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★ Newsletter

From the Principal **Kindergarten 2016**

I have recently had the pleasure of meeting parents who are joining our community for the first time in our Kindergarten class of 2016. It has been a wonderful and engaging orientation program here at Rukenvale and all the students have settled into our routines and made many friends. We all look forward to seeing their happy smiling faces again in 2016 and we welcome them to our Christmas Concert in December.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, our students gathered to acknowledge Remembrance day. At 11am on 11th November, 1918, the guns on the western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The red poppies, a familiar emblem of the day, bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in WW1.

ICAS Competitions 2015

During term 2 and 3 students from Rukenvale PS completed the ICAS examinations. These examinations are now completed. Following are the results from the competition:

Maths: 3 participation Certificates, 2 Credit certificates awarded to: Year 3- Eli Hausen, Year 5- Oliver Hausen

English: 4 participation Certificates, 1 Credit certificates awarded to: Year 3-Eli Hausen.

Spelling; 5 participation Certificates.

Science: 3 participation Certificates, 2 Distinctions certificates awarded to: Year 3- Eli Hausen, Year 5- Oliver Hausen

All the students who participated should feel very proud of their achievements.

School Christmas Concert-SAVE THE DATE!

Rukenvale's school's annual Christmas Concert will be held on the evening of Thursday, 10th December. The concert will begin at 6pm followed by a special visitor and a shared dinner. Please provide a plate of food to share. Note attached.

Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition for Stage 3 Students

Oliver Hausen recently sat this test and was successful in obtaining a Distinction award. Well done Oliver, you should feel very pleased with your results.

Interrelate –Stage 3

The second day was held recently at Rukenvale and all the students and staff from our CoS agreed the day was a worthwhile and positive experience.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop was shared last Friday and all the students were happy to be able to purchase a variety of foods. Thank you to all the parents for contributing to this day.

Tennis

Wow!! The students are improving on their skills each week and Kelly really puts them all through their paces. Next week they are practising backhand and I can see a real improvement in all the students! You all are doing a great job!

Music Program

The students are enjoying their weekly music lessons and have been learning about beat, pitch and experimenting with percussion. The senior guitar group are sounding wonderful and it is pleasing to see a few students bringing along their own guitars as they are so enthusiastic.

TRADING COLOURSS day at Afterlee PS

Today we all travelled to Afterlee PS to combine with the students to complete "summer" themed activities. The students were excited and it was a wonderful day with fun activities with a meal deal provided. Thank you Afterlee PS.

Bundgeam Preschool Visit

Next Thursday we will visit Bundgeam Preschool as we have done this year to build community and allow for the pre-schoolers to mix with our students. We will be performing a play and singing songs for the pre-schoolers. A note is attached.

TEN Training

As part of a grant which I assisted in applying for with our CoS network, CLASS and COLOURSS, I have the opportunity to train as a TEN Trainer in Sydney next week. The training and costs will be met from the educational services grant. This allows our CoS to build capacity across our network of schools ensuring all staff are trained in the TEN program and are supported by myself and the other trainer. It is a fabulous initiative for our CoS.

Kind regards, Kerry Flick



Enrolments for 2016

We are accepting enrolments now for 2016. If you know of anyone wishing to send their child to Rukenvale PS please encourage them to pick up an enrolment form.

P&C News

The P&C will be having a Street Stall at the Kyogle Farmers Market on Saturday 5th December. Donations of baking, bric-a-brac, conserves, etc. would be most appreciated, as well help on the day.

Term 4 Dates

Friday 13th November - Afterlee PS

Thursday 19th November - Visit to Bundgeam Pre School

Friday 20th November - Mobile Library

Monday 23rd November - Swimming

Tuesday 24th November - Social - Theme "Into the Future"

Friday 27th November - Buy Day

Saturday 5th December - Street Stall @ Kyogle Farmers Market

Wednesday 2 December—Music Concert

Weekly Awards!

Congratulations to the following students this week:-

Harley Hannon for being a supportive and helpful buddy at Rukenvale PS

Ruby Stafford for being a great buddy and caring friend at Rukenvale PS

Eli Hausen for being a reliable and patient buddy for Timmy!

Kiarna King for being a patient and helpful buddy for Shelby!

Gypsy Howie for being a patient and caring buddy for James!

Sympathy

I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Ms Sawford, David, Oliver, Eli and Ayla Hausen for the sad loss of Ms Sawford's mother. The Rukenvale school community is thinking of you all at this sad time.

**SAVE THE DATE- CHRISTMAS CONCERT
OUR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 10TH
DECEMBER AT 6PM**

Kerry Flick

Booster Seat

Does anyone have a spare booster seat they no longer require that they would like to donate to Rukenvale School?



OUR COW HAS STUDENTS OVER THE MOON!

She may be made of fibre-glass, but Millie, has certainly re-established herself at Rukenvale School, after receiving a 'new look' as part of Dairy Australia's Picasso Cows Make-Over program.

The Picasso Cows Make-Over program celebrates one of Australia's biggest agricultural industries, the dairy industry, and also teaches kids that milk doesn't just come from the supermarket!

As part of our classroom nutrition education, students have spent the last three months revamping our much loved Picasso Cow called Millie.

This year, over 50 schools from dairy regions across Australia who had previously taken part in the Picasso Cows program, were invited to give their much loved cows a spruce up, competing for the ultimate honour of being crowned the National Champion.

In 2010 Rukenvale School entered a cow in the Picasso cow competition. Her name was Chelsea. This year Chelsea was given a new name and everyone worked together to design the pictures for Millie. All the students learnt so much about the dairy industry, dairy farming and how the milk and other dairy products get from the farm to the plate.

As well as redecorating, the students documented their experience from start to finish in a learning journal, which we submitted for judging as part of the new national competition. While we didn't make it to the finals, our students thoroughly enjoyed participating in the program. We are exceptionally proud of their efforts and they are certainly considered winners at Rukenvale School!

Millie will remain a permanent member of our school community and will be a valuable teaching aide for educating future students about Australia's Legendairy industry in years to come.

If you haven't seen her new 'look' in the flesh, you'll find her moo-ving around the school grounds, so be sure to keep an eye out!

Support for children & families in Lismore



www.lismorechildandfamily.info

A fantastic website with everything you need to know about services for children and their families in Lismore.



For further information about the Lismore Child & Family website email: contact@lismorechildandfamily.info



International Games Day @ your library is an initiative run by volunteers around the world to reconnect communities through their libraries to the educational, recreational and social value of all types of games. Gaming at the library encourages young patrons to interact with a diverse group of peers, share their expertise with others (including adults), and develop new strategies for gaming and learning. It's a way for traditionally underserved groups to have fun in the library and interact with other members of the community, and is a great opportunity for families to get out of the house and play together in the one community institution that welcomes everyone.

For the first time, International Games Day will be celebrated at Casino, Evans Head and Kyogle libraries. There will be board games and other fun activities for all ages on Friday 20 November from 3pm to 5pm. Everyone is welcome to join in! At Casino library only, there will also be a Minecraft Hunger Games tournament, with bookings essential – phone 6660 0250.