DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

FEbruary
Friday 13th Guyra Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 17th Camp Out training - Mrs Gittoes
Wednesday 18th P&C Meeting 7pm
Thursday 19th Armidale Swimming Carnival
Friday 20th Small School Swimming Carnival
Monay 23rd & Tues 24th Mrs Gittoes absent
March
Wednesday 11th Transition Commences
Thursday 19th & 20th Principal's Conference Tamworth
April
Thursday 2nd Easter Hat/Assembly

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Week three and all students and staff have been designing, creating, finishing and mounting the Guyra Show entries and the students are focusing on improving their athletics skills in fitness, afternoon sport and sport this term.

Yesterday Mr Adam Marshall, member for Northern Tablelands sent a letter followed by an email to congratulate Farren, Jessie and Patrick on becoming the Bald Blair Public School leaders for 2015. It has been a sheer pleasure working with these leaders and they are taking on their new roles with commitment and dedication. I have ordered the leaders new jerseys and I look forward to presenting each leader with their new jumpers in a couple of weeks.

All students have been rolled over in Mathletics and ABC Reading Eggs and I would ask each parent to encourage their child/children to complete a task at home each night to further enhance their child/children’s literacy and numeracy skills.

Last Friday we had 100% completion of homework tasks. Fantastic! Let’s keep up the great work.

Good luck to our swimming squad who will participate in the annual Guyra and District Swimming Carnival tomorrow. Some students have been going to the local pool each afternoon to put in some extra practice, hopefully it will pay off on tomorrow.

Our Creative Arts Centre has been flooded on numerous occasions during January and February and at this stage the carpet tiles have been lifted and dried but they are mouldy and I’m in the process of putting in an insurance claim to see if they can be replaced. The hall will have no carpet until further notice.

Guyra Swimming Carnival
Good luck to our competitive swimming squad who will be participating in the Guyra and District Swimming carnival on Friday 13th February. Everyone needs to meet Miss Waters at the Guyra Pool by 9.15am.

Guyra Show
Everyone is extremely busy organising and mounting our quality pieces of art work for the upcoming Guyra Show. This year all art/craft entries need to be delivered to the Community Hall by 5.30pm on Tuesday 17th February. Sadly this year, due to new rules we can only enter works of art/craft for three students per grade. However all students from K-6 have helped with the three beautiful class murals that we are entering.

I would like to invite all parents to take time out of their day and visit the pavilion on either Friday or Saturday 20th and 21st February to view the excellent pieces of creative art.

Highland Small School Swimming Carnival
All staff and students from K-6 will be participating in the small school carnival next Friday 20th February. It would be great to see a large number of parents attend this sporting event to cheer on our competitive little treasures. All parents are asked to transport or arrange transport to and from this event. Please sign and return the attached note.

Crunch and Sip
Congratulations, we are still achieving 100% with each student bringing either a piece of fruit or a vegetable to eat.

P&C Meeting & AGM Next Wednesday 18th February at 7pm
Agenda Items Include:
Meeting times & Fundraising for 2015
It would be great to see many families represented as the P&C really needs support from all families to provide opportunities for your children. E.G. Funding for bus trips, excursions etc.
3-6 News with Miss Waters

Years 3-4 have been working hard in class learning recounts. We are starting to look at newspaper articles and by the end of this week students will be able to construct their own recount article.

We are reading Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl and are completing numerous grammatical and writing activities around this book.

In HSIE we are learning about World War 1. We have looked at the timeline of important events and have started our class mural for the Guyra show.

Our classroom goal for this term is to have neat and tidy workbooks and handwriting. Some students really need to work hard on improving this.

Last week all students returned their homework, which was fantastic! I hope this continues throughout term 1. Remember all students should be reading at home for at least 10-20 minutes a night.

If you have any questions or concerns please make a time to see me. I’ll be more than happy to discuss anything with you.

Aimee Waters
START OF YEAR NOTES
Could parents please remember to return notes that were sent home in Week 1. We need these returned school so records can be updated.

News with Mrs Purvis
It has been a wonderful start to 2015 with all students eager to learn. This term I will be teaching Japanese, music, You Can Do It! and PE to the 3-6 students.

Japanese
In Japanese the students will be participating in a variety of exciting activities to increase their knowledge, skills and understanding of the Japanese language.

In You Can Do It!
Are you keeping calm? Our focus this term will be on resilience. Students will be completing activities on describing different emotions and becoming familiar with recognising their own emotions and the emotions of others.

Music
This term the boys are learning 'I Incy, Wincy Spider' on the marimbas and the girls are learning 'I Love You'.

PE
In PE this term our focus will be athletics. The students have been taking part in drills to increase the speed of their changeover of the baton in relays. Next week they will start high jump, shot put and discus training.

K-2 MONKEYS with Mrs McIntyre

Spelling
Enjoying their spelling activities.

History
We have been learning about what Australia was looked like 100 years ago.

Science
Learning about what's in our sky

Literacy
Using our new resources