



# THE GEMFILE

Newsletter of  
**Dalgety Public School**

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**Term 1, Week 4**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

## Principals Message

Congratulations to our super swimmers who have successfully qualified to represent the Rivers small schools at tomorrow's District swimming carnival. Good luck: **Ayla, Josh Mac, Tom Mac, Jenna, Tara, Jack & Joshua M.**

The Dalgety Show is in early March and students are working hard to enter their work in several categories including art, storying writing and handwriting.

Today, I'm at the Monaro Schools Principal's meeting and next Thursday is the Queanbeyan network's Principal meeting which I'll also be attending.

This year I will be participating in the L3 professional development course. It's a great opportunity to network with other early year's teachers learning the latest teaching methods in reading & writing for K-Yr 2 students.

Well done to the significant number of children who successfully completed last week's homework and were rewarded with a small treat out of the Treasure Box. All students have nightly reading homework and the Yr 3-6 students also have their personal spelling words to learn. The best way to learn them is using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method. Many of the students also have lists of words to practise reading with the younger children having word cards as well to play games with. The school subscribes to 2 online programs: Mathletics & Reading Eggs. If any parents would like their child to use these programs at home please ask us for your child's logons. Anything parents can do to encourage their child to read and learn basic number facts will greatly assist your child. Soon the Year 2-6 children will bring home lists of basic number facts to learn. Helping your child instantly recall basic number facts allows them to solve more complicated number problems easier. Thanks for your assistance in helping your child consolidate skills learnt at school.

If anyone would like to have a clean-up and donate any small unused toys/ teddies/ books/stickers etc for the Treasure Box, your donations would be greatly appreciated.

On Tuesday we had our first weekly Assembly for the year. K/Yr 1 students presented their writing titled "All About Me." Thanks to Josh Mac & Kale who ran Assembly, their first attempt. Well done to Jenna who was presented with her Pen Licence & superb effort to Tara who received a copy of a book containing a story she had written last year. Her story won a writing competition. Next week Assembly will be on Tuesday at 2.35pm and thereafter most Thursdays at 2.35pm. Parents are most welcome to attend. Students will take it in turn to present a piece of their writing.

Today's School Photos have been postponed until 3rd March as there was going to be several people away.

Next Monday soccer clinics begin, thanks to a sports grant that Pam Anderson successfully applied for. Thanks Pam! Seven weekly sessions have been booked on either a Monday or Tuesday. Children need to wear runners. We will also begin training for our xc running event later this term so it's a good idea if children can wear runners every day.

Marg Hayes  
Principal

## Dates to Remember

<b>Week 4</b> Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	District Swim Carnival
<b>Week 5</b> Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Weds 24 <sup>th</sup>	No School Library today Mobile Library
<b>Week 6</b> Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Whole School Photos

### General Permission / Medical Notes

Thank you to all those families who have returned these notes. It is important that the office has this up to date information, please return your note to School ASAP. Thank you.

### Work in Progress for the Dalgety Show



### COOMA ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP.

**Dear Community Member.**

The local Cooma Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG)

Would like to extend an invitation to attend our next meeting to be held in the Indigenous Resource Room at Monaro High on Thursday

18<sup>th</sup> February 2pm

Agenda:

Local Partnership Agreement.

Setting of dates, times and places of meetings.

MGoals.

Setting up bank account.

We hope to see you there.

For further enquiries please contact.

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The saying for this week is **“friends are like snowflakes, none of them are the same”**.

I think this means that Dalgety Public School students should be friends with the community, parents and each other and it tells us no one is the same.

By Josh and Kale

Tilly, Steve and Jane had to run up the hill and feed the little bay pony every day. His name was Gingerbread. One day it was Tilly's turn. She had to take a bag of pellets and chaff with her on that long hard walk up the hill. Tilly thought it couldn't be that hard because the others always got back in one piece. She grumbled to herself about having to walk up the thousand foot hill. She looked up and said to herself, "Or mountain!" Steve, her older brother yelled, "Get on with it".

"It's not even my pony", Tilly yelled back. "Calm yourself I'm going".

"You will never get there walking at that pace", screamed Jane as she always did.

In twenty minutes, Tilly was at the top and still no one knew that she had stolen all of their mother's favourite cookies. The cookies were straight out of the oven and cooling on the kitchen window sill, when she stole them. They had smelt so yummy she couldn't just leave them there. She deserved them because Gingerbread was Steve and Janes pony and her mum did not stop Jane and Steve from bullying her to feed Gingerbread. It was unfair and really made her mad.

Tilly gave Gingerbread half of all the cookies and licked the delicious crumbs off her lips. She also gave Gingerbread his chaff and pellets, and then finished off the rest of the cookies. Then she ran back down the hill as if she had done nothing wrong. When she got to the middle of the huge mound of dirt, she overheard voices from the bottom of the hill. "It's my cookies! They're missing" that was her mother's voice and she sounded angry. Tilly reckoned that in 3, 2, 1 her mother would start crying and she did. Her mum really loved those cookies, the others tried to stop her crying. It took a long time and by then Tilly wished she had not taken the cookies. She was still mad at her mother for not stopping Jane and Steve making her feed the pony. She didn't even like horses.

Her mother went on and on about the cookies for days and eventually Tilly owned up. Her mother asked her why she had taken them and Tilly explained that she thought it was unfair that she had to help feed Gingerbread and that she was cranky because she felt her mum should be on her side. Her totally agreed with Tilly and agreed that her elder brother and sister should not get away with making her do their chores. However her mother made her cook a new batch of cookies because she said it was not right to steal.

