NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL DANCE CAMP

This week Lachrista, Tahlia, Georgia, Dale and Alistar have been participating in the New England Regional Dance Camp at Lake Keepit. They have been participating in contemporary, jazz, hip hop and musical theatre dance routines and have already learnt 3 full dances! All students have been participating very well even when out of their comfort zone. We have some very sore muscles from 6 hours of dance each day but the improvements are well worth it. Students have all been chosen to perform in Tamworth later in the year!

Mrs. Raffie
**Principal’s Message**

It has been an extremely positive and exciting finish to Term 1 with extracurricular activities taking place right throughout the week. A big thank you to all the students, parents, staff, community and volunteers that assisted to make the major events in Week 11 such a success.

The Easter Hat Parade was excellent with a huge attendance and very creative hats made in both the school and home categories. Congratulations to all students and the impressive designs you made together with your family and class teachers. A big thank you to Justin and Gareth from the Collarenebri Ambulance Service for their judging and assistance on the day.

Road Safety Day was also a huge success on Tuesday. Students in the morning spent 25 minutes at each station where they received a diverse range of knowledge on aspects of road safety. Collarenebri Police (Sargent Paul Ireland and Constable Matt Green) ran a Police Talk where students were able to ask questions around the law and also had the opportunity to check out a highway patrol vehicle and some of the instruments utilised by the Police to track speeding vehicles. The Collarenebri Hospital and Health Service (Heather, Sue, Anthony and Alice) ran a PowerPoint session on injury management and the importance of being safe on a bike which was well received by all students. The two other rotations involved students taking part in an eggsperiment, where students created protective equipment for an egg, and the other rotation focused on road safety aspects such as fitting a helmet, understanding signs and safety around crossing the road. In the afternoon session the Primary students were involved in a Bike Safety Session ran by Constable Matt Green which the students thoroughly enjoyed. Student’s had obstacle courses, traffic lights and road works on the course where they were taught how to respond safely. Thank you to Heather, Sue, Anthony, Alice, Matt, Paul, Janet, Jacqui, Brayden and Clint for assisting in making the road safety day the success and delivery we had hoped for.

Wednesday’s merit day activities involved secondary students visiting the Lightning Ridge Aquatic Centre and getting amongst the facilities there whilst the primary students involved in an abundance of activities including making play dough, jumping around in the jumping castle and creating kites to fly up at the Brendan Smith Oval. A great day out for all students who have consistently displayed positive behaviour and attitude throughout the term.

Congratulations also to Tahlia, Lachrista, Georgia, Dale and Alistar on your impressive work with Mrs. Raffie at the New England Regional Dance Camp. From all reports your performances and experiences you had on this camp were unreal.

A reminder to everyone that Term 2 commences on the Tuesday 29th April. I wish to thank everyone for your assistance and support whilst I have relieved in the Principal position.

Term 2 will also involve the handover of the cola and gym facilities in High Street together with our new canteen, English and Music room facilities.

**ANZAC DAY MARCH**

ANZAC Day takes place during the school holidays. Between 2014 and 2018 Australia will commemorate the Anzac Centenary, marking 100 years since our nation’s involvement in the First World War.

All students, parents, staff and community members who are wishing to partake in the ANZAC Day March are encouraged to meet at the service station on Friday 25th April at 10am. Students are encouraged to wear full school uniform and a wreath will be laid on behalf of the school community.

Have an enjoyable, relaxing and safe Easter break.

Regards,

Mr. Scott Shephard

Relieving Principal
Our last week at school before the Holidays has been fantastic. It has been a week full of fun and exciting things to do with the community and our classmates.

Easter Hat Parade

On Monday we saw a great rollout of parents and family members to our Easter Hat celebrations. All students were encouraged to participate with many having made home-made hats. The range of detail and colour was very hard for the judges to choose winners. A huge thank you to the Preschool staff and students for coming to our parade and sharing in the festivities with us. Thank you also to the Ambulance Officers for being our judges on the day and to staff who helped with the cooking of the BBQ. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and to the winners who received prizes on the day.

Bike Safety Day

Our students enjoyed a fun filled day of experiments, discussion, looking and talking about Police work, what equipment Police Officers wear and bike safety. The students were shown a Highway Patrol car and the equipment installed inside the car. Many of the children watched a race on the road with the senior students as the highway patrol gun picked up their speed. In our Infants discussion we talked about the use of Car seats and strapping ourselves safely into a seatbelt. That everyone in the car should have a seatbelt on and that we shouldn’t distract the driver whilst they are driving. Having our bikes at school and riding around an obstacle course was a lot of fun for students. Students also learnt about bike safety and the need to always be wearing a helmet when riding to protect our heads. The Primary students had a competition of designing slogans and colouring in helmets. The winners were given Easter eggs as prizes.

Merit Day.

Students in Infants and Primary have finished of the Term with a great Merit Day. In the morning we designed and coloured our kites. In the middle of the day we had rotation groups of play-dough making, ipads and the jumping castle. Our afternoon was flying our kites down on the school oval. We filled our break times with a BBQ, party food and ice cream cones. Well done to all of the students in Infants and Primary for making and participating in our Term 1 Merit Day.

I would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Easter. Enjoy your Holidays!
NRMA Road Safety Day

Students have had a busy start to the last week of term one. On Tuesday students participated in a NRMA Road Safety day, learning how to stay safe using the roads including bike, scooter, motorbike and car safety. Secondary students also engaged with local hospital staff and the police to recognise risk behaviours are not simply an individual responsibility but are shaped by a range of influences and that one person’s actions not only affect themselves but a whole community.

Secondary Merit Activity

A group of 12 students travelled to Lightning Ridge as part of our secondary merit program, which rewards students for their hard work both inside the classroom and in the playground. Students enjoyed a fun filled relaxing day at the water park competing in obstacle races and a BBQ lunch. Thank you to Miss Faint for organising and running the merit program this term.

Mental Health Talk

Students also attended a mental health talk organised by Walgett Shire Council with a guest speaker Dr Ann McGlocklin. The talk was aimed around youth mental health, coping strategies, resilience and youth suicide prevention. Students participated in group based activities identifying risk factors and support networks within our community that can be accessed.

Community News

The Collarenebri Lions Club Inc.

There will be a Street BBQ held next to the Butcher’s shop

on

Saturday 12th April.

Support Your Local Lions Club
**SPORT SHIRT**

Our sport shirts have now arrived. Students are encouraged to wear this shirt on a Friday for Sport and also during representative excursions. The royal blue/white shirt are to be worn on Monday to Thursday.

$20

**SCHOOL HOODY**

In response to the Student Representative Council of 2013, a new school hoody has also been purchased to update our previous jumper. A royal blue Canterbury hoody with ‘Collarenebri’ across the back screen printed. Available in a range of sizes.

$25

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**Bike Safety Day**

Police talk to Secondary Students

Children having a practical Road safety lesson with the Police
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 16 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).