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Pilliga Public School Newsletter

The little school that's BIG on learning

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Anzac Day

Pilliga Public School's participation on Anzac Day was outstanding. Our students: Ashton, Samuel, the twins along with Bridie Wilkins (Burren Junction) and Georgia Miller-Williams (Wee Waa) did a fantastic job of playing the percussion for the march. We had our School Leader, recite a prayer which was read beautifully and also the field of poppies that all the students help make. I heard very positive feedback from community members and those that were in Pilliga for the service. Well done, everyone!

Thank you to Mrs Wilkins for the preparation and organisation for the percussion practises. Volunteering your time is what helps create a great school and positive image. Thanks also, to Mrs Pfeffer for preparing the poppies during the holidays.

Thank you to all that had ordered and paid for your Anzac memorabilia. It was a great success with all our stock being sold and money raised for the Community Centre who put on a tasty lunch.

Cooking

This terms payment for cooking is now due. The cost is \$20 per student for the term. If a payment plan is required please don't hesitate to call the school and we will get that arranged.

Naplan

This year's Naplan will be held on the 12th, 13th and 14th of May (Tues, Wed, Thurs), wk. 4 in the library

Home Readers

As discussed at the parent meeting, please make some time for your child to read to you. The idea is that the more your child reads, the more fluent they become and more able to recognise familiar words and practise using a variety of strategies to read unfamiliar words when they come up. Students have been given the instruction to read to you, brothers and sisters, the dog, cat, to anyone or anything. A reminder too, that reading fluently doesn't mean reading super fast, but at normal talking level and with any emotion the book might have. Happy listening!

Eisteddfod

This year's Eisteddfod is fast approaching. We will be performing in the Small School's Group Poetry section on Monday, 18th May. A timetable is yet to be provided and I will pass on the information as it comes to hand. Our 2 poems are 'Mispronunciations' and 'It's Windy', both by Joyce Trickett. Please support your child and come along.

Tuck Shop

Tuck Shop will begin next week on Tuesday 12th. This was brought up in several parent and community meetings as a way to engage community and school more often.

A menu will be sent home later this week with hot food to order and general prices of cakes and slices. Please support this by allowing your child to make an order and buy on the day.

Next week's parent and community helpers are: Kim Smith, Jasmine Ruttle & Jenny Stewart (if available).

*** Please Note - Helpers are to bring a cake or slice to sell as a donation.**

He was only 19

We were fortunate enough to have Frank Hunt and Terry Hutchinson visit our school on Friday 24th April. Frank was a soldier in Vietnam. He served for a few months before succumbing to a crippling leg wound suffered from a landmine. Frank was 19 when he fought in Vietnam and is the man that the song 'He Was Only 19' by John Schumann is about. Frank talked to the students about his time at war and was able to bring a perspective that only a soldier could bring. He showed his military medals and also his Order of Australia medal that he earned through his work with children and returned soldiers. We were very appreciative of both Frank and Terry's time and the information that was shared. Thank you again, Frank and Terry.



May 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27	28	29	30	1 Cross Country – Rained out	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Orange Group Cooking Cross Country	9	10
11 Rugby Union Zone Trials—Mr Lord away	12 NAPLAN - Lan- guage Conven-	13 NAPLAN - Reading	14 NAPLAN - Nu- meracy	15 Red Group Cooking	16 Wee Waa Show	17 Wee Waa Show
18 Eisteddfod	19 Zone Rugby— Gunnedah—Mr Lord away	20 Crocodile Encoun- ters @ Guadegar	21	22 Orange Group Cooking	23	24 Future Leaders
25 Future Leaders @ Lake Keepit	26 Future Leaders @ Lake Keepit	27	28	29 Red Group Cooking	30	31

Assembly - Week 1!



Congratulations Jai and Bryan! The boys received awards for their great reading!



Jai and Bryan with their book and library bag which was donated by the Lionesses of Narrabri.



Wee Waa Show

Mrs Lord, Mrs Pfeffer, Mr Dunlop and Mrs Slack-Smith have been busy setting up art supplies for the students to create with and enter show pieces for the Wee Waa show Art section. Get down to the show and check out our entries. I have a good feeling about our chances of a place on the podium with some of our artworks! Wee Waa Show - Weekend of the 16th & 17th.

Playgroup

G'day from playgroup! We have a busy term ahead of us! In the month of May we have Mother's Day—Which I think is an extra special time to show our mums how much we love them with some homemade presents. We also will be getting our entries ready for the Wee Waa show. The Crocodile Encounters show will be coming to Gwabegar on the 20th. Woolie is helping to organise a community bus for us to travel over to have a 'play' with some reptiles.

This term we will be back in the library starting at 10am.

Hope to see you there!

Lisa & Fran.