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Hargraves Public School

The school with a heart of gold

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Small Schools Public Speaking Competition

On Wednesday 17th August all children will take part in the Small Schools Public Speaking competition at the Mudgee Town Hall Theatre which is located next to the Library.

The children have begun writing their speeches.

The K/Year 1 children have a choice of "My Favourite Australian" or "If I were an animal I'd be a .."

Children in Year 3 and 4 can speak on "My Favourite Explorer" or "The Best thing in the World is .."

Year 5 and 6 students can choose "A famous Australian Character" or 'A positive attitude is the best drug'.

The Public Speaking competition has proved an invaluable experience in the past and all children in K-6 will be participating. Parents are encouraged to support their child on the day.

So we can determine whether we need to book Terry's bus can you please indicate your intentions on the attached permission note.

Whilst children will be supervised by teachers for the duration of the competition, parents are free to take their child once their speech has been delivered.

Children will need to wear full, clean school uniform and take their morning tea, lunch and a water bottle if they are to be there for the duration of the day.

NAIDOC DAY

Dressed in red, yellow and black we all set off on Thursday morning for Goolma, to join the other Mudgee Small Schools in the Naidoc Day celebrations.

The children played traditional indigenous games, painted with ochre, learnt an aboriginal dance and ate Johnny cakes. A fun day was had by all.



CWA International Day

On Wednesday the whole school travelled to Grattai to attend the CWA International Day. The children sang and played their recorders, while the Stage 3 students presented short informative speeches on Iceland, this year's country of study.



Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch cooked by the CWA ladies and the children are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour. Many positive comments were made about their behaviour and their wonderful performances.



Last minute arrangements for the Opera House Excursion

The recorder players will be travelling to Sydney on Wednesday morning, leaving school around 9.30 am.

Luggage **MUST** be kept to a minimum as bags must be kept underneath the seats. Children may wear tidy casual clothes on Wednesday, but will need their best navy track pants, school jumper and dark coloured shoes and socks for Thursday. Special t-shirts will be provided.

All pillows, towels and linen are provided.

Children will need their morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on Wednesday as well as a screw-top water bottle. School bags will not be needed. Please advise Mrs Rae if there are any special requirements.

Please remember to send some biscuits or a slice to assist with morning and afternoon teas.

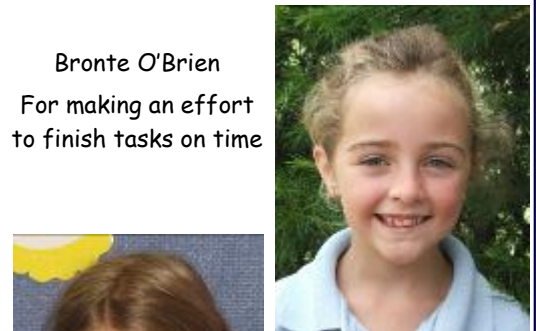
Term 3 Dates

Thursday 11th August	Recorder players perform at the Mimosa Concert at the Sydney Opera House
Wednesday 10th August	Leza Webber from Barnados to visit Playgroup
Monday 15th August	CSU Practicum student at school Mrs Rae at Warrumbungle's Principals Meeting
Wednesday 17th August	Small Schools Public Speaking Competition
Friday 19th August	School Counsellor at school Canteen
Tuesday 23rd August	Testing for children entering Year 7 at Mudjee High 2012
Wednesday 31 August	CLC Concert—primary class will be performing
Thursday 1st September	Green Day for Primary class
Friday 2nd September	Western Area Athletics Carnival at Dubbo
Thursday 8th September	Harhilleyer Day at Hargraves
Friday 23rd September	Last day of Term 3

Student of the Week



Cameron O'Neil
For choosing a positive attitude all week



Bronte O'Brien
For making an effort to finish tasks on time



Laylah O'Brien
For beautiful reading and writing



This week Cody Lawson has been busy in Sydney representing the Western Region at the State Touch Football Championships.

During the week the Western team played twelve games of touch and the skills and team-work improved as the week went on. Cody had a wonderful week and had this to say:

"I learnt a lot about Touch during the week and I wouldn't have met all the new friends I did if I didn't go."

Well done Cody!

Book Week Celebrations

Thursday 25th August

We are asking all children to come dressed as a character from a favourite book.

Details next week.

New Student Portal

School student now access their student portal from home and at school from a new URL:

<http://student.det.nsw.edu.au>

Five Ways to a Healthy Lifestyle

1. Get active each day
2. Turn off the TV and computer
3. Choose water as a drink
4. Eat fewer snacks and choose a healthy alternative
5. Eat more fruit and vegetables



Barnardos Family Strengthening Project - Triple P Program

Dealing with disobedience.

As a parent, you can help prevent your child from developing serious problems by having good routines for dealing with discipline. A child is likely to be disobedient if it helps them to get what they want or if it gets them out of doing something they don't want to do.

Children are usually better behaved, more cooperative and happier,

- if you have reasonable expectations,
- make fair and reasonable rules and
- consistently manage disobedience with discipline strategies.

The key to preventing disobedience is to make sure your instructions

- are simple, clear and direct,
- timed correctly and
- given only one at a time.

Do not make instructions too hard for your child, and give them instructions only when you are close to your child. Praise your child immediately if they do as you ask.

If they do not do as you ask, after you have given the instruction twice, use appropriate discipline strategies. However, remember - it is not desirable for children to be obedient to all adult instructions, like little robots. Children also need to be themselves.

For more information on the Triple P program go to www.triplep.net or phone Leza at Barnardos Mudjee on 63721422.