What a busy time we are having as we lead up to the end of year. Students have been practicing items both as individual classes and whole school performances. Everything seems to be coming along nicely. We look forward to seeing you all at our end of year assembly on the 17th December, so please mark it on your calendar.

**Harvest in the Park** – This Saturday we will be having a stall at the Harvest in the Park (9am-2pm). Please come along and show your support and if you are able to donate some time turning a snag or selling a drink, we would love to hear from you. Please call the school and let us know what time suits...many hands make light work!

**Jazzy Jars** — The P&C have a couple of events coming up that they are looking at some fundraising activities. If you have any jars at home or things that could go into jars such as pencils, crayons, erasers, lollies, party items like rings necklaces, magnets etc it would be very much appreciated so the P&C can make up some Jazzy Jars to “sell” at the events.

**Student drop off time**—It has been noted that students are arriving to, and being dropped off at school earlier than 9am. Could we please be mindful that there is not supervision before 9am when staff start their duties.

**Sickness**— There seems to have been an epidemic of sickness flooding through the school. Can I please ask that if your child is ill, could you keep them at home and phone in to let us know. The best prevention is to keep sick people away from others and we do have several students in our school with very little immunity.

**Cowra Ballet**—Next Tuesday, the students will look forward to the annual performance put on by Cowra Ballet.

**Riding for the Disabled (RDA)** - A huge thank you needs to go out to the volunteers of RDA. Our students love going over to RDA each year and this year was no different. I believe students also had a wonderful time at the end of year party as well.

Notes were recently sent home for next years RDA. Fortunately most students medical forms are still current, which means the majority of families had one note sent home with student information on it. We have received only a handful of these notes back. It is important that we get them in ASAP as we have to send them through district office for sign-off for next years riding. I understand that it seems a long way away, but the process is quite time consuming and it has to pass though many levels before we can participate. When filling out the form, please fill in each section thoroughly and DO NOT write AS ABOVE even if the information is the same as they cannot be accepted. We ask for your assistance in getting the forms back please.

*Cheers, Kylie*
KANGAROOS

Hi everyone!

Students attended their last RDA for 2014 where they were presented with certificates and enjoyed a wonderful morning tea provided by the volunteers. A big thankyou must go to the RDA crew who continue to volunteer their time in what is an enjoyable activity for many of our students.

Another activity that students have participated in over the last couple of years is dream cricket. This was held recently in Orange where Tori Lee and Jennifer Kacarovski had a great day learning cricket skills and meeting new friends. Brad made an appearance on win news showing his throwing style and Jennifer and Jakayla had a go at hitting throwing and fielding. Although it was hot the Rotary volunteers kept the students cool with ice blocks and poppers.

In the classroom we have been busy learning songs and a dance for our end of year assembly. Tristan really loves the Christmas songs and J.K loves to show her dance moves. We have started some craft activities including making elves with some rather cute faces and Christmas decorations.

Students also made a cartouche which is an Egyptian name plate using hieroglyphics. In maths we are continuing work on money and the analogue clock.

All students have been working towards our end of year reward by gaining commendations for being safe, responsible and respectful.

Mr Bryson, Michelle and Nat

GOANNAS

Hi everyone!

We can’t believe this is one of the last few newsletters for the year! All teams are on high speed mode to prepare for the end of the year with concert preparation, end of term assessments and reports, craft and finishing off units of work.

The Goanna’s have been learning about Remembrance Day and the reasons why it is so important to Australian’s. We went for a walk around the POW camp, and will hopefully make a trip over to watch the hologram at the visitors centre next week. The student’s all made a small posters about some of the characteristics such as bravery that a soldier might need.

We have continued to discuss our school PBL rules with a focus being on sun safety and appropriate play in the playground over the last two weeks. It would be great if parents could quiz their children on these topics to encourage a positive attitude towards being sun smart and safe play as it applies to how children interact in all areas of their lives, whether it be at home, school or out in the community.

In addition to our regular literacy and numeracy work, we have been enjoying our community access visits to PCYC for PDHPE, McDonalds for social skills, shopping for life skills and our visits to the public library.

We look forward to seeing all of the students hard work over the year pay off in the next few weeks as we wrap everything up!

Mrs Bell and Ruth.
WOMBATS

It's great to have our whole class back after a few weeks of different children being sick at one time or another.

The term continues to fly by as the lead up to the end of year. We have started practising songs for our end of year assembly celebrations. The wombats really seem to be enjoying this and can't wait to show you how clever they are.

Our term has continued as normal with the continuation of literacy and numeracy. Students have been working on the sounds B and O.

We have had a huge focus on sun safety “no hat, no play’ at school and students have been responding well to this. All students have been wearing hats during play time and community access with minimal fuss.

Yesterday we made freshly squeezed orange juice as a class. Everybody enjoyed squeezing the oranges and I was impressed that everybody tried the orange juice. I think the kids were surprised that they liked it too.

We have been lucky enough to attend PCYC with the Goannas. During this time the kids have been able to enjoy playing with the older students as well as improving ball skills and hand eye coordination.

We look forward to Mrs Pritchard returning on Tuesday 25th November.

From Brooke and Chris

EMUS

We have had a rough run in the Emus with Sue and myself along with many of our students having time off with various ailments. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to Janet who has been doing it tough of late. In true Janet style though she is showing she is a fighter and word is she is making a steady recovery. All the best Janet and we hope to see you back to school real soon!

Last week saw the school remember our nations war veterans in a moving Remembrance Day Ceremony. I am very proud to say that all students behaved extremely well and dignified the ceremony in a most fitting manner! Well done all students. A special mention to Austin who read out ‘The Ode’ during the ceremony, Austin delivered the passage beautifully and I congratulate him on his efforts. To commemorate the day we also made some poppies and ANZAC biscuits, we would have gladly sent some home but they were so good the kids ate them all.

We had our RDA Xmas party last week also. The RDA volunteers put on a great spread with Codi and Austin had a thoroughly good time.

The Emus have been welcoming two new students to the school on various days of the week. We welcome Maddi Backhouse and Connor Charnock, with both students transitioning to full time at the start of next year.

Lastly a special mention to Austin Beath’s father, Gerard, who in the process of raising a tidy sum of money for the ‘U.G.L.Y (Understanding Generous Likeable You!) Bartender’ Leukaemia Foundation’s fundraiser, lawn bowled for 30 hours straight. An amazing feat, and one that I am sure Austin just like all of us are very proud of! Well done Gerard.

Mr Beard and Sue
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End of year assembly Wednesday 17th December