Dear Parents and Community Members,

Hopefully you will receive this newsletter on time in light of the interruptions in the past few weeks. In the last fortnight we have experienced many freezing cold mornings, where the water hasn’t defrosted until just before lunch. The children have been delighted with the cold water showers being provided by broken water pipes in the girl’s toilets. As the mornings are so cold, could you please ensure students wear warm and appropriate clothing? Also, with the cold weather, some children are eating their lunch prior to school and then feel very hungry at lunch time. Maybe a little extra food could be packed during the colder days.

Live the Fish Philosophy and see what’s possible!

Primary Principal’s Conference

Last week I participated in the combined Primary Principal’s Conference at Batemans Bay. The two days were filled with exciting presentations from engaging and motivational speakers from many walks of life. I felt very privileged to be in the audience and listen to a dynamic presentation from Khao Dho (Ahn Dho’s brother) a former Young Australian of the Year. He, along with his family, came to Australia as genuine refugees with nothing but the clothes on their backs. He shared their journey of life and left us with a strong message: “Don’t dwell on what you don’t have, rather focus on what you do have!” How we view ourselves and our life affects our relationships with family and others; our work and our health. Being positive can change the course of our lives.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS TERM 3
This term we have been very lucky to employ Carolyn to conduct dance lessons with the students. She has very carefully sequenced lessons to involve all students no matter what their levels of fitness are, their physical capabilities and their creative skills. Some students have felt challenged as they have been motivated to move out of their comfort zones and to try something different. At many times in our lives we are all presented with challenges and usually with persistence and a positive attitude we can achieve many goals. We have three weeks remaining of this fantastic program which is fully funded through the Australian Sports Commission and I hope all students will continue to take advantage of the opportunity provided by AASS.

Dalgety Fun Day
On Wednesday we enjoyed an exciting day at Dalgety Public School with students and teachers from the Monaro Small Schools. The children eagerly participated in art, physical challenges and problem solving activities. The feedback from staff and students was very positive and an enjoyable day was had by all. Please read the recount further on in the newsletter.

National Science Week
As part of National Science Week students participated in a video conference (VC) coordinated by Fizzics Fun. During the VC the students enjoyed making four slimes in thirty minutes using maize cornflour, psyllium husks and soap flakes. There were many ooh’s and aah’s escaping from the connected classroom. Here is a link for those interested in some more exciting activities. http://www.fizzicseducation.com.au/experiments/free_experiments.html

2014 BOOK WEEK
Next week is BOOK WEEK with the theme of ‘Connect to Reading’
On Wednesday 20th we will be having a Book Parade and invite all students to dress up as their favourite book character and to display their favourite book during the parade. The parade will commence at 10.30 and be followed by morning tea in the kitchen. (Please
bring a small plate of food to share). We cordially invite parents, friends and community members to attend.

**BOOK FAIR**

During the entire Book Week there will be a Book Fair in the Library. The library will be open at lunchtime on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday to enable students to view books. Books will be able to be purchased on Wednesday after the Book Parade and also on Friday during lunchtime and after school. If your child wants a particular book they can write it down on a wish list. **No books will be set aside or be available for purchase until Wednesday after the Book Parade.**

**SAKG**

Our first SAKG day for Term 3 will be held on Friday 29th August. Please see the attached note.

As you can see, the next fortnight is going to be quite busy. We hope you can join us during these special activity days.

Until next fortnight,

Regards

Jo

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**AUGUST**

18-22 Book Fair
20 - Book Week Parade
29 - SAKG/ Read for Australia

**MONDAY MUNCHIES ROSTER**

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

**NOTES HOME**

Book Club Catalogues  
Snowy Vets Competitions  
SAKG ROSTER
By Gracey

Yesterday, Wednesday 13th August, the school went to Dalgety Public School for a Fun Day. We joined in three activities. Firstly I did problem solving in group 2A. The first activity was making a human knot. It was really hard to get out of. Elyssa got stuck in the middle! Next we played decreasing shapes. We made a shape and all had to fit into it. Then the shape was made smaller and we still had to try and fit into it. Finally we had to make a circle and hold hands. Then we had to move a hula hoop around the circle without using our hands. I liked this activity. When we finished these we played PacMan on the tennis court. The next activity was skipping with Kane from Jump Rope 4 Heart. In this activity we did criss-cross and double skipping which was really hard. Then we did linked skipping and had to make a pretzel shape and skip like a pogo stick. This was a fun activity. The last activity was art, where you drew an 'Exquisite Cadaver'. The first person had to draw the head. The second person had to draw the body and the third person had to draw the legs. We coloured them in and gave them a name. My cadaver had an alien head, a robot body and funny legs. It wasn't very cute, but I liked this activity. I liked the whole day!
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Will for finishing PRC.
So far Will is the only student who has completed this challenge. If you are participating please have your list to me or input online by 29th August so I can validate it by the closing date.

Book Fair
The Book Fair will be open for students to create wish lists for part of every day next week and for purchasing on Wednesday and Friday.

Book Week Competition
I was a little disappointed by the lack of entries for the Book Week competition. Congratulations to Gracye, Ellanor and Maddison for your beautiful pinwheels. They will each receive a prize.

Book Club
There are new Book Club catalogues this week. I realise it may be a bit of overkill with the Book Fair as well but often there are different items on offer so it is always worth a look. Only 18 weeks to Christmas!

Happy Reading
Fiona W
COMMUNITY NEWS

WHAT'S ON IN THE REGION?

DALGETY PUBLIC SCHOOL IS CELEBRATING OUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY and you are invited

Celebrations will be held on SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2014 between 10am – 2pm in the School grounds.

All past and present staff, students, families, sponsors and community members are invited to participate in this celebration.

We would love it if you would write down the dates you were here and some of your thoughts, memories and experiences during your time spent here at our wonderful primary school on the banks of the Snowy River and send them to us to be shared with everyone on the day.

Thank you and we hope you are able to join us for this great celebration.

R.S.V.P. Friday 5th September 2014

Sunday: Cooma Rotary High Country Markets in Centennial Park


St Patrick's School presents OLIVER!

Book, Music & Lyrics by Lionel Bart

7.00pm: Friday 22nd & 29th, Saturday 23rd & 30th August
1.00pm: Saturday 23rd & 30th August
Tickets can be purchased at Cooma Visitors Centre
$18 adults, $15 children, $60 family

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PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR NEWSLETTER FOLDER

I/ We have read the Week 5 Newsletter

Signed: ______________________________