



THE GEMFILE

Newsletter of Dalgety Public School
'The Jewel of the Monaro'

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Term 3 Week 1 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 3! This is going to be another action packed term of academic learning, participating in sports, and performing and creative arts.

This term I am very excited to have Sarah Wall join our Teaching and Learning Team! Sarah has passion and vast experience in music and drama. She will engage and lead our school in this year's performance. Sarah will begin next Thursday when the students will audition for various parts of the school play.

Tracey Leck will continue in her role as Student Learning Support Officer through the MULTILIT program (Making Up for Lost Time In LITeracy).

Sue Walters can be found in the classroom and library on Mondays. She will also continue her work with students through MULTILIT, and her library work including the Premiers Reading Challenge.

We haven't seen the last of Dave Phillips! He will attend a couple more sessions so all students can finish their ukuleles.

Home Work

READ READ READ- is what all students need to be doing every day for homework!

Younger students (Kinder - Year 2) and those students who are not strong readers need to be reading to an adult every day. All students should read for at least **15 minutes out loud**.

Please do not limit your child's reading to just school readers or chapter books. Nonfiction books, comics, magazine articles, instructions (including recipes), and newspapers can engage and extend our young readers.

Starting next week students in years 1 to 5 will be asked to complete one unit per week from their math text for homework. This work consolidates what has been practiced in class and should not take long for each student to complete.

Skiing

15 students from our school will join Berridale and Nimmitabel students in this year's Snowsports Program. With the current snowy conditions it looks like we are in for some awesome skiing.

If you have a child in this program please remember that final payments need to be made by 23rd June. Thank you

Sydney excursion

This year's major excursion to Sydney is set for the start of November.

Please remember that \$150 must be paid to the school by 1st September for each child you have attending. If either parent is attending your money also needs to be paid to the school by this date. Payments are welcome in installments, however remembering that there are only 6 weeks until the start of September!

Any problems please talk to me. Thank you.

Gymnastics

Whole school gymnastics will begin next Friday in Berridale.

Students will come to school as normal. At 9.05am the school bus and a couple private cars will take the students to Berridale Public School. All students will attend a 40 minute gymnastics session delivered by a qualified teacher. They will then return to school by 10.40am.

Assembly

Whole school assemblies will be conducted every second week. We have set them for Friday afternoon starting at 2.30pm. Each fortnight there will be acknowledgement of student achievements and small presentations from various students.

Our first assembly will be next week, Friday 24th July. Look forward to seeing you there.

School Hats

Every student currently has a school hat.

If, in the future, your child's school hat needs replacing new hats can be purchased from the office for \$15. School beanies are also available for \$10.

Finally I would like to thank the students, staff and family members who contributed to making our Inaugural Art Show a smash hit! This was a great way to share with the parents and wider community the students work in visual art and woodwork.

Yours in learning
Pamela Anderson

DIARY DATES

WEEK 1 Friday 17 th July	Annual National Pyjama Day -wear your PJ's to school if you dare!!!!
WEEK 2 Tuesday 21 st July Wednesday 22 nd Thursday 23 rd Friday 24 th Friday 24 th Friday 24 th	Wood work class to finish ukuleles 2pm students present Italy to CWA Sarah Wall's first day: auditions for whole school play Gymnastics in Berridale 2.30pm Whole school assembly P&C Coolamatong Country Club catering
WEEK 3 Tuesday 28 th July Friday 31 st Friday 31 st	Anja in Cooma at 'Writing in The Middle Years' Gymnastics in Berridale Bev and Pam in Cooma for L3 training
WEEK 4 Mon 3 rd - Thurs 6 th Aug Thursday 6 th Friday 7 th Friday 7 th	Ski Program Pam in Michelago for Monaro Education Group meeting Gymnastics in Berridale 2.30pm Whole school assembly
WEEK 5 Wednesday 12 th Aug Friday 14 th Friday 14 th	FUN DAY - Adaminaby Gymnastics in Berridale Bev and Pam in Cooma for L3 training



Pyjama Day TOMORROW!!

Tomorrow is the Annual National Pyjama Day!

That's right! Just usher your kids out of the door in their PJ's or onsie and do it for charity! Thousands of schools, businesses and groups will be showing up in their PJ's and onesies for the day in support of national Pyjama Day!

The Pyjama Foundation helps children in foster care enjoy a brighter future through reading, education and encouragement. The National Pyjama Day event is a fun way to highlight the importance of reading and to raise funds for children in foster care at the same time through a simple gold coin donation.

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2015, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the third Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families.

Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don't need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers' individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report.

In other communities across the country, census results have helped communities to plan new playgrounds and parental services; schools are seeing improved student performance through new literacy programmes; and governments are using the results as evidence to develop better policies for children.

Teachers have also noticed practical benefits in the classroom. Some said in previous years that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole. Others reported that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to school and for developing class programmes.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website www.aedc.gov.au



Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school-Dalgety Public School.

Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

It's simple to participate. From today to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at school or at your local Woolworths- Jindabyne or Dalgety.