Good luck to the girls who will be attending the Netball Gala Day at Tahmoor, on Friday 19th June with Miss Southwell. The girls have been training and developing their skills in readiness for the day. I am sure they will enjoy the chance to play against other school teams.

With the support of the community our new Fairy Garden area should commence shortly. The garden will be established behind the sandpit and will provide a fun area for our younger students to play in.

To assist with the management of student behaviour we have decided to reorganize our school day so that the afternoon session will be shorter and more productive for both students and teachers. We will now have our recess break from 2pm to 2.20pm. This will extend our middle learning time by 20minutes. We are hopeful that this will assist students to remain focused on their learning for the whole day.
Last Friday Mrs McIntosh attended a Transition Luncheon at Picton High. This provided an opportunity for Mrs McIntosh to meet the Year 7 coordinator for 2016 and learn about the opportunities for Year 6 to be involved with Picton High. Year 6 students will meet Miss Saare early next term when Support Teachers from Picton High will visit year 6 students.

Last Thursday I had the opportunity to attend the Wollondilly Principal’s meeting. Most of the day was taken up with mandatory training related to Teacher Award Initiatives and Teacher Accreditation. Beginning this year and continuing until the end of 2018, all teaching staff will be accredited as Proficient, schools will be classified according to their resource allocation and complexity and standards based pay will come into effect. We also discussed Eco Schools and Aboriginal Education and engagement to ensure partnerships for the future are developed.

For safety and supervision students should not arrive at school before 9am. If a request is made for a student to arrive earlier they must sit on the seats until supervision commences.

Congratulations to Kobe, Charlotte G, Luke J, Amarli, Kallan, Jack, Victoria, Paige, Maria, Tianna and Mikayla on receiving your Principal’s Award. Congratulations to Amelia, Luke M, Gabrielle, Isabel and Brandon M on achieving your Silver Award. It is encouraging to see so many students being Respectful, being Safe and being a Learner. Our respectful trophy winners for this fortnight have been Isabel and Lilly.

Performing Arts
Our dancers are working hard to learn their dance for the Performing Arts. We will be performing on Thursday 20th August so please keep this night free. Thank you to those students who have paid for dance and a reminder to those who have not to please pay.
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. To support the onesie/pyjama day the canteen will sell treats during lunch time. We hope you will support this initiative.

Community News
At our last meeting we discussed introducing some different food items to our canteen menu. We hope to have some tastings in the near future. We also discussed the changes to recess time and support the efforts of the school to maximize student learning. After receiving the quote for the Fairy Garden the Parents agreed to fund the garden. Our next night will be held on...

2015 Assembly Awards Term

Week 6
K/1
Achievement Awards: Tristan
Encouragement Awards Sophie

2/3
Achievement Awards: Daniel
Encouragement Awards Jason

4/5/6
Achievement Awards: Brandon E.
Encouragement Awards Amelia

Library
Locky, Patricia, Olivia

Week 7
K/1
Achievement Awards: Amy

2/3
Achievement Awards: Isabel

4/5/6
Achievement Awards: Jack

Library
Lilly, Leah, Liam

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Library News

Only a few more weeks of term 2 left to go!!!

As usual for this term we have been concentrating on ‘The Premier’s Reading Challenge’ In K/1/2 I am reading the required texts to the children. In 2/3/4 we are trying to cover as many texts as possible in class but in 5/6 it is mostly up to the students to complete their own reading as the books are longer and more detailed would not be possible to complete in class time. There are 5 out of the 20 books that each student is allowed to select as free choice. So everyone should have at least 5 books they can log on. Please encourage your child in this as it would be really great if all students, especially from 5/6 could achieve the Premier’s reading Challenge certificate this year!

To help with this and to encourage a love of reading we will having a Read-a-thon afternoon again this year. Stay tune for the date...Probably early next term.

As well as reading PRC books in K/1/2 we have also had some fun looking at the book ‘Dougal the Garbage Dump Bear” by Matt Dray. The children really enjoyed loved bringing in their much loved toys, setting up a scene and taking photos. These are on display on the library window. We are now looking at the book “Imagine” by Alison Lester and making up our own little books.

In the older classes we read and also watched Nim’s Island by Wendy Orr. The students did some work comparing the book and the movie and learning some note taking skills while watching the movie. In the last couple of weeks we have been looking at fables. A fable is a short story, typically with animals as characters which conveys a lesson or moral. We began by reading ‘Fox’ by Margaret Wild. We have also looked at a number of other fables and now the students are going to attempt writing their own fable.

A reminder that library is on Thursdays. All students need to bring their book/s (even if they want to re borrow ) and a library bag.

Thank you and please keep encouraging your child/ren to read

Michelle Ainsworth

(teacher/librarian)