DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

MAY
Friday 16th
Ben Lomond Cross Country

Tuesday 20th
Guyra Athletics Carnival 8 Years & Over

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd
Thalgarrah Excursion

Friday 23rd
Armidale PSSA Cross Country

Wednesday 28th
NO ACTIVE AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

JUNE
Monday 2nd
Gymnastics in Armidale

Wednesday 11th
NO ACTIVE AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Monday 9th
Public Holiday

Wednesday 11th
Gymnastics in Armidale

Wednesday 25th
Gymnastics in Armidale

Friday 27th
Crazy Hair Day & Last Day of Term

Week 3 in term two and our great public school is certainly busy. Our school community has welcomed two new families. Mel and Andrew Morgan with their daughter Ashlee who is in kindergarten and Jess and Peter with their daughter Maddison in year one. Now there are forty beautiful students attending our wonderful small school. K-2 has twenty one students and years 3-6 nineteen. The last two weeks has seen years 3 and 5 students completing NAPLAN assessments, all students completing classroom assessments for semester one reports, an average of 21 students have been attending the Active Afternoon School Community program, our homework centre is averaging nine students per session, all students are training for their upcoming cross country and athletics carnivals, school photographs, staff have completed the school's WHS checklists and plans are well underway for the overnight excursion to Thalgarrah next week.

Snow Gum Alliance Excursion to Thalgarrah
Next Wednesday all students and staff will attend an excursion to Thalgarrah Environmental Centre. K-2 will only attend on Wednesday while 3-6 students will stay overnight and arrive home on Thursday afternoon. K-2 parents who live in Guyra please ensure that you are at Guyra Central School at 3pm on Wednesday to collect your child otherwise the students will travel back to school. The same goes for years 3-6 parents on Thursday afternoon.

All students need to bring their morning tea, lunch, water bottle and wide brimmed hat - no caps allowed. Parents are also reminded that no student is allowed to bring any junk food, NO I-pods or I-pads, torches or aerosols/deodorants.

Guyla Athletics Carnival
Next Tuesday Mrs McIntyre and Miss Waters will accompany our athletics squad to the annual Guyra and District athletics carnival at Guyra Central School and it will commence at 9.15am and finish by 3pm. Town families are to collect their child/children at the school at 3pm and any student's attending the Homework Centre or bus students will return on Suttie's bus.

Winter Uniform
Our students look spectacular in their winter uniforms and it is fabulous to see that the vast majority of our students are wearing them every day. I would appreciate it if parents could please ensure that your child/children have no dangling jewellery including the latest crazy bands and that there are no casual jumpers or footy tops. I do understand that occasionally uniforms do get dirty and can't be worn but some students seem to be wearing the wrong jumpers regularly. We do have mufti days at least twice a term and this is when casual clothes can be worn.

Gymnastics
Many thanks to Miss Waters who is conducting our gymnastics active afternoon sessions. All students and staff from K-6 will be attending gymnastic classes at the Armidale Gymnastics Centre in Kentucky Street on Monday 2nd June, Wednesday 18th June and Wednesday 25th June leaving school at 1.15pm and returning at 4.45pm. Parents can pick their child/children up from Armidale at 4pm if it is easier. There will be no Active Afternoon Sport on Wednesday 21st and 28th May and 11th June.

New Students: Ashlee & Maddison
Ben Lomond Cross Country
All students will be attending Ben Lomond Small School Cross Country tomorrow. The event commences at 10am and finishes at about 1.30pm. Thank you to parents for transporting students.

NAPLAN
This week has seen all students in years 3 and 5 sit for their NAPLAN assessments and the results should return in Sept-Oct.

Amidale PSSA Cross Country
Good luck to our cross country squad who will be competing in Armidale next Friday 23rd May commencing at 10.15am. Mrs Purvis will be accompanying the team.

Lake Keepit Excursion Years 3-6
Please see the attached note regarding this excursion booked from 25th August to 29th August.

Recycled art club
Next Wednesday we will be doing an activity at lunchtime.

We will be doing it once a week on Wednesday for the rest of the term. If your child/children are interested could they please bring in recycled things for decorating E.G Milk bottle lids, old beads, necklaces, bottle top lids, chain, screws.

These are the activities we will be doing:

Tin Can Organiser- For decorating you will need milk bottle lids and other recycling items to decorate with.

Flower on an Ice-Cream lid- Leaves for decorating and other items as well

Bottle cap locket- milk bottle lids and other things too

Puzzle Tree- You will need to bring old puzzle pieces

Recycled Card Box- You will need milk bottle lids and other items.

Star- Broken pencil or old pencils.

This club is recycling items only as it is called Sophie and Maryam’s recycled art club.

By Maryam Elyssa and Sophie McKemey

Recycled items that are required for school: old magazines, milk bottle/beer tops, old beads, necklaces, tiles, ice cream lids, bottle tops from jams etc, buttons, lace, flowers, clean cans, flower pot bases, screws, bolt/nuts, chain & fine wire.

Grip Leadership
Congratulations to our school leaders in years five and six who represented our school at the Armidale and District leadership course in Armidale on Monday 5th May. All students participated in a number of workshops and this excellent program should certainly enhance all students leadership knowledge, skills and understanding. Many thanks to Mrs McIntyre for accompanying our students and a big thank you to those parents who provided transport.

Since attending this magnificent leadership program Sophie McKemey is using her initiative as a school leader to provide students with a recycled art group every Wednesday at lunchtime and Farren Lyon is designing our school garden.

For Sophie's activity to succeed she needs a large supply of recycled items, so please read her newsletter piece and lets all help to provide a variety of recycled items.

School I pads
Our highly committed and dedicated P&C have been doing a huge amount of fundraising so that they can purchase I-pads for students to use at Bald Blair Public School. It was moved at the last P&C meeting that they would donate money to our school so that we can purchase seven new I-pads. These I-pads will certainly enhance our school’s educational programs and a very special thank you to the P&C for their kind donation.

Happy Birthday to Archie who celebrated his 9th Birthday at school on Monday 5th May.

Maryam, Claudia & Lettie having fun during school photos last week.
Elephant’s Toothpaste
With Zoe
To do Elephant’s toothpaste you need to pour some hydrogen peroxide into a soda bottle then put in 8 drops of your favourite colour of food colouring. Next pour in some dishwashing soap into the soda bottle. Get a little cup out and put ½ spoon of dry yeast into it and then put three ½ spoons of warm water in. Then pour the dry yeast and warm water into the soda bottle (with a funnel) and see what happens.

by Zoe

The Naked Egg Experiment With Archie
To do the naked egg experiment you need a jar, an egg and some vinegar.
Method:
1. You put some vinegar in the jar and then carefully put the egg into the vinegar.
2. You leave it for twenty four hours and then you can see what happens.
3. In my experiment the egg shell peeled off. When I took it out of the jar, the egg felt bouncy.