As this is the last newsletter for this term on behalf of the staff I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable holiday. I am sure everyone will have plenty to do and see. Please take care and have fun with family and friends. School resumes for all students on Tuesday 15th July.

Students today have been given their Semester 1 report. It is important to praise the efforts of student learning and develop areas of need. Parent teacher interviews will be held early next term.

Congratulations to Charlotte J and Amelia G (Yr 1) for achieving their second Principal’s Award. It is rewarding to see students following our positive behaviour system.

Visiting the Life Education Van on Monday was a great experience for students. Lessons ranged from learning about healthy food, taking a tour through the body, being cyber wise and the function of body organs. Once again student behavior was excellent while in the van and their willingness to contribute to lessons was noted by Cathy. We look forward to meeting Harold again in two years.

Please visit the school’s website to view the latest photos from school events.
Well done to all students who participated in the Athletics Carnival last week. It was a great day with all participants kept busy throughout the day at the range of activities. Thank you to parents who were able to join us and support students. We appreciate the invitation from Bargo Public enabling us to join them for this carnival. Students eligible for the Zone Athletics Carnival to be held on the 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} of September will receive notes early next term. The following are age champions from Yanderra:

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Yesterday teachers had the opportunity to work with Mrs Burgess (Best Start Officer) planning work for implementation during next term. With Mrs Burgess’ guidance the day was very productive and teaching staff developed a greater understanding of using the English Syllabus and Literacy Continuum.

Performing Arts
Our dance group is working hard to learn their parts for our performance. Please encourage children to practice at home and show you the dance. Notes and further information will be forwarded home next term.

Community Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5\textsuperscript{th} August at 7pm in the staffroom. Please add this date to your diary.

Keep brains ticking over these holidays
If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don’t forget www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.
For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download: http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G
2014 Assembly Awards Term 2
Week 6

K/1
Achievement Awards: Jonas
Encouragement Awards: Jordan
2/3
Achievement Awards: Gabrielle
Encouragement Awards: Charlotte

4/5/6
Achievement Awards: Courtney
Encouragement Awards: Liam

Library
Sophie, Rachel, Liberty

Week 7
K/1
Achievement Awards: Luke M.
2/3
Achievement Awards: Liam

4/5/6
Achievement Awards: Ryan H.

Library
Amelia, Timothy, Tianna

Week 8
K/1
Achievement Awards: Luke J.
Encouragement Awards: Charlotte J.
2/3
Achievement Awards: Tuniaya
Encouragement Awards: Thomas

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

Library
Leah, Sive, Eliza

Canteen News
Thank you to parents who have volunteered to work in the canteen during Term 2. A roster is now available for Term 3; please add your name to the roster to support the students of the school.

On Friday night Bargo Hotel donated the takings from their meat raffle to the school. A sum of $274.00 was donated to the school. Thank you to everyone who attended the Raffle and had a great time at the Hotel.

Mittagong Blue Light Disco
Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 28th June
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 4 free.
Library News

Term 2 is about to finish and we are all looking forward to the holidays!!!
This term has been busy doing the Premier Reading Challenge in all classes ... although for 4/5/6 it is mostly up to them to complete the 25 books by the end of August. We have also been learning about ‘idioms’. Idioms are sayings or phrases that mean something different from there literal meaning such as: ‘it’s raining cats and dogs’, ‘has the cat got your tongue’, ‘you’ve got ants in your pants’....the students enjoyed learning about these and doing their own artwork to illustrate their favourite ones.

Congratulations to Kiaya-Cheyenne Mckinnon and Courtney Wachs who will be awarded their t-shirts today from Julie from Wollondilly shire Library for being our reading ambassadors for 2014.

Advance notice for next term... We will again hold our Read-a-thon on Thursday July 24th. This will only be for years 3-6. We will begin after school finishes and children should be collected between 5.30 and 6pm. We will have some afternoon tea and some quick games but the main aim of the afternoon will be to read and especially for the older group to complete their Premier Reading Challenge. Please let me or your child’s class teacher know if they are able to attend.

Thank you for your continued support with encouraging your child’s reading. Be interested in the books they have brought home to read, read with them and to them. We all forget things at times and please don’t let this cause you to discourage your child from borrowing. There is an expectation that every child will borrow each week during their library lesson on Thursday.

Kind regards,
Michelle Ainsworth
(Teacher/Librarian)