TERM 1
WEEK 3

12th February 2013

Tuesday 12th February
5 p.m. - P. and C. Welcome BBQ
followed by Parent Information Session

Wednesday 13th February
Mobile library visits

Thursday 16th February
P. & C. Meeting
Staff Room – 7.30 p.m.

Friday 15th February
Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival @ Ardlethan

Water Fun activities for Stage One

Temora Independent visit for Kinder photo

Our first watermelon Crop .......
YUM !!!!
**Principal’s News**

If you have visited school since last weekend, you may have noticed the result of some feverish work in our garden. Thank you to the Beard and Currie families and to Lelia Smith for giving up their time on a very warm Saturday. Shrubbery has been lifted and tidied up, making supervision of students and the retrieval of rogue bouncy balls much safer and easier.

Our students are tackling their vast array of rostered roles and responsibilities with great vigour, helping to keep our school looking great and running smoothly. Great work, kids!

Over the past week, staff have been busy updating their certification for emergency care and anaphylaxis treatment and completed CPR training at Narrandera High School yesterday.

The school is abuzz with excitement over the upcoming Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival this Friday. Best wishes to all participants. It is very pleasing to see all students have entered at least one event. Remember the main thing is to try your best and enjoy the experience. Thank you to all parents and carers who have offered their assistance in the form of transport and jobs on the day. Transport is still required for some students, so if you can possibly add some more students to your vehicle, please contact us so that we can ensure nobody misses out.

Students not participating in the carnival will be under the supervision of Miss Walsh at school. Miss Walsh has plenty of water fun activities in store for these students, so remember to bring all the right gear.

This Thursday, Stage 2/3 students will be treated to a special visit by an educator from the Riverina Environmental Education Centre. Part of our Science studies, students will investigate minibeasts lurking in the depths of Graeme and Helen Hatty’s nearby dam. Thanks to Graeme and Helen for allowing us to visit their property. Please ensure you sign and return the attached permission note for what is sure to be a fun and highly educational activity.

This Thursday evening is our first P. and C. meeting for the year. Commencing at 7.30 p.m. we are looking forward to a record attendance to support this most important facet of our school’s operation.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone at tonight’s Welcome BBQ and Information Night and at the P. and C. meeting on Thursday.

Regards,

Valerie McKelvie
Relieving Principal

**Coolamon-Ardlethan Zone P.S.S.A. Boys Cricket Trials**

The Coolamon-Ardlethan Zone P.S.S.A. Boys Cricket Trials are coming up next week. We are yet to receive information, but will forward it as soon as possible. Boys in Stage 2/3 should give some consideration as to whether they would like to participate in these trials. Transport and supervision will be the responsibility of the parents/ carers of individual participants.

**Permission Notes / Voluntary School Contributions / Family Details**

Many thanks to those who have already returned their permission notes, family details and medical updates and voluntary school contributions. For those who have not yet done so, it would be greatly appreciated if these could be returned as soon as possible.

**School newsletter**

Our school newsletter is widely distributed in our local community through families, by post, on our website and through email.

If you are currently receiving a paper copy of the newsletter and would prefer to receive it electronically, please let us know at the school so this can be arranged for you.

**Mobile Library**

The mobile library will be here again tomorrow. Please ensure all resources have been returned to the box in the hallway.
**Lunch Orders**

Don’t forget that lunch orders are due in by Thursday each week. Please contact Rosie Rowland if you are able to volunteer your time to help continue this service.

**Thank you**

A big thank you to Sandra Bensch who kindly donated the cake for the Year 6 Farewell held at the end of last year. It was delicious!

**Riddle of the Week**

How far will a blind dog walk into a forest?

**Last week’s riddle**

Q: You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?  

A: An ear of corn

**Water Fun Day**

Students in Stage One not attending the Swimming Carnival will be enjoying some fun water activities in the afternoon session. Please ensure your child brings along the following;

- Swimmers, including a rash vest
- Towel
- Thongs

**Kinder Photo**

The Temora Independent will visit our school on Friday morning to take the Kinder 2013 photo. Please ensure your child is dressed in their correct sport uniform.

