



## Diary Dates:

Monday 9th March - P&C meeting 3:15pm

Tuesday 10th March - School Photos  
(students in full school uniform)

Tuesday 17th March - Year 3 to Ellalong PS  
for author visit

Sunday 29th March - Harvest Festival

Thursday 2nd April - Hat Parade + morning  
tea 11am

What a fun filled week last week was!

Our students enjoyed a visit from Thunda and her owner, Ms Willis and we'd like to thank Pets NSW for their great program. Our children learnt how to approach a strange dog, what to do if a dog became angry and how to safely play with their own dog. It was hard to work out who enjoyed the visit most, Mr Cagney, the children or Thunda.

I'd like to thank the children for conducting themselves so well during our road side pick up on Friday. It was very pleasing to find virtually no rubbish outside our school and within our school grounds. It certainly proves that our students and the community value our school highly. I'd also like to thank parents for joining their children, they do like parents to be involved in their activities.

School photos are on next week and I'd like to remind parents that students are to be in full school uniform, not sports uniform.

Our Harvest Festival planning has hit full swing. It's proving to be a fabulous day with many stall holders and visitors coming. Our school will be running the BBQ on the day and we hope many parents and family members can give some time to assisting a successful day. This will be a huge fund raiser for our school and we'd like to encourage families to share the information through word of mouth or social media as much as they can. Flyers for the event accompany this week's newsletter, for letter dropping or handing to friends. If you'd like to

take a stall site, or know of someone who does, please let us know as we're doing site planning this week. There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday afternoon, straight after school and we welcome all who'd like to attend.

*Until next week,*

*Donna Stackman*

Are we  
ready?



Let's tackle that rubbish....



## Removing head lice and nits

It appears many of our area's schools are being hit with a bout of head lice again. I know when we mention head lice, most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. We do recommend that you check your child's hair at least once or twice a week as they can be picked up readily from any source. The usual place they can be seen is at the nape of the neck and around the ears area. We do recommend that long hair is kept tied up. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits>



## Reading with your child at home

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills and reading is valued by you. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home>

## How does our school's home reading program work?

Each week our students received home reading book, especially chosen by teachers to suit their reading abilities. We always choose an easy book, a just right book and a tricky book to encourage students to reinforce skills and build on new ones.

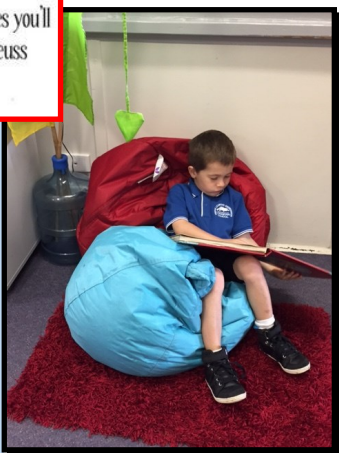
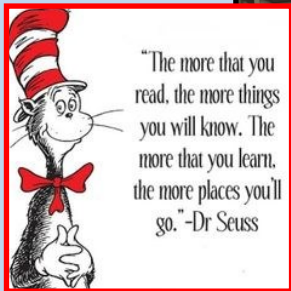
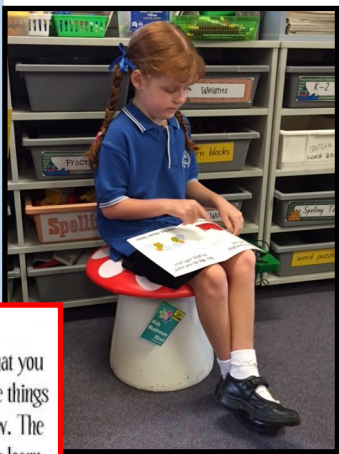
We recommend that students read to parents, not parent read to students. Parents may certainly assist with tricky words and encourage their children to 'have a go' and acknowledge their efforts constantly.

We encourage 'crisp pointing' underneath the lines of the text (the children know how to do this) as this focuses students on what is in the text.

Books in the home reading folder should be read more than once as practice makes for better readers. Research has proven time and time again, that the more children read the better they are at spelling, communication, writing and of course, reading.

Home reading folders are to be returned weekly, each Friday, along with reading logs, filled in by either students or parents.

Please come and have a chat with us should you wish to know more, or to just ask a question.



Our speaking and listening topic for this week is:- :The most unusual thing about me is....."