Gunnedah Eisteddfod

The Primary Choir showed off their fantastic vocal skills at the Gunnedah Eisteddfod. They sang an exciting rendition of the African children's song 'Sansa Kroma'.

The adjudicator commented that they sang this with good energy and focus and the percussion section had good rhythm keeping everyone together, well done percussion boys - Neil Harvey and William Lake.

They then performed a very moving version of 'The Last ANZAC'. It was noted, again by the adjudicator, that the piece had a lovely opening solo, sung by Jocelyn Heywood, and that the whole choir sang with good phrasing and vocal ensemble sound. They really understand how to tell a story through song. As a result of this the Primary Choir was awarded 85 points which gained them 4th place and a Highly Commended. It was a very tight competition as there were only 5 points separating 4th and 1st place. A massive effort and congratulations to ALL students and staff involved.
**Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to the parents who attended the parent/teacher interviews for Year 12 students last Tuesday afternoon. We value your support.

**Prime Lamb Competition Results**

A fortnight ago our Agricultural Department had great success at the North West Schools Prime Lamb competition. Finlay Harry, Emily Paul, Emily McDonald, Kurt Butcher, Mackenzie Mackay, Hayden Highlands and Tighe Withers travelled with Mr Connors and Mr Faulks to Armidale in order to match their knowledge against 200 students from across the region.

Manilla Central School was crowned Grand Champion of the competition in both major divisions. We were Grand Champion in the Hoof Section (live lambs) and Grand Champion in the Hook Section (which judges the quality of the meat).

Individually Emily McDonald carried on with her Term One success with attaining fourth in the Senior Section of the junior judging section, while Mackenzie Mackay placed seventh.

In the teams sections, we had three pens in the Light Weight competition. These placed first, fourth and fifth. We had one pen in the Mid Weight competition and they finished first, which culminated in Manilla Central School being crowned Grand Champions.

The lambs were then taken to the butchery where their meat was then classed. Our lambs were then deemed Grand Champion in the Hook Section.

Overall, we were the most successful school in the Prime Lamb competition out performing eleven other schools and two hundred students who judged one hundred sheep.

Congratulations Mr Connors, Mr Faulks, Finlay, Emily, Emily, Kurt, Hayden, Mackenzie and Tighe. This was a tremendous achievement.

**Bridge Program**

We have two teachers from Indonesia visiting our school for the next two weeks as part of the Bridge Program. They are Ibu Grace and Ibu Tri. We are very excited and privileged to have them with us and are looking forward to hearing everything about their school system and way of life. Mrs Heywood and Mrs Hohnke have spent some time with Ibu Grace and Ibu Tri in Melbourne at the Bridge Program conference and will reciprocate a visit to their school in Indonesia during the next holidays. What an exciting program for us to be involved in.
Our General Assistant, Vicki White, has been busy with some schoolyard makeover projects. Her latest project has been the front corner garden. It definitely makes the school look more attractive and welcoming. Thank you for your hard work Vicki.

Before and after shots of the front of the Primary school show the garden really taking shape.

Below left, improvements to the entrance of the administration building.

Below right, Mrs White and students and the then, newly planted garden near the assembly stage.
Zone Cross Country

Last Monday, 18th May, a group of 28 students represented Manilla Primary at the Zone Cross Country Carnival in Barraba. Mr Willis was very pleased with the group’s overall performance, running on a very tough and rigorous Barraba course. All of the students can be proud of their efforts competing against a field of approximately 50 runners in each age group.

Our greatest success of the day was with the 12/13 year girls. The team (pictured), consisting of Tanaya Temple, Meegan Taylor, Jocelyn Heywood and Samantha McCubbin, took out the 12/13 years team championship.

Congratulations to Samantha McCubbin who finished 3rd overall in the 12/13 year girls and will go on to represent Tamworth Zone at the upcoming Regional Carnival in Coolah. A fantastic achievement Samantha!

Special mention to Laura Carter who just missed out on Regional representation finishing 7th in the 8/9 year girls and to Bailey Russell who finished 8th in the 8/9 year boys event.

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Last Friday, 3/4TAP conducted the K-6 assembly. The class entertained the audience with a song about fairy tales and a dramatic performance, “Cinderella”, a parody of the original story.

Jayce Tavo and Eliana Faulks showed their acting abilities as The Prince and Cinderella. Sam Butcher was an outstanding Hairy Godmother; Callum Cocking and Eve-Mae Davies were convincing Ugly Sisters and Tamara Ryan, a commanding narrator.

The students who conducted the more formal side of the assembly did so with confidence and professionalism.

Well done, 3/4TAP!
Compulsory School Attendance
Information for Parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?
Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. *The Educations Act 1900* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.
Title: Prince of Afghanistan

Author: Louis Nowra

Summary: A young soldier and his dog called Prince are the only survivors of a rescue mission in Afghanistan that goes wrong. Alone in hostile territory they realise that they are probably presumed dead and must make their own way back to base.

The young soldier, on his first tour of duty must use all his wits and skills if they are to survive the perilous journey. Battling injuries, hunger and thirst, they trek across the unforgiving terrain while trying to avoid the Taliban along the way. As the journey goes on, the bond between man and dog deepens as both must depend on each other to survive.

Suitable for Lower to Mid Secondary.

Is there a book title that you would like to see added to our Library collection? Please come to see us in the Secondary Library and we will endeavour to get it in for you.

Mrs Vanessa Christakos - Secondary Librarian
Free Immunisation - Visit 2, 2015

This Friday, 29th May, students from Years 7, 11 & 12 who have returned consent forms will be given their appropriate immunisations.

Please ensure your child has had breakfast on Immunisation Clinic Day.

Missed a newsletter?
You can find our newsletter online at:

COMING EVENTS - WEEK 6

Mon, 25th May
Tue, 26th May 3/4TB Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea Cake Stall
Wed, 27th May Chess @ Nemingha Public School
Thu, 28th May Public Education Day
Fri, 29th May Year 7 immunisations
         Years 11 & 12 immunisation catch up

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