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## ★ Weekly Newsletter

If we open our hearts, anyone, including people who drive us crazy, can be our teacher. ~ Pema Chodron

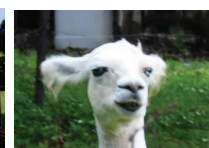
### Whole School One Day Excursion

**WOW!** What a fantastic day out for all of Rukenvale School. 100% of our students participated in and enjoyed an amazing day of exploration, adventure and good, old-fashioned play. A quote one parent told me from a senior student: "the best excursion ever!" Keep an eye out for some articles about our day, illustrated by some fun photos, in our next Achiever magazine.

Yet again Rukenvale students showed their true colours by choosing to make the whole day great by their wonderful behaviour. A big thank you and well done to our students.

An excursion day takes a lot of organising. In addition to our great students, two other major elements combined for success: our caring staff: Ms Sawford, Ms Tomkins and Anne Martin; and our safe and always smiling bus driver, Judy Watson. A very big thank you to you all for your much appreciated contributions to our successful excursion! We also enjoyed the company and support of Jane Penrose.

Here are just a few photos from the day:





## A Warm Welcome to another Kinder, 2012

It was lovely to meet with and share a Kinder Orientation day today with **Clifford Gibbons**, and to officially welcome his dad, Tony Gibbons. We hope you thoroughly enjoy being a part of our school family.



## Annual Turner Cricket Trophy



We have most permission notes already returned. If you haven't yet, could you please send your note in soon.

## Teddy Bears' Picnic

Next week, on Friday, we are looking forward to our Teddy Bears' Picnic-style lunch. It will also be the last day of Kinder Orientation. All of our students are invited to have their lunch in a picnic style, on picnic rugs under our lovely spreading trees. The colouring competition pages have been distributed to all students and winners will be announced during the picnic lunch. If students are allowed to, they are welcome to bring their favourite teddy bear with them to school. There will be some prizes for teddy bears too, in some fun categories. It was suggested by our SRC that if students would like to donate a gold coin on the



day we could donate the money to the Children's Ward of Lismore Base Hospital, as our way of contributing on a local level.

## SES Information Session

On Monday we welcomed Richard Phillips, representing the SES, who spoke with all students about the SES and ways we can all be helpfully involved in protecting ourselves, our



family and our community. It was a fun and informative session.

## Swimming Scheme

Attached to this newsletter is the [permission note for the School Swimming Scheme](#) to be held in weeks 8 & 9. Could you please sign and return the form to the school.

The bus travel is being paid for by the P & C — thank you.

The cost of the swimming for the full two weeks will be capped at \$20—ie, \$2:00 a day. Also attached to the newsletter is a form for School Assistance which we urge parents to sign. When we receive all the forms we will be able to allocate the School Assistance funds to reduce the price of the swimming. All families are entitled, and welcome, to apply. The school is happy to fill in the details as long as we have a parent signature.

It has been lovely to see a couple of notes already come in with parents being able to assist over the two weeks of swimming scheme—thank you. We could do with some more helpers so if you are able to help on some or all of the days please let us know. A form is attached, for your convenience or a quick note or call is fine too.



This week's awards go to:

### Junior Class

**Jake Condon** - for excellent choices during our school excursion

**Tabitha Leonard & Harrison Cawter** - for exemplary behaviour throughout the week

### Senior Class

**Billy Wasson** - for enthusiasm and volume in creating his literary works

**Lachlan Gordon** - for enthusiasm and enjoyment in his reading

**Remy Leonard** - for literary imagination

**Lisa Fahy**

Principal (rel)



## This term at a glance

Mon, 21 November	Visit by Ms Lee from WCS, re Year 6/7 transition
Mon-Fri 21-25th Nov	WBC work experience student, Madeleine Reid
Tues, 22nd November	P&C Meeting
Fri, 25th November	Tuckshop Kinder Orientation & Teddy Bears' Picnic Mobile Library
Mon, 28th November to Fri, 9th December	School Swim Scheme
Thu, 1st December	Turner Cricket Trophy
Mon, 5th December	Yr 6/7 Orientation & Enrichment Day- Kyogle HS
Fri, 9th December	Mobile library
Tues, 13th December	Life Education Van
Thu, 15th December	School Concert
Fri, 16th December	Family bbq at school Last day of 2011 School Year

## P & C NEWS

The Christmas tree/ presentation night is on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. (Only 4 weeks away). We ask families to contribute to the traditional Christmas hamper raffle by supplying festive type goods for the hamper. These goodies will be warmly received at any time prior to the night. Raffle tickets are now ready to be sold at \$1.00 a ticket.

