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Term 3 Week 1

Dear parents /carers,

Welcome to Term 3. Students have already settled very well back into the routines of school life and are approaching their learning with energy and enthusiasm. Teachers are also excited for the term with lots of fun educational experiences planned. Our CPR, Asthma and Anaphylaxis training was completed on School Development Day. We complete this compulsory training every year to keep our students as safe as possible. It is amazing how things change each year.

Quad Sports

We had a fantastic day in Moree at the end of Term 2 for our Quad Sports carnival. It was so nice seeing parents from all schools enjoying the sunshine and friendly competition. Congratulations to all students who participated, there were some very gutsy performances.

Once again we were very well represented in the Champion athlete awards. Well done

Age Champion- Ivy Shearer, Aggie Burke (joint),

Age Champion Runners-Up- Jock Harris (joint), Paddy Harris, Fitzroy Harris, Amelia Dowdle

Many thanks to all staff and parents who helped on the day.

NAIDOC Day

A huge thank you to the Collarenebri Land Council and the staff and students of Collarenebri Central School who hosted us at their NAIDOC Day celebration at the end of last term. The theme for this year's NAIDOC Day was Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up. We proudly wore our new T-shirts with a beautiful design reflecting the theme.

We were warmly welcomed by the elders who shared with us some of the history of the local area and lit eucalyptus leaves to create smoke, which is symbolic of helping to clear away negative energy, for the smoking ceremony. We were entertained by a very talented young singer who leads a band called Castlereagh Connection. They taught us the song Stand By Me in Kamilaroi language and we all sang as one at the end of the day. There were large canvases with Aboriginal designs and symbols of unity for us to paint and we were even taught a dance which we performed with a large group. Students learned about our local Aboriginal culture by listening to the elders and being curious about the art and movement activities. A yummy hot dog lunch was also very welcomed.

Term Calendar

At the end of this newsletter is a term calendar (one was also sent home earlier in the week). You will note we have bundled Education Week and Book Week together in Week 3. We will be on our ski trip during Book Week so have decided to combine them and have our book week parade and book fair during Education Week. The theme for this year's Education Week is Creating Futures- Education Changes Lives. During our celebrations we are very curious to hear stories of what school was like for our community members. Standby for details.

Ski Trip

We are looking forward to plenty of powdery snow to smooth the way for our skiing /snowboarding. Many thanks to those who have already completed the online registration form. If you haven't registered, please make it a priority and complete it today. We must have final numbers in before 8 August and will be billed accordingly. Final payments are due 8 August.

Teacher /class update

From this term, Miss Brown will be teaching K-2 every Thursday. All other classes will remain the same.

Transition

This year our transition for the 2023 Kindergarten will be every Friday starting 28 October, Term 4 Week 3 and will conclude on Friday 25 November, Term 4 Week 7. If you have a child who is eligible for kindergarten next year, please contact the office now to enrol. If you know of any families in our community with eligible children, please let them know about our transition program and encourage them to contact me as soon as possible. I am more than happy to take new families for a tour of our school.

Dates for the diary

Monday, 12 December- Presentation Day.

Wednesday, 14 December- Whole school end of year excursion. Possible activities: movies/ bowling.

Monday, 19 December- last day for students

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of our wonderful school. My door is always open if there is anything you would like to discuss. Here's to another great term.

Jo Glazebrook























