UP COMMING EVENT

March 11th: Basket Ball and Table Tennis in Moree
March 20th: Harmony Day
April 1st: Easter Hat Parade

Congratulations Josh O’Neil and Ace Medhurst who competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Brock Cobb

Brock Cobb is to be congratulated on his excellent attendance. Brock is at school and in class punctually every day. With good attendance and a positive attitude Brock has the potential to achieve fine academic results.
Principal’s Message

Mr Craig Burdon
Principal (Rel.)

This week has been an exciting week for our school. On Monday night we had over 30 parents and community members join our school staff to learn a little more about school planning and to be provided the opportunity to have input into the future planning for our school. A large number of students were also present, and while the adults were in the library for the presentation and to give their feedback, the students enjoyed some games on the grass outside.

A number of questions were asked, and it was pleasing to see people engaged and passionate about what they want for our students. Once the formal part of the evening was completed, a barbecue was enjoyed by all. A very special thank you goes out to Mr John Randall for cooking the sausages in such heat, and to Mrs Jay Medhurst and her Food Tech class for preparing the salads; it was an enjoyable evening and I thank the community for engaging with the event.

A range of responses came out of the surveys that were undertaken by those in attendance. But a number of things were continually repeated:

Parents and community expect our students to:
- Listen, learn and try their best at all times;
- Be respectful;
- Follow the school rules.

While there was diversity in the responses for the vision of the future, a few things really stood out and were consistent with some of the things the staff wrote:
- A need for much improved communication;
- A desire for the school to be happy, safe and welcoming.

Staff also overwhelmingly wrote that they want to see the school with:
- Students engaged and in class/attendance;
- A higher level of collaboration;
- Greater community involvement/engagement.

Some language for our vision statement and strategic directions. Then, it is back to the community to have this work checked and ratified. Once again, I thank everyone for your contributions.

A Reminder about mobile phones, personal devices and cameras at school

- Camera/video recorders of any shape, size or format should not be used by anyone in any school without the permission of the Principal;
- Mobile and personal devices are not to be used during class time for any reason without the Teacher’s permission.

Congratulations

A huge congratulations goes to Josh O’Neil and Ace Medhurst, who competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Armndale on Tuesday; a big thank you to Mrs Casey Zell for taking the boys. Both boys performed exceptionally well and have done our school and town proud.

Craig Burdon

SECONDARY REPORT

Mrs. Judy Campbell (Rel.)
HEAD TEACHER SECONDARY

Senior Study

The new Senior Study is now in use. Thank you to Girl School Captain, Phoebe Newman, for her work in organising this area. The senior students now have a sink and can have a kettle to make hot drinks or soups during lunch and recess. It is expected that students will make sure that the room is kept clean and that they are responsible for their own washing up. Year 12 students will also have access to the room during their Study periods in order to work quietly on assignments, assessment tasks or to prepare for exams.
HSC Mid-Course Exams

The HSC Mid-Course Exams will be held from Tuesday 17 March in the Community Room at the school. The room will be set up to simulate HSC exam conditions. Students need to bring writing materials. Paper will be provided. Mobile phones must be handed to the supervisor at the beginning of each exam. Food and drinks (except water) cannot be taken into the exam room. There can be no talking or disruption of other students during the exam.

To prepare for the exams students need to talk to their teachers about the topics that will be examined and to seek additional support if they feel they need it. Remember, that the Homework Centre is also available on Mondays and Thursdays and if students want additional study support between now and the Mid-Course exams then we will make it available on other days as well.

English Update

Years 7 and 8 are currently looking at different experiences of war as a lead up to the centenary of the Gallipoli campaign. The text they have been studying is the film version of War Horse. As well as skills in film analysis, students are developing writing skills in personal reflection and critical inquiry.

Years 9 and 10 are learning about film analysis through a student designed learning sequence. The students chose the text, The Maze Runner, to explore the strengths and resilience of young people. The writing emphasis in this unit is on persuasive writing and in developing the ability to present an argument.

PRIMARY REPORT
MRS ALLYSON HYNCH
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

All of our students have been very busy in classes. This week we have had Joshua O’Neil and Ace Medhurst attend the Regional Swimming Carnival in Armidale. The boys gave it their all and we are all very proud of them. A big thank you! to Mrs Zell for driving them to the Carnival.

Asthma Training

Next Tuesday all staff members at the school will be undertaking asthma training.

Primary Sport

Students are still reminded to bring in their swimmers for sport as we are still attending the pool on Fridays.

CHOWNY’S CAFÉ

Homemade cakes for sale each Thursday, orders accepted.