DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

APRIL
Monday 27th   School Photographs
Tuesday 28th   P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 29th Mrs Gittoes & Mrs Davidson at Course
Thursday 30th   Guyra Central School Athletics Carnival

MAY
Friday 8th    Armidale PSSA Cross Country 10am
Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th  NAPLAN YEARS 3 & 5
Friday 15th    Small School Cross Country at Ben Lomond

Welcome back to term two and wow our school gardens are looking spectacular with their autumn colours. The recent heavy rain and lack of wind has ensured us of an amazing autumn with vibrant coloured deciduous trees and the lawns are carpeted with the splendour of autumn leaves. The students have been wonderful because I know that they are all very eager to build some autumn nests however, Mrs Davidson needs the leaves to stay put until next Monday so that she can take our school photos for 2015. Many thanks to Mrs Davidson for taking some magnificent photographs of our school building and grounds yesterday afternoon.

On Tuesday all students and staff welcomed Mrs McIntyre back from leave and we also welcomed Jasmine and Nathan Robertson in year 6 and year 4 respectively to our great public school. It is wonderful to see that all students are wearing their winter uniforms and the majority of students are wearing their school ties. They just look amazing and it’s magnificent to see the school leaders Patrick, Farren and Jessie leading by example.

ANZAC Day
On Saturday students, staff and parents are most welcome to march at the Guyra ANZAC Day march. We need to meet at Fourways at 10.30am. All students need to wear their full winter uniform, clean, black and shiny shoes and wear their wide brimmed hat.

School Photographs
Next Monday Mrs Davidson is hoping that the weather is fine so that she can take our school photos. All students need to wear their full school winter uniforms (we would like all girls to be in their pinafores) with shiny black shoes, ties, badges and red jumpers.

Homework Centre
This popular school initiative is off to a flying start for term two and it will continue to run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30 until 5.30. Cost $7.50 per hour. Many thanks to all those parents who have paid their fees for term one.

Guyra Athletics Carnival
As per the email earlier this week - Next Thursday 30th April all students 8 years and above will be participating at the Guyra and District Athletics carnival and Miss Waters and Mrs Gittoes will be accompanying the team. Permission note/lunch orders need to be in by tomorrow.

Transition
Yesterday the transition students had a magnificent day studying the letter “t” and the number two. The students completed a number of different literacy and numeracy tasks and it is so rewarding to see just how much they are improving each week. For cooking this week the students had great pleasure in making toast and eating it. The day ended with free time constructing imaginative things from lego and building blocks.

Regretably next week there will be NO transition because Mrs Gittoes and Mrs Davidson have to attend a professional development course "Strategic Financial Management for NSW Public Schools" in Inverell on Wednesday 29th April.

Mrs Gittoes presenting Sue Wallace Gabi Guban (Bald Blair Playgroup) with a cheque for $750 for their help at this year’s Lamb & Potato Festival.
Welcome back to another term 3-6
With Miss Waters.....

This term students in 3-6 will be completing a book study on Roald Dahl and his story ‘The Twits’. Students will be completing various writing, artwork, grammar and comprehension around this children’s book.

Years 3 and 4 will be learning the layout and structure of expositions and will work towards writing their own quality piece of writing.

3-6 will begin Wacky Science next Wednesday with Aidan doing the first experiment. Please see the attached roster for following Wacky Science Wednesday’s.

Through the first two weeks of this term year 3 and 4 have been learning about whole number and place value. Students have completed numerous activities on writing, reading and interpreting 4 and 5 digit numbers.

Every second week year 3 and 4 will be presenting an in-class speech. These will be done in class not part of homework. Students are more than welcome to work on them at home as well if they wish.

In the next couple of weeks years 3 and 5 will be getting ready to sit the NAPLAN test; we will continue to look at past papers and questions in class but in students would like to also do some practice questions at home they can log onto their ‘Mathletics’ and complete the NAPLAN style test or log onto the board of studies website for past papers.

Please feel free to make a time to meet with me in person or via the phone if you have any questions or concerns about your child/children I am more than happy to help where I can.

Thanks,
Aimee Waters

Science
This term our science focus is learning about ‘Light’. So far the students have been looking at sources of light and will continue throughout the term learning about why living things need light and the difference between natural and man-made forms light.

Spelling
For spelling, the K-2 monkeys have spent our first week back at school completing written and hands on activities. The students have been typing their spelling list words, threading their words onto a shoelace and using the activity “Wordle” on the interest.

Our beautiful school in autumn
Geography
We have just started Geography where they have been looking at being able to read simple map and follow simple directions to get from one place to another.

Speaking and Listening
We had a lot of fun this week participating in a few listening activities. Students were given a blank piece of paper and needed to listen to a set of instructions to complete a drawing. It was amazing how quiet our classroom was during this activity. It really showed that all of the students are capable for listening if they need to.

P&C Meeting Next Tuesday 28th April February at 6.30pm
All Welcome...

Campout
This is an excellent positive program to support parents and their children.

Program has four essential ingredients:

- **Educate**
Parents learn about parenting strategies to support children’s development and emotional needs

- **Inspire**
Parents and children participate in meaningful conversation

- **Connect**
Parent’s acknowledge and celebrate their child’s qualities.

- **Evaluate**
Parents complete the evaluation form at the end of each Campout.

Program runs from Day 1 3pm until Day 2 9.30am the next day.

One parent and one child with a tent. Bring picnic dinner /breakfast. Or have it catered for or join together and share.

Cost Campout bag $15.00

The Snow Gum Alliance has organised a Campout for interested parents at Thalgarrah Environmental Centre on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd May. If you would like to attend this initiative please let me know as soon as possible.

Happy Birthday to:
Chelsea & Patrick who both celebrated their Birthday’s during the holidays.