Dear Parents and Community Members,

Already this term is progressing very quickly. The students have been working diligently in class on their literacy/novel studies, new Science, HSIE and History units; and meeting new mathematical challenges. The younger students have been reading a variety of books, while their main focus has been on ‘We’re Going on a Bear Hunt’. They have explored this book using YouTube, print formats, through musical lyrics and other sources. The older students are enjoying ‘The Bridge to Terabithia’ which focuses on the dynamics of families, perceptions, imagination, friendships and social situations.

**Funding for School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs)**

Each year the school receives funding for students with identified needs. This funding comes into the school in two allocations, which can be used for various programs at the Principal's discretion. This funding has been used to employ Trish and Jan to work in the school for four days per week. After reviewing our budget and forecasting costs until the end of the year, we knew there would not be enough funds to continue paying for a SLSO on the days when Mrs Pearson was employed with the younger classes. Therefore it has been necessary to release Trish and Jan from these days. At first we cut only two days per fortnight, however this was not going to be feasible over the remaining two terms. There will be an SLSO employed on the days when the students are working with only one teacher (Mondays, Thursdays and professional meetings, learning days, fun days etc).

Sadly Trish has moved on. We would like to say a huge thank you to Trish, not only for her work with specific students but also for her collegiality and her enthusiasm in working with all members in the school community. Thank you Trish for all your hard
work over the past two and a half years.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews
During the last two weeks we have enjoyed talking with you about your child/ren - their progress, achievements and areas for development. Thank you for taking time to come in and talk with us. A great thing about a small school is that you can stop in and chat at any time if there is a concern or if you just want to share some highlights and successes.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS TERM 3
Thank you to all those people who have returned their notes and photo consent forms. There are still a few outstanding and these need to be in as soon as possible.

GARDEN REFURBISHMENT
During the last two weeks a new garden has been established. The large rocks outside the kitchen have been removed and a garden has been created using native plants and mulch from around the village. Thank you to Jim for planting the Manchurian Pear trees and for putting in the path and the poles. Thank you to Mrs Pearson and the little garden gnomes who planted the grasses and small shrubs, as well as mulched the garden last Friday on National Tree Day. Thank you also to our watering group.

Dalgety Fun Day
The second fun day for 2014 will be held at Dalgety on Wednesday 13th August. Dalgety PS are hosting and organising the day which will be held at the Dalgety Showground. Transport will be provided by Staff Members using private vehicles. A note is attached today.

FAMILIES: PAST & PRESENT
Today we had a special visit from Trevor Boucher who came in to talk with the students about life in bygone days. He was a font of knowledge and kept the students enraptured with his tales. Thank you, Trevor for sharing your stories.

Until next fortnight,
Regards
Jo

UPCOMING EVENTS
AUGUST
13- Fun Day at Dalgety
20- Book Week Parade / Book Fair
MONDAY MUNCHIES

ROSTER

11th August Barnes
18th August Barron
25th August Boucher
1st September Gould
8th September Meloni
15th September Miners

NOTES HOME

Dalgety Fun Day Information
Scholastic Competitions
Book Fair advertising

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge
There are now only 4 weeks left to complete this challenge. If you are participating and need a few quick books to finish your list please see me and I can find some for you. If you have a written list of books you have read, I can enter them online for you, or, if you do it yourself please make sure the list is entered online by 29th August so I can validate it by the closing date.

Book Week
Don’t forget to decorate your windmill pinwheels for the competition and start saving to buy books at the Book Fair.

Competitions
There are 2 competitions being offered by Scholastic Australia at the moment. I have included entry forms for both with the Newsletter. You can send them individually if you prefer or I can compile them and send them together. They both close on 31st August. Check the Scholastic Australia website to see what you can win.

Happy Reading
Fiona W

NEW GARDEN
WHAT’S ON IN THE REGION?

Wednesday:
Young @ Art 2014 – St Pauls Church Hall, presented by Snowy Monaro Arts Council, young performers from the Snowy Region, tickets from the Fabric Salon (Contact Ph: 6452 3480)

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR NEWSLETTER FOLDER

I/ We have read the Week 3 Newsletter

Signed:

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