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Musica Viva

Our last day of term was spent in a very relaxing day at Windellama PS with the students from Tirranna PS. We had a terrific time doing art and craft

in the morning, sport and games in mixed groups and finally we all piled into the hall at WPS and were entertained by the B'Tutta group from

Musica Viva. We had a great time listening to the percussion group and joining in with some of the different instruments. Photos will be in next week's newsletter.

Sports Drinks

I have spent some time researching sports drinks for children and all the research says the same thing: it's not a good idea for children. Sports drinks

are high in sugar, salt, colourings and preservatives whereas water helps the blood circulate, cools the body and maintains temperature and

removes toxins by way of the urinary system. Please make sure not to send these unnecessary sports drinks to school with your children.

Tarago PS Staff

When Mr Quill, retired at the end of last year. He was replaced by Mr Jaemie Bennett who has been relieving at Wombat PS for his wife who has taken maternity leave. I was fortunate enough to be offered the role of relieving principal at Tarago PS for the first two terms of this year. It is a role I have enjoyed and hope I have done justice. With Ian being here for so long it was a role with very big shoes to fill. As I announced to the P&C last term the job was being advertised for expressions of interest so the department could fill the role following correct

procedure. As one of many applicants I was delighted to receive a phone call from Mr Chris Connor, our School Education Director, on the last day of last term to tell me my application was successful and that I would be the relieving principal until the end of the year. Knowing the importance of continuity for students in their learning environment I asked Mrs Meredith Norris if she would consider continuing as the 3-6 teacher until the end of the year. Having enjoyed spending the first six months of the year in our

school community she didn't hesitate in accepting the position. We are looking forward to another great six months working together with you and your children.

Mr Taylor, our general assistant of many years now has retired from his position. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mr Taylor.

Mrs Fitzsimons (a qualified teacher), our Student Learning Support Officer has decided she would like to spend time doing what she is trained to do and go back to teaching. We've already seen her this term, as a casual teacher so it'll be nice to keep seeing her.

School Calendar

- **Monday 1st August** - Dress rehearsal for 3-6 @Goulburn Workers Club
- **Monday 1st August** - GCOPS Concert (3-6 students)

GCoPS Concert - Primary Class

The primary class have been practising hard this term for the Goulburn Community of Public Schools music concert.

I'm sure you've noticed how hard they have been working and I'm also sure there is more than one parent out there who cannot wait for the concert to be over so that you don't have to listen to the music anymore!

As always, each child has a ticket allocation of two tickets available to them at a cost of \$5 for an adult to watch and \$2.50 for a student to watch. If you wish to attend the concert, our performance night is Monday August 1, please fill out the attached information. Any families who would like more than the allocated tickets can try for them. All extra tickets are spread equally

between the schools attending that night (and there are usually a few spares at the door on the night).

As always the program is your ticket so when the program comes home please take good care of it.

Ticket orders must be returned by this Friday 22nd July or you'll need to wait to buy tickets until the night.

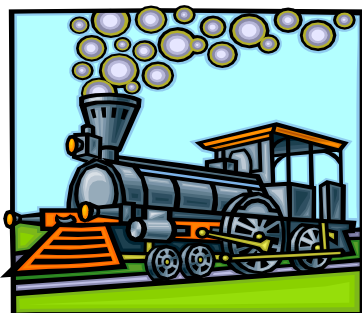
Items of Interest

Kids travel cheap

CountryLink currently offers a \$1 kids' fare, for children aged four to 15, to help make your holiday, short break or visit to friends or relatives more affordable.

Up to four children from the one household can travel to any destination on the CountryLink network for just \$1 each (subject to certain conditions). All passengers must be members of the one household and must

travel together for the duration of the journey. More info or online bookings go to: www.countrylink.info/promotions#dollar or call 13 2232



Thank you!

Last term we had a very large injection to our library collection. As well as Miss Vaughan buying books from across the country we had a very generous donation made by the de Ruyter family. The de Ruyters were having a big clean out at home, had a lot of books that were in terrific condition and contacted Miss Vaughan to see which books the library could use. Keep an eye out for the new books in the library.

Senior Constable Beard

Last term we had a visit from Senior Constable Beard who came to talk to us all about safety. As a group we talked about five safe people and five safe places. We had to decide who we would go to if we were in an uncomfortable situation. These people included police officers and fire fighters (both

who can be recognised by their uniforms), teachers, doctors, mum and dad. We also talked about safe places, for example places we would go to if we were lost. They included schools, home, police station or an information centre (recognised by the 'i' symbol).

As a group we talked about the

importance of not letting problems with other students outside of school interfere with our school work.

Senior Constable Beard tried her handcuffs on all of us. They were cold and heavy and felt uncomfortable. We also got some great work books and colouring-in sheets.

Education Week / Book Week / Book Fair

Education Week, Book Week and the Book Fair all fall into the same week this term. These three terrific events are running in week three.

The theme for Book Week is Harry Potter (better start getting costumes organised now!). We would like to invite

parents, grandparents, younger brothers and sisters and anyone else who would like to come, to an Education Week assembly at 10:30 on Wednesday 3rd August. This will be followed by a (self-provided) picnic lunch.

We hope you can all make it.

Book Fair will be running Tuesday and Wednesday of Book Week and Miss Vaughan has very kindly offered to keep it open until 4:00pm each of those days. Time will also be made for any shoppers on Thursday before school and at lunch.