Dear Parents and Community Members,

What an incredible term we have had – celebrating the many successes achieved by our students in academic and sporting domains.

**SWIMMING STARS**

Congratulations to our Relay Team Gracye, Alex, Ruby and Jack who represented us at the State SSA Swimming Championships. They all achieved their personal best and enjoyed this amazing experience. Well done.

Thank you to everyone who supported their sporting journey - Mr John Barilaro Member for Monaro; Alicia Edmed - manager of Cooma McDonalds, Leo Percy, the P&C and the School.

**NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS**

What a wonderful three days were spent in Sydney. The NYL attracted an audience of 6000 students which nearly filled the QANTAS arena in Darling Harbour. We were privileged to hear some outstanding speakers including Coen Ashton (a cystic fibrosis / double lung transplant survivor); Mike Martin (CEO of the Halogen Foundation - NYL Organisers); Andy Griffiths - a very inspirational and exciting author; and Ita Buttrose - 2013 Australian of the Year, CEO of Dementia Australia, Producer, Writer, Author and Speaker.

Other highlights of the Sydney adventure included a cruise of Sydney Harbour, a visit to the IMAX theatre in Darling Harbour; and a visit to the Australian National Maritime Museum, where we explored the workings of a submarine, a destroyer and a patrol boat. We also enjoyed dinner at Chinatown after some haggling with vendors!

Our Student Leaders enjoyed the experience and were excellent ambassadors of our school during the excursion.

**MULTILIT READING PROGRAM**

Last year parents and staff were trained in this program to assist in the development of students learning outcomes in reading. Thank you to Margaret...
for coordinating/implementing the program and to our parent tutors – Madeleine, Monique and Jo for their efforts and commitment throughout the term. Already several students have graduated from the program – well done!

**LEARNING JOURNEY**
Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Term 1 Learning Journey last Friday. The students always enjoy sharing their work and this helps develop confidence, skills in public speaking and self-esteem.

**SAKG GARDEN**
Thank you to Madeleine & Therese for their ongoing contributions to ensuring we maintain our SAKG Program. Also thank you to our enthusiastic parent volunteers. I would also like to thank those families who have volunteered their time and efforts to continue the weeding/garden maintenance program which started with the working bee in February. Your contributions have been greatly appreciated. Please see the attached roster for the holidays and if you have missed your week, maybe you can assist during the break. Please contact Therese to see what is required each week.

**VIEW CLUB VISIT**
At our last SAKG day the ladies from the Cooma View Club joined us for a delicious lunch. They were so impressed and now they will be bring the whole Club for a visit in Term 2. They made many donations to the SAKG Program and purchased several Yumeralla cookbooks. We look forward to hosting their future visit.

**LIFE EDUCATION**
Students enjoyed a very exciting visit from Sienna McBride and her offsider Healthy Harold. They explored such issues as bullying, peer pressure and resilience. Our children enjoyed interacting with the students from Jerangle PS. A great day was had by all.

**DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY**
Congratulations to everyone on their outstanding efforts in this year’s District Cross Country. Congratulations to Gracyle who will be competing in the Regional Cross Country at Nowra on the 30th May – we wish her every success.

**AASS – BASKETBALL**
During the term students have enjoyed basketball with Sally Connolly as part of our AASS program. Next term the children have voted to do soccer.

**VARIETY CLUB VISIT – NUMERALLA PS**
This week I received wonderful news that the Variety Club has donated $4400 towards the cost of our new playground. This is absolutely fantastic! On Tuesday 20th May we have volunteered to cater for 300 members of the Variety Club when they visit our school and perform a concert for the students as well as show off their amazing vehicles. This is a wonderful fundraising opportunity and therefore we need as many parent and community volunteers to help us on this day and at the working bee/setting up day on Saturday 17th May – just prior to the event. Please note these dates in your diary!

Finally, please note the dates in the newsletter and put them on your calendar. Remember school resumes on Tuesday 29th April.

On behalf of the staff and students I wish you all a relaxing holiday period, a magical Easter time and a
safe return for Term 2.
Happy Holidays
Regards
Jo

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL
29 - School Resumes

MAY
1 - Rivers Field Events
8 – Rivers Track Events
17 – Working Bee
20 - Variety Club Extravaganza
23- SAKG Full Day program

EASTER EGG HUNT AND HAT PARADE
Last Monday the children participated in a Hat Parade. There were some wonderful hat designs and the children are to be congratulated on their efforts.
An Easter egg hunt followed creating lots of fun in finding the most eggs.

FAMILY GARDEN WEEK
If you are unable to do your suggested week please make arrangements to swap with another family. Please contact Therese to see what is required each week.

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21 - 27 APRIL  GOULD

LIBRARY NEWS
KOALA AWARDS
Thank you to everyone who nominated books for the Kids Own Australian Literature Awards. There were 39 nominations for the 4 categories, with 21 different books being nominated. We will wait to see if any of our favourite books make it on to the Short List.

COMMUNITY NEWS
EASTER SERVICE AT ST JOHN’S NUMERALLA ON EASTER SATURDAY 19TH OF APRIL 2014 AT 7.30 PM ALL WELCOME