NOT Friday Remember - No Check Shorts and No Footy Shorts