**NB:** P&C meeting is now next

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 6pm.**

**Everybody most welcome.**

Thanks, Narelle



## Kyogle High School

Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day

Monday 5 December 2011

9:00 am Hall

Sign in and welcome from Mrs Silcock (Principal) and Mr Page (Year Advisor)

Fashion parade of school uniform with SRC

Students assigned to groups with peer support leaders

10: 05 am - Period 2 Class

10:55 am Recess on basketball courts

11:20 am - Period 3 Class

12:10 pm - Period 4 Class

1:00 pm Lunch on basketball courts

Games with Peer Support Leaders

1:40 pm Meet in Hall - Orientation of Canteen, Front Office, Library and RBC

2:30 pm - PDHPE Activity

3:00 pm - Home Time

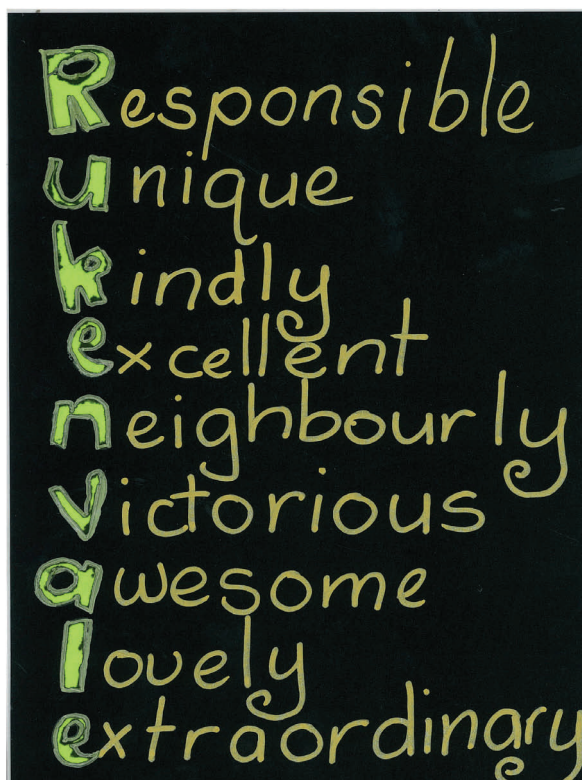
# Community News

## TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2012 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan, Scandinavia and the U.S.A will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceast@scce.com.au](mailto:scceast@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

## Woodenbong Yowie Country Market

Last Saturday every month. 8am-3pm, Woodenbong Hall & Grounds. Country atmosphere. Free live music. Sheltered seating. Variety of indoor/outdoor stalls. Hot food. Face painting. Children's playground. Wheelchair access & amenities. WAG (Woodenbong Arts Group, Inc) displays & interaction. Insured stall site \$12. Contact Carey, 02 6635 1176. **Next Event: Saturday, 26th November** in conjunction with the new WOW Festival and Mountain Bike Event Weekend. See [www.woodenbong.org](http://www.woodenbong.org).



**The Junior Class created an inspiring acrostic poem about our school**

**Aarrgh.** Somehow our lovely, regularly up-dated school website has been ravaged by, as yet, unknown forces. All updates from Term 4 have 'disappeared'. Action is being taken to reinstate all the information however the website is currently only reflecting Term 3 or earlier information. All this term's newsletters will be reinstated as soon as possible.





Excursion snapshots!  
(stay tuned for more  
adventure photos...)



## Intensive Swimming Permission Note

I give my child/children \_\_\_\_\_  
 permission to travel by bus each day, leaving the school at 9.00am, to participate in  
 the School Swim Scheme Intensive two week swimming program from Monday 28th  
 November to Friday 9th December, 2011. Lesson time will be from 9:30am to  
 10:15am.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Swimming Scheme

## Swimming Helpers



So far we have one parent, Chris Leonard, who has nominated two sessions and another, Stephanie, is able to be flexible in her volunteer days—thank you very much.

More parents would definitely be appreciated 😊

If you don't wish to get into the pool that's okay. It primarily is for those 'extra eyes' for safe supervision and support of the junior students. Teachers will provide structured activities for the junior students, while active swimming lessons will be presented for the older students. Helpers with the older students can also increase the time effectiveness of the lessons.

If you can spare some time it will be really appreciated. Please place your name in the spaces where you are able to assist and return the helper roster to the school. More than one helper on any day is great.

Monday 28 November	Monday 5 December
Tuesday 29 November	Tuesday 6 December
Wednesday 30 November	Wednesday 7 December
Thursday 1 December <b>Chris Leonard</b>	Thursday 8 December <b>Chris Leonard</b>
Friday 2 December`	Friday 9 December