



Meeting Thunda!

## Diary Dates:

- Students return to school - Tuesday 29/03/16
- School Assembly - Monday 4/04/16 2:30pm
- Schools Remember ANZAC service - Tuesday 5/04/16
- Cross Country Challenge - Thursday 7/04/16
- Last day of term 1 - Friday 8/04/16
- ANZAC Day Monday 25/04/16
- Term 2 Staff Development Day - Tuesday 26/04/16
- Students return - Wednesday 27/04/16
- Harvest Festival - NEW DATE Sunday June 19th

## Strike a pose!



Welcome to week 10, we trust you all had a restful Easter Long Weekend break.

We'd like to thank all who supported our Easter festivities, donating yummys for the raffle and selling raffle tickets in our Easter basket draws. Congratulations to all winners, we hope there wasn't too much chocolate overload caused.

We certainly had a great day on our last day of the week, enjoying a visit from Thunda and her owner to teach our children about safe and responsible interactions with pets. This has been the second year we've participated in this very informative program and it certainly won't be the last.

We finished with a spectacular Hat Parade where after lots of model worthy posing, lunch was enjoyed. It was

lovely to see so many families join us for lunch including grandparents.

Last week, we undertook a process to appoint a School Administration Manager. We'd like to congratulate Ms Margaret Laird and welcome her to our school community. Ms Laird is a highly experienced SAM and she has worked in both small and large schools. She is looking forward to joining our great school and brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. Mrs Laird will replace at Mr Jasper who has done an exceptional job over this term and who will be very much missed. Please join us in welcoming Mrs Laird at the beginning of term 2.

~Until next week

Donna Stackman

## **CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Speaking and Listening topic of the week:** The yukkiest thing on Earth is.....” Students may bring props to add emphasis to their topic.

**Literacy:** This week and next week our students will be revisiting those things learnt over the term. We'll be focusing on punctuation (particularly speech marks), and those things that are necessary for the different text types.

We'll also be practicing handwriting skills.

**Mathematics:** We'll be looking at how we use maths in everyday life and when we're in the community. We'll be investigating real world problems and how we might solve these mathematically.

**Creative Arts:** We'll be practicing our choir songs, delving into different art techniques and immersing ourselves in drama.

**PDHPE:** As we've finished swimming lessons for the term, we'll be revisiting Fundamental Movement Skills, particularly with obstacle courses. We'll also be practicing our endurance in preparation for next week's Cross Country Challenge.

### **CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE**

**Thursday 7th April**

Permission notes ASAP please and sports uniform on the day

### **SCHOOL BANKING**

Please bring banking in on  
Monday

Canteen  
special  
Ice-cream  
tubs 50c

### **ANZAC Day Service in Cessnock**

**Monday 25th April**

Attached to last week's newsletter was an expression of intention to attend the ANZAC Day Service and march to represent our school.

Please complete and return by the end of term 1.

### **Changes to Routine for weeks 10 & 11**

Week 10: Part of the system changes coming soon to all schools is the way our office, finance and student wellbeing processes will operate. As part of these changes, principals and school administration staff must undertake training and learning based around these procedures. In preparation for our school going live in the new system in early 2017, Mr Jasper and I will be attending the first training sessions on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st of March.

Week 11: I will also be out on Wednesday the 6th of April due to a compulsory principal's meeting with Directors regarding the new staffing agreement with the Department of Education.

- Donna Stackman

***It's Monday! Let's check for little crawly critters in our kid's hair!***