Welcome
Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and are ready to get into this term. I am looking forward to the annual Cooyar Trail Bike Ride this weekend. Our P&C donate a lot of money towards camps, books, excursions and upgrading facilities across the school. I urge you to assist over the weekend if you haven’t offered your time already. It is a great weekend and helps the P&C assist with excursions, camps, resources and facilities around the school. See you Saturday and Sunday.

Behaviour Audit
Next Friday 24th October we are having a Behaviour Audit. Mr Chris McNally will visit the school and audit our behaviour practices. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our successes but also to reflect on how we can continue to grow as a school in managing behaviour. I look forward to the audit and sharing the outcomes of this day.

Booklists
Today we are sending home the 2015 booklists. We are again going through Bedrock Books. Please adhere to the timeline of 30th October to ensure books are available by the end of the year, 2nd of December. If you miss the cut-off date, you can still order books and they can be sent to your home address or picked up from the school from Wednesday 21st January.

Swimming Note
Last week a swimming note was sent home with invoice. Please ensure payment and permission note is returned as soon as possible. Again we will be asking for volunteers to assist with swimming lessons. If you can assist please contact your teacher directly or via KIT book to book in your day/s.

Prep Transition Day and 2015 Enrolments
Prep transition days are set to begin on 18th November and continue three consecutive weeks after this date. The mornings are held on Tuesdays from 9-10:30 am. This is a great opportunity for students to become familiar with the school surroundings. If you know someone who is looking to send their child next year please encourage them to contact the school for necessary information.

Great Results Guarantee (GRG)
This week Mrs Donaghy was started to work with our Years 2 and 4 students preparing them for NAPLAN in 2015. Her days are Monday to Wednesday. She will be working with Year 2 students and becoming familiar with NAPLAN testing, timing and looking at their data from the 2104 tests for areas to focus on. Mrs Donaghy will focus on and develop skills detected in the data from 2014 testing to strengthen the skills of the Year 4’s.
From the Principal...

**Student Free Day**

A reminder that Monday is Student Free Day. The staff will be working during this day looking at moderation of student work and planning for the remainder of the year.

**Halloween Party**

Thank you to everyone who sent in their expression of interest for this day. After receiving the data the evening will not go ahead as many families were against the idea of a Halloween Party. Thank you to Kelly Frunks for putting the idea forward. We will look to organise a movie night or get together by the end of the year.

Have a great fortnight. I look forward to seeing you at the bike ride over the weekend. A big thank you to the P&C and parents who have put in so much effort thus far in organising the weekend. I know LOTS of work goes into organising this weekend.

See you around the school.

Mark Wrigley
Principal
Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 News

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope that you all had a great holiday.

We have begun reading this week and if you are available to help out in the morning for 30min we would love to see you. We read every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8.45am.

This Term in English we are looking at fairy tales, fractured fairy tales and folk tales. We will be looking at stereotypes within the text. We will then be comparing two fairy tales and completing a piece of persuasive writing about which text is better than the other.

In Maths we have been looking at number patterns, quantities, and number names.

Homework went home this week. Your child needs to read every night and bring their reading folder back each day. Their homework needs to be back on Friday or they will incur a strike.

Remember KIT books need to be brought to school every day or the child will also receive a strike.

Remember you are always welcome in our room.

Thank you for your continued support.

Michelle Bourke and Tania Duncombe

Year 3 & 4

The students have come back after the holidays with renewed effort towards their work.

We welcomed Betty to our class and she is settling in very well.

In English this term the students are working on writing and delivering a persuasive speech on a topic of their choice. In History we are investigating the early British Contact with the Aborigines during colonisation. In Health and PE on Fridays the students are learning cricket skills. I was looking at doing an online first aid course with the students. I will forward more information as I find it. This course would be for all students Year 3-6.

Remember homework and reading has started and so has this term’s Celebration Day checking.

Mark Wrigley
From the Classroom...

Senior Room—Year 5 & 6

Sydney
After a week in Sydney at the end of last term, we are now back to work in the classroom. I am sure every household from the 5/6 class has heard many stories from their child's adventure. We certainly had a full and fantastic week with many new experiences and sights to behold and keep in our memories for a lifetime.

Our accommodation at the YHA in Sydney is a recommended place for any family contemplating visiting Sydney. It was at The Rocks and was right in the heart of Sydney, close to venues, train stations and Circular Quay. As evidenced by the photos, we had a beautiful view over the harbour from the balcony outside our rooms and were able to take advantage of our location and walk over the Sydney Harbour Bridge after dinner one night.

