Welcome back to Term 2 and hopefully an improvement in the weather. With the recent floods our thoughts go out to those who were without power and suffered significant loss or damage. I am sure everyone is happy to see Mrs Eccleston back in the office following her leave. Thank you to Jodie and Mrs Hayes for managing the office in Mrs Eccleston’s absence. A calendar for Term 2 is attached to this newsletter.

Thank you to family members who were able to join us for our ANZAC Day Assembly. Congratulations to the school leaders for your presentation of the assembly and to Thomas for raising and lowering the flag. It was significant that as a small school we were able to represent out Aboriginal background and our New Zealand allies throughout the commemoration. Thank you to Miss Southwell for organizing students who attended the ANZAC march at Picton. Students were well represented along with members of staff. Special thanks to Bargo Progress Association on the presentation of the book ‘Remembrance - 100 Years 100 Memories 100 Australian Stories’. This will be a valued addition to our Library. Thank you to Jessica for the lovely photos from ANZAC Day. Please visit the office to view the photos and student work.
I would like to welcome Mrs Mills to our school as she completes her first practicum. Mrs Mills will work with Miss Southwell and 2/3/4. I am sure she will learn a great deal from Miss Southwell and her lovely students.

During last week Year 4 students received information related to Opportunity Class Placement for 2016. It is important that the information is read carefully and the dates are adhered to. If you require any information related to Opportunity Class placement please contact Miss Southwell or myself.

NAPLAN assessments will take place for Year 3 and 5 students from Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May with Friday set aside as a catch up day. Students will complete assessments in language, reading and numeracy. It is important for students in Year 3 and 5 to attend school during that week and ensure they have had a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast.

Congratulations to Lilly, Tuniaya, Gabrielle, Jessica, Patrizia, Isabel, Paige, Jack and Tianna on receiving your Principal’s Award. Congratulations to Kobe on achieving your Silver Award. It is encouraging to see so many students being Respectful, being Safe and being a Learner.

School Plan
The school plan for 2015 to 2017 is now available on the School’s website. Please take the time to read the plan and the focus areas that we are working towards. Parent information sessions will be held throughout the year to share the progress of the plan and answer any questions related to our work.

Picton High School News
The Year 7 2016 Advanced Skills Entry Test will be held on the 26th May. A cost of $27 to participate in the test will need to be paid to the Picton High School Finance Office by 12th May. Payment may be made over the phone.
Stewart House Donation Drive
Families today will have received a donation envelope for Stewart House. Stewart House supports support students in public schools across NSW and the ACT. Please place $2 in the envelope and complete the entry details on the back before returning it to the school office by the 8th May.

Homework Room
If you require help with your homework, need access to a computer or need extra learning practice then Tuesday afternoon is a good time for you. Stay after school or drop in at any time between 3.15pm and 4pm and get all the help you require. Parents are most welcome and can work with their children learning together.

Canteen News
Our canteen opens each Monday and Friday with the support of a small group of parents and grandparents. If you can help on any canteen day please add your name to the roster.

Community News
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th May at 9.30am in the staffroom. Please come along and support the school after dropping your children off. Preschool children are most welcome at the meeting. Our Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 7th May and if required on Friday 8th May. Gifts will range from $2 to $10. Bargo Hotel has set aside the following dates for Yanderra Public School. The meat raffle takings on that night will be donated to the school. Please put these dates on your calendar and come along with family and friends for a good night out. 27th March, 15th May, 19th June, 24th July, 21st August, 11th September, 16th October, 13th November, 11th December.

Library Awards for the 23/4/2015
Mikayla Yr. 1, Charlotte Yr., Victoria Yr.6.
Library News

Term 2 is underway. I hope you all had a great holiday although if you feel like me it all went too fast!

This term (as is usual for term 2) we will be concentrating on achieving our Premier Reading Challenge requirements. In K/1/2 I will be helping the students with this during our library lessons. For 2/3/4 and 5/6 we will be able to do some of this in class but because of the more advanced reading level we will not be able to complete the required amount of reading in class. It would be very encouraging and helpful if you could plan and encourage your children to do some of this reading at home and record it on their PRC sheets. Each student is able to choose 5 out of the 20 books on the PRC list. These can be totally free choice so everyone can now start on a book they would like to read!

I have also been encouraging students to share with the class a book they have read during the previous week. There are sometimes prizes / awards given for this.

Just a reminder that library is on Thursday each week and each student needs to return the book/s they have borrowed the previous week. Students can re-borrow their books if they like, but this needs to be done on the computer at school using the barcode on the book. They also need to bring their library bag to protect the books. Please feel free to catch me before or after school on Thursdays or send me an email or note if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,
Michelle Ainsworth
(Teacher/librarian)
Actors, Singers & Dancers
!!Now Booking for 2015!! For Ages 18 months to adult.
*Drama/Acting* *Singing* *Dance/Choreography*
AND *The Agency*
Class numbers are strictly limited. Saturday classes available.
Come in and join the fun today!! For more information call Sarah on
0415 995 225 or 4683 0193
www.s-t-a-d-s.com

Wellness Retreat Details

What: A small group counseling course conducted by Joy Kennedy, independent
Christian counselor

When: 5 consecutive Thursday afternoons 12:30pm-2:30pm, commencing
14/05/2015. Afternoon tea included.

Where: Tahmoor Anglican Church, Remembrance Drive, Tahmoor, opposite the
NAB.

Contact: Karen Flanagan 0435517454 or kmflanagan@bigpond.com by May
7th

Joy Kennedy is a professional Counselor (Level 2), qualified with an Advanced Di-
ploma in Counseling & Family Therapy; currently close to completion of a Bachelor of
Applied Social Science (Specializing in Counseling).

Joy has assisted many people in finding their key to managing depression using an integrated
approach combining aspects of Cognitive
Behavior Therapy, Mindfulness, Meditation, Journaling and
Choice Theory within the framework of a
Christian worldview.

If you think you’ve tried everything and noth-
ing has worked for you, what do you have to
lose? Come join us for a liberating journey
toward wellness and enhanced life skills!

For more information about course content
contact joykennedy2@bigpond.com

Wollondilly Redbacks Auskick Centre 2015

Our Auskick Program commences on Sunday May 3rd 2015 at 9am. It is a
13 week clinic that only costs $75.00 and includes an Auskick
Backpack full of goodies including your very own football! It will run
on Sunday mornings from 9:00am at Bargo Sportsground. It is suitable
for both boys and girls between 4 - 10 years of age.

You can register in person on the day or online via the link below
Register at www.aflauskick.com.au
Or contact us for more info on
0408 492 144 or email
redbacks afl@gmail.com
Spellcheck

Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Find out more:

Homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Find out more:

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