**Stage 2/3 News Report**  
by Amelia Altoft and Alex Costello.

**Information Night –**

Tonight, Tuesday, 12th February at 5 p.m. we are having a Welcome BBQ and Information Night for parents.

**Library –**

Last Thursday, we had some workers come to the school to install new shelves for the library for our growing school. And as some of you know, Mrs Walsh has taken a job at the Coolamon Library and visited with Mrs McLoughlan to give our new Kindies a library bag.

**Swimming Carnival –**

On Friday, 15th February students 8 and over from our school and more schools are attending the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival. The students not going to the carnival are having a Water Fun Day at school.

**John O’Brien Festival**

In 2013, the Narrandera Library is again hosting the John O’Brien Writing Competition for school students as part of the John O’Brien Festival running from the 14th to the 17th March.

Entries are to be based on the theme of ‘Narrandera’ and need to be submitted on A4 paper in the form of a short story (1000 words maximum), poem, lyric or rap. Story pages need to be numbered and unless a request is lodged, entries will not be returned. This year, students may participate in this competition by completing their entry at home. Entry forms are available from the school office.

Entries need to be submitted to the Narrandera Shire Library before 5:30 p.m. Thursday 7th March. Judging will take place Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March. Winners will be notified prior to the awards ceremony which will be held on Thursday 14th March, 2013 at the Narrandera Shire Library. Traditionally, our students perform very well in this competition and we look forward to seeing some more high calibre entries this year.

**Helpful tips**

**Jargon buster**

Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.

Find out more:  
**Maths questions**

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.


**Helping your child with homework**

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.


**Coolamon Library News**

The library’s “Caught Reading” photo competition is still running. Grab a camera and take a photograph of someone caught reading. Submit the photograph online for a chance to win. Winners from each age category will receive a $50.00 gift card. Entry forms can be found at www.nsw.gov.au with entries closing 28th February.

Our next storytime for the month of February will be held on Friday 22nd February @ 10.30am theme “Bears/Teddy Bears”. Come and join in the fun.

Another year well on its way the library has many resources available. The library has three public computers with free internet, printing services and photocopying all available. Also the library offers Inter Library loans and Inter Branch loans for those items which are not available in the library. We are continuously receiving new books, DVD’s, CD’s and magazines, call in for a browse – membership is FREE.

Also remember the Coolamon Library is on Facebook! News, pictures, events and opportunities are regularly uploaded – join us now

Your Play School Concert Invitation

Lexton Public School P&C is hosting a Play School concert at Lexton Soldiers Club. We would like to welcome children in your care to join us at the concert on Tuesday 19th March 2013.

If you would like to make a group booking please contact Elizabeth Mudford at lextonglphyplayschool@gmail.com or on 0416 014 723. Group bookings receive 2 free tickets for every 20 tickets purchased.

We would also appreciate if you could include information about the concert in your newsletter.

**Show Info – Humpty’s Showtime**

Humpty is putting on a surprise show! Join him as gathers together the Play School Toys to help with the big spectacular. There are starring roles for Jessie, Big Ted, Little Ted and Meek and guest appearances from other Play School favourites along the way. Filled with fun songs to sing and dance along with, this 40 minute show will delight Play School fans.

These popular Play School live shows are specially designed to delight pre-schoolers and parents alike. The concert features songs, games and stories, presented by two Play School presenters, along with the real stars of the show, the toys.

As with the television program, everything in the concerts is carefully paced especially for children. There are songs to move to, as well as quiet times to just watch and listen. The familiarity of the material and the presenters combined, totally engage the young audience and there is lots of audience participation.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Tickets on sale now through Lexton Jack in the Box 97 Pine Ave Lexton (cash sales only)
Phone Bookings Call Kids Promotions 1300 788 028
Book online at www.kidspromotions.com.au
Tickets $16.50
*$6.80 Transaction fee per booking not per ticket for phone & online bookings

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