We had a jam-packed itinerary and could not have fitted another thing in if we tried but we had extremely agreeable weather and a cooperative group of children on most occasions. I think we all learnt something about Sydney morning crowds in the city! Hopefully the children will remember their trip with enthusiasm.

I will not give any more away as the children are now beginning to prepare an afternoon of presentations for their parents and interested community members about their trip. I hope you can join us for the afternoon and give the children a 'real' audience for their English assessment for this term.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mr Duncombe, Mrs Barron who accompanied us and possessed the necessary qualities for the week we had!

History
Mrs Ballin will teach the History unit this term and it will very neatly fit in with the novel we read last term and our Sydney trip. The children are exploring timelines and the history of Botany Bay so there will probably be many references to places that the children will know something more about because they have been to Sydney.

Mathematics
Year 5’s completed their first piece of assessment this morning!! We had a short test on multiples and factors and due to some work we had completed on this subject last term and the fact that the children have been learning their times tables. It was a relief to be able to get some assessment out of the way early.

Year 6’s are working on Chance and Data and will have their test soon too.

Gardening
What a thrill to come back to school and see our garden beds and our potatoes thriving! The silver beet was very plentiful and, as the tuckshop has a new oven, we just had to make some spinach and cheese parcels. All of Year 3-7 had a try of a parcel after participating in the kitchen to help make them. Many asked for the recipe so it follows here. The children should be able to show you how to fold the parcel and the best pastry to buy is the Antoniou brand from the refrigerator section in the supermarket, but any will do.

The Year 5/6 class was particularly delighted as they had these parcels on the tall ship in Sydney, so we reminisced as well as satisfied appetites. If you want to try the recipe, there is still plenty of silver beet in the garden.

Chantelle cut the first lettuce today, washed and prepared it and everyone got to have a piece for lunch. We are thankful for those lettuce seedlings!

Also, a correction from some time ago...the parsley plant came from the S & M Duncombe family (not as previously stated) and is flourishing in the front garden of the school. Need a bit for a garnish or a fresh taste in your scrambled egg or quiche?? You are most welcome to come in and harvest! Also good in the parcels!

Our next excitement is the gift of three fruit trees provided by the Davis family, who travelled to the Nanango Markets especially for these!!

THANK YOU Chloe and we have been eating the mulberries as they ripen and the trees are still in the pot!! It feels like we are constantly in receipt of gifts here for the garden so thank you to all. Our potatoes are also growing well. Of course we have checked to see if there are any potatoes and yes there are! Some have a leaf curl virus but we are hoping for little damage - an education if nothing else.
From the Classroom...

**Sydney Camp 2014**

During the 5’s and 6’s week at Sydney, my favourite part was going to Taronga Zoo. My favourite animal was the giraffe! I also liked the grand tour of the Opera House. We were all very exhausted by Friday, but I am sure everyone enjoyed it! I am really glad that I had the opportunity to go to Sydney!

*By Kaycee*

**Spinach and Cheese Parcels**

**Ingredients:**

- 1 bunch spinach/silver beet, shredded and steamed
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 3 eschallots chopped
- 250g fetta cheese
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- pepper
- 1 packet Antoniou fillo pastry (in fridge section of supermarket)
- 125g melted butter
- 2 tabsp chopped parsley

Fry onion in a little butter until soft.

Combine eggs, eschallots, crumbled cheese, nutmeg, spinach which has been gently squeezed and allowed to drain to remove moisture, pepper, parsley and onion in a bowl.

Remove pastry from packet, laying the sheets between 2 damp tea towels to prevent drying out.

Cut each sheet into half lengthwise and fold each of these in halves lengthwise again. Brush each with melted butter.

Place a teaspoonful of the mixture at one corner of the pastry strip. Fold one corner of the pastry over filling until it meets the long folded edge forming a triangle. Continue folding the triangle over and over until the whole strip is folded.

Fold

Brush the top of each triangle with melted butter, put on an ungreased tray. Bake in a hot oven until golden brown.

*Carmon Sloss*
From the Principal...

Week 2

Prep—Year 2— Gabrielle for a fantastic effort in writing activities.
Year 3—Year 4— Ethan for his high standard of work in all areas.
Year 5— Year 7— Bree for her attention and care with spelling.
Playground— Jasmine for being safe and playing responsibly with friends.