As we welcome Miss Westerhof to K/1 for her practicum we say good bye to Ms Jesshope as she completes her practicum and returns to her studies. As a small school it is invaluable to maintain our links with Universities and contribute to teacher training.

Helping students understand feelings is an important aspect of teaching anti-bullying. Students have had the opportunity to identify and deal with feelings which are both comfortable and uncomfortable. We have also discussed the importance of expressing feelings when dealing with bullying.

During last term Miss Southwell’s class entered an Interrelate competition on ‘A school with no Bullying’. As a result Zoe Mooney received Highly Commended for her picture. Zoe’s along with other students pictures are on display in the office foyer.

It was pleasing to see families walking to school last Friday as part of the Walk Safely to School campaign. With an increase in the number of young children involved in pedestrian accidents it is important that parents play a vital role in educating their children about road safety and what better way to do than while walking to school.
Congratulations to all students who represented Yanderra in the Razorback Cross Country last Friday. It is very pleasing to not only hear how well you ran but also how well you all behaved. Special congratulations to Kiaya-Cheyenne McKinnon who came 18th in the 12/13 years girl’s race. Thank you to parents who transported and supported competitors and Miss Southwell for managing the group.

On Monday students in Year 1 to 6 participated in the Startsmart program. Students had to consider their needs over wants and the importance of saving to make their important purchases. Katrina explained the differences between a keycard and credit card and student’s role played how to shop around for the best deal.

Thank you to Mrs Hayes for providing each student with a Fire and Rescue NSW activity and colouring-in book. In the event of a fire a working Smoke Alarm used in conjunction with an Escape Plan will greatly increase your chances of survival.

Congratulations to Tuniaya, Rachel, Daniel, Kallen, Mikayla C., Thomas L, Chalotte W, Bonnie, Riley, Brandon I and Courtney for achieving their Principal’s Award. It is rewarding to see students following our positive behaviour system. Congratulations to Zoe for achieving her second Principal’s Award.
Please visit the school’s website to view the latest photos from school events.

Year 4/5 and 6 Bush Camp
Thank you to parents who have paid the deposit for Bush Camp. To assist with financial pressures it is advisable to make regular payments towards camp. Further details will be sent home with students as they are received.

Dance
Our dance program will commence on Tuesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} June with Miss Kristie. All students will participate in dance as part of our creative arts program and a performing arts group will learn a dance for the Wollondilly Festival. Miss Kristie is a qualified dance teacher and engages all students in modern movements. A separate permission note has been sent home.

NSW Health Tobacco Campaign
In January 2013 the NSW Government amended the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 to ban smoking in a number of outdoor public areas. The first phase of the campaign targeted spectator areas at sports grounds. The second phase will target all public transport stops, platforms and taxi ranks. The campaign will appear from May 18 to June 30. Authorised Inspectors across NSW will conduct education activities throughout this period.

Canteen News
Thank you to parents who have volunteered to work in the canteen during Term 2. Our Italian Meal Deal was a great success raising $149.00, with nearly all children ordering. Thank you to Ms McMahon, Mrs Luckman and Mrs Julius for cooking and serving on the day and to Mrs Gargiulo for making the delicious Tiramisu.
Just a reminder that pies are now available on the winter menu at a cost of $2.20. Comments from children rate the corn as very nice.

Community Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} June at 7pm. everyone is welcome to come along and have a chat.
### 2014 Assembly Awards Term 2

#### Week 2
**K/1**
- **Achievement Awards:** Amelia
- **Achievement Awards:** Rachel

**Achievement Awards:** Riley

**Library**
- Mikayla C., Sive, Zoe

#### Week 4
**K/1**
- **Achievement Awards:** Sophie
- **Encouragement Award:** Lilly

**Achievement Awards:** Laura
- **Encouragement Award:** Sive

**4/5/6**
- **Achievement Awards:** Malcolm
- **Encouragement Award:** Liberty

**Library**
- Charlotte G., Patrizia, Liam

### Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser [www.bit.ly/1hytn2E](http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2E)

### Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: [www.bit.ly/JkiUsY](http://www.bit.ly/JkiUsY)
Term 2 is well underway and so are we in our library lessons.

This term we will be focussing on completing our Premier’s Reading Challenge. In K/1 and 2/3/4 class I will be continuing to read a selection of these stories to the children. In the 4/5/6 group however, the students will mainly be responsible to complete this themselves. Stay tuned for a planned reading afternoon.

The 4/5/6 students have spent a couple of weeks now working on a simple picture story book which they will present to K/1 in a few weeks. There are some great stories and creative ideas. I can’t wait to see them finished and see how our K/1 students enjoy these stories.

Wollondilly Library at Picton has sent us some information advertising a new initiative for youth aged 8 and over they will be holding every 3rd Thursday of each month. The initiative is called ‘Rampage’ and the theme is... ‘Eat, Play, Read, Create and make new Friends’. Make sure you check the flyer out!

Thank you to those parents who are encouraging your children to love reading. Remember each Thursday is library day and your child needs to bring their library books and a bag to help protect the books.

Regards,
Michelle Ainsworth
Teacher/librarian