Welcome to Term 3 and what promises to be a very busy term for students, families and staff. We will begin tomorrow with NAIDOC Day; celebrate Education Week, Performing Arts Week and Book Week. Miss Southwell’s class be involved in a Puppet Workshop, Mrs Ainsworth will hold a readathon to support the Premier's Reading Challenge and we will participate in backyard league and a surf safety program. Please refer to the Term 3 calendar attached to this newsletter for further details.

The theme for this year’s Education Week is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’ or somebody who has made an impact on our learning. On behalf of all staff an invitation is extended to all families to visit the school on Friday 31st July from 12.30pm. Classrooms will be open for you to visit and observe student learning. A School Assembly will begin at 1.15pm followed by afternoon tea. During Assembly students who have been involved in the drumming program will perform. We hope you can join us on that day. Also occurring in Education Week is parent teacher interviews. Please refer to the separate note that all students took home for details regarding day and time.
Unfortunately due to the wet weather last Friday our Athletics Carnival was cancelled. We will now conduct our field events at school and our track events at Bargo Oval. Students will still compete in their age groups and to qualify for the Regional Carnival competitors will have to meet distances and times.

Woolworths are once again running the Earn and Learn program. Every $10 spent in Woolworths entitles the shopper to one sticker. Collect your stickers, fill a Sheet and drop it in the Yanderra Collection Box at Tahmoor Woolworths or the School Office. Earn and Learn runs from 15th July to the 8th September 2015. The more stickers we collect the more resources we can buy for the school.

Our next combined choir rehearsal will be held on Wednesday 29th July at Picton High. Following this meeting, tickets for the performance will be available from the office. We will perform on Thursday 20th August. Students in the dance group need a pair of ¾ length black leggings and a black t-shirt; boys need a pair of black pants and black t-shirt. All dancers require a pair of black canvas shoes. Please see me if you have any concerns regarding the costume.

Could I please remind parents that the wearing of school uniform is important to our school rule of 'Respect'? Too many students choose to wear jumpers that are not appropriate for school. The school offers a range of uniform items in the clothing pool for as little as $2.

Congratulations to Ryan, Zoe, Tianna, Thomas, Isabel and Maria on receiving your Principal’s Award. Congratulations to Mikayla C, Luke J, Katie, Tyler, Jack, Charlotte G, Patrizia and Victoria 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 Cooper and Amelia Gialouris.
2015
Assembly Awards Term 2

Week 9
K/1
Achievement Awards:
Sophie
2/3
Achievement Awards:
Cody
4/5/6
Achievement Awards:
Mikayla I.
Library
Lily, Kaylee, Zoe.

Week 10
K/1
Achievement Awards:
Jordan
Encouragement Awards
Jordi
2/3
Achievement Awards:
Leah
Encouragement Awards
Kallen
4/5/6
Achievement Awards:
Paige
Encouragement Awards
Olivia
Library

Community News
Our next family pub night will be held this Friday 24th July. Please put this in your diary and make it a family fun night.

Our community meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th August, we hope to see everyone at that meeting.
Community Links in Tahmoor were most appreciative of the food items donated by the school community. Thank you to Ms Dunn for delivering the items to support families in crisis.

Attached to this newsletter is an Educational Experience catalogue for you to purchase education focused toys, gifts, games, books, puzzles and art & craft. When families purchase any of the quality products Educational Experience will give back 20% in learning resource vouchers to the school. One lucky family will also win a Disney Cruise in the Caribbean, including flights from any major capital city in Australia.
At Yanderra Public School we have something bigger than a Bully and that is our mouth. We can use our mouth to tell the bully that we don’t like what they do and we can tell our teachers about the bully’s behaviour. Through developing a culture of respect between students, parents and staff we eliminate bullying from our school. Students who show respect are confident and resilient and don’t have anything to prove, it is those that feel the need to bully who are lacking in this skills and have a need to prove something. I urge all parents to talk to their children about having respect for themselves and others. Students need the opportunity to practice being nice and to develop resilience. It is our job as adults to demonstrate these skills to our children. Thank you to Constable Mark Scambury for speaking to students about Bullying.
Peer Support
We will be commencing our Peer Support lessons next week. Peer leaders will facilitate a small group of students who will work together through a number of structured activities. We are working on a module called Keeping Friends helping us explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone and agree on how they will work together and interact cooperatively. They will also think about the meaning of friendship. In our second session children will look at qualities their friends may have and how we choose friends. They will explore the skills of friendship, specifically those of cooperating and listening. Please encourage your child by talking to them about friendships and listening to what they share with you.

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.

Tahmoor Cricket Club Registration days Saturday July 18th & 25th from 9am until 12pm and Sunday 16th & 23rd August from 10am until 12pm at Tahmoor Sportsground.
Age 6 to adult all welcome.
Girls are welcomed and encouraged in juniors.
Enquiries phone Jane on 0419 296 508 or email secretarytdcc@gmail.com’
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Term 3 is underway and I am excited about our learning for this term. We are working towards completing The Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015. This has to be completed by the end of August. Children in 2/3/4 and 5/6 need to continue with their reading.

To help with this and also just for fun we are going to run another Read-a-thon afternoon on Thursday 13th August from 3.15 until 6pm. This is open to students from year 3, 4, 5 and 6. I would especially love to see year 5/6 students come along. The aim of this afternoon will be for students to enjoy some uninterrupted time to read. We will provide a simple afternoon tea at about 4pm. Feel free to bring a cushion or bean bag to lie on if you wish. Please let me or your class teacher know if you are planning to come so we can plan for catering.

Another highlight coming up this term will be book week and on Thursday 20th August we will be having a special Book Week presentation from Picton Library. The theme for this year is ‘Books light up our World’. We will be looking at a number of the short-listed books in our library lessons as well as in normal class times.

Happy reading.

Michelle Ainsworth
Teacher/librarian