Welcome back to Term 3. The holidays always go very quickly especially when you are enjoying time with family and friends. I took time to visit Canberra, enjoying the War Memorial and galleries as well as watching The Lion King for the second time and enjoying it just as much as the first time. I hope you found time to visit interesting places and catch up with family and friends.

During this term we will celebrate Education Week with an open day, Book Week with a visit from Picton Library and Performing Arts week with our dance group and choir students performing at Picton High. A Term 3 school calendar is attached to this newsletter. Please refer to the calendar for upcoming events.

To celebrate Public Education an Open Day will be held on Friday 1st August. Families and friends are invited to visit classrooms from 12.30pm followed by Assembly and afternoon tea. We hope you can join us on this day.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during Education Week. Mrs Frank and Mrs Norton will conduct interviews on Tuesday 29th July, while Miss Southwell and I will hold interviews on Thursday 31st July. A separate note will be sent home to all families regarding interviews.
It was unfortunate to learn that a tree had fallen in the playground. Thank you to parents who shared their concern. The Department has received the Arborist report indicating trees that are high risk and need to be removed, medium risk and may need some attention along with those that are considered to be low risk. In consultation with the Department preventative action has commenced, with the removal of the dead tree. All other work related to the removal and maintenance of trees will take place. The playground is currently fenced off and students are not permitted to play in certain areas.

As a result of the hard work by parents, Glencore have agreed to fund a replacement tank for behind the toilets. Work will soon commence on removing the old structure and replacing it with a larger tank that will be fed from the toilet block and canteen.

Congratulations to Kaylee on achieving a Principal's Award and to Luke M and Patrizia for achieving their second Principal's Award. Our first Silver Award has been achieved by Zoe Mooney, congratulations to her. It is rewarding to see students following our positive behaviour system.

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

Canteen News
A roster is now available for Term 3, please add your name to the roster to support the students of the school.

Community Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th August at 7pm in the staffroom. Please add this date to your diary and come along to learn more about the school.
2014 Assembly Awards Term 2
Week 9
K/1
Achievement Awards:
Luke J.
Encouragement Awards
Charlotte
2/3
Achievement Awards:
Tuniaya
Encouragement Awards
Thomas L.
4/5/6
Achievement Awards:
Bonnie
Encouragement Awards
Eliza

Library
Leah, Sive, Eliza

DON’T BE A LOUNGE LIZARD!
To help your kids reach their 60
minutes of physical activity every day
try some of these ideas:

Give gifts like skipping ropes, balls
and kites to encourage active play

Set a ‘no screen time’ rule at dinner
time and before school

Make your child’s bedroom a TV and
computer free zone

Practice skipping, running, hopping
and jumping

Climb or swing on monkey bars and
climbing frames

Play games like tug-o-war, hopscotch
and Frisbee

Visit playgrounds, nature reserves,
ovals and beaches

Library News
I hope you have all had a refreshing and
enjoyable holiday with your children. We
are ready to begin term 3!!!

A REMINDER that the READ-A-THON for 2/3 and 4/5/6 classes is on
next Thursday 24th July.

It will go from 3.30 until 5.30pm. Please
let me or your child’s teacher know if
they will be able to attend. There will be
some afternoon tea and some games BUT
the main aim of the afternoon is so the
students can read to get their Premier
Reading Challenge completed (especially
for the older group).

Our library lessons will continue to be on
a Thursday this term. Your child will
need to bring their library book and bag
with them each Thursday. There is an
expectation that every child will borrow
from the library during this time.

Please don’t hesitate to see me or drop
me a note or email if you have any
concerns or questions,

Regards,
Michelle Ainsworth
(Teacher/Librarian)

Mittagong Blue Light Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 26th July
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 4 free.
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