Our swimming lessons began on Monday and already students have demonstrated improvement. They are listening carefully to their instructors and being sensible in the change rooms and on the bus. Parents are most welcome to come along to the pool and watch the lessons. Our lesson begins at 10.15am and finishes at 11am.

Congratulations to Eliza, Charlotte G. and Isabel who have completed one Bee Book and will now be presented with a Principal’s Award. It is rewarding to see students following our positive behaviour system.

Tomorrow is Harmony Day and all students are encouraged to wear something orange. Harmony Day helps us to remember that everyone belongs in Australia from the traditional owners of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world. We need to have cultural respect for all people. In capital cities prominent buildings will be illuminated orange. The canteen will have orange jelly (70cents each) and frozen orange quarters for (25cents each).
On Friday 28th Mayor of Wollondilly, Cr Benn Banasik will attend our Assembly to meet the students of the school. He would like the opportunity to share his role with the students. Our Assembly begins at 1.15pm and an invitation is extended to all parents and friends to attend.

On Wednesday 9th April all students will participate in the Cross Country event and ball games. A barbecue lunch will follow for all students and their families. The Easter raffle will be drawn at the end of lunch. We hope you can join us on this day to support students as they run their event.

Thank you to all families who have contributed $10 towards paper and resources for the teaching of mathematics. Unfortunately there are still some families who have not contributed. Please make this payment as soon as possible.

Please visit the school’s website to view the latest photos from school events.

Canteen News
Thank you to parents who have volunteered to work in the canteen during Term 1. Please remember to donate an Easter egg or gift to our Easter Raffle. This will be drawn on Wednesday the 9th April following the Cross Country event and barbecue.

Community Meeting
Our first chat evening will be held on Wednesday 2nd April at 7pm in the staffroom. Please bring a small plate to share with others. Your ideas about the school will be listened to and your questions answered.
2014 Assembly Awards Term 1

Week 6
K/1
Achievement Awards:
Leah
Encouragement Award:
Jonas

2/3
Achievement Awards:
Isabel
Encouragement Award:
Gabrielle

4/5/6
Achievement Awards:
Bonnie
Encouragement Award:
Eliza

Library
Jack, Tuniaya, Paige

Week 7
K/1
Achievement Awards:
Regan
2/3
Achievement Awards:
Kallen
4/5/6
Achievement Awards:
Victoria
Library
Charlotte J., Charlotte W., Eliza

School A to Z app
Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.
Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Wild Australia app
Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers.

Hearing Test Service
A free hearing service for children aged 3 years to 18 years is available at Wollondilly Health Service. Parents can make an appointment by ringing 46836000. When a hearing loss is suspected the child may be referred to their Doctor, an Ears Nose and Throat Specialist and/or Australian Hearing Services.
Some signs of possible hearing loss include unclear speech, speaking loudly, asking for things to be repeated, poor concentration, behavior problems and declining school performance. Please speak with your child’s teacher or make an appointment if you are concerned.
This term has just flown by... only 3 more weeks left. We have been having a lot of fun in our library lessons.

We have now officially started The Premier Reading Challenge for 2014. I will be completing this with K/1 in our library lessons but 2/3 and 4/5/6 will be doing a fair bit of this independently. There are 20 books to complete. 5 of these can be free choice and the remaining 15 have to be read from the appropriate year list. You can really help by encouraging your child to keep reading regularly. Reading is such a great skill and studies have shown that children who spend time reading have improved results in all other academic areas.

In K/1 we have been looking at some of the PRC books as well as a number of stories from Dr Suess. We have also been concentrating on borrowing and learning how to find books we might like to look at from different sections of the library. We are also learning how to put our books back in the correct place.

In 2/3 and in 4/5/6 we have been looking at writing skills and particularly writing creatively. We have been also looking at how to do Book Reviews and especially how to express whether we liked the book or not.

In week 10... On Thursday 3rd April we will be having a ‘Teddy Bears’ Picnic for K/1 and 2/3 classes. Your child is welcome to bring their favourite stuffed toy to school that day and we will have a picnic during recess. We will also use these toys during our library lesson.

Please remember Thursday is our library day so all books need to be brought back to school that day in a library bag to protect the books. Thank you for your support in this. If a book does go missing please come and talk with me or Mrs Langbien about it.

Michelle Ainsworth – Teacher/librarian

Parents and Friends from Yanderra Public School would like to invite everyone to the Bargo Hotel for a fantastic family fundraiser. Friday 21st March at Bargo Hotel from 6pm. Come for a drink or dinner; bring your children, all profits from the nights raffle go to our school.
Free courtesy bus for the whole family call 46842220
The hotel staff arranges the raffle and sells the tickets. So come along enjoy your night and support your school.