

Mrs Smoother's Update



Harmony Day. On Wednesday 18 March we all travelled to Black Mountain Public School for Harmony Day celebrations. The students engaged in a number of activities related to a variety of countries such as, Spain, France and Italy. The activities included games, an art activity, learning a song and making their own pizzas. The students and staff then shared a meal consisting of dishes from those countries. The students were able to share morning tea and lunch time play sessions with the students from Black Mountain. Thank you to the staff and students from Black Mountain for an enjoyable day.

Scripture. The Outback Patrol, a scripture team based in Deepwater included our school as part of their annual visit. The students were told stories from the Bible and one of the team members cleverly illustrated the story as it was told.

Creative Arts. All students submitted works in the Glen Innes and Guyra Shows in the Art Section. Congratulations to all students who gained places in the competitions and particularly to Annie Wake who was judged overall Champion in her section for her crayon and wash painting at the Guyra Show. The high level of student work is a reflection of the work the students do with Mrs Vimpany.

Teaching and Learning. In English our theme is belonging. The students have read and completed activities related to the book *The Day the Crayons Quit*, by Oliver Jeffers. The students also wrote letters to Duncan, the boy in the book, pretending to be a crayon. The students have looked at how crayons are produced and discovered some interesting facts about crayon colours.

In Science and Technology the students have been looking at the lifecycles of a variety of plants and animals.

Athletics Carnival. Finlayson's Sports Day was held last week at Chandler Public School. All students participated in the March past, ball games, age races, high jump and long jump, congratulations to Elsie Wake who came first in the Junior Girls long jump.

Book Fair. Thank you to those parents and friends that have purchased items from the Book Fair. The books will continue to be on display and available for purchase until Thursday 2nd April.

Snow Gums Learning Alliance. Staff from the five schools within the Alliance will be meeting on Sunday 20th April and Monday 21st April for Professional Learning on the Mathematics Syllabus and the Science and Technology Syllabus as well as looking at how to implement Learning Goals for individual lessons.

School Calendar

T1 Week 10

Thursday, 2nd April 2015 - School Banking
Thursday, 2nd April 2015 – School Assembly
Thursday, 2nd April 2015 – Last Day Term 1
Friday, 3rd April 2015 – Good Friday

T2 Week 1

Monday, 20th April 2015 – Staff Development Day
Tuesday, 21st April 2015 – Students Return to School
Thursday, 23rd April 2015 - School Banking
Friday, 24th April 2015 – Library

T2 Week 2

Monday, 27th April 2015 – Anzac Day Public Holiday
Thursday, 30th April 2015 - School Banking
Friday, 1st May 2015 – Library

T2 Week 3

Thursday, 7th May 2015 - School Banking
Friday, 8th May 2015 – Library

T2 Week 4

Tuesday, 12th May 2015 – NAPLAN
Wednesday, 13th May 2015 - NAPLAN
Thursday, 14th May 2015 - NAPLAN
Thursday, 14th May 2015 - School Banking
Friday, 15th May 2015 – Small Schools Cross Country

T2 Week 5

Thursday, 21st May 2015 - School Banking
Thursday, 21st May 2015 – P&C Meeting
Friday, 22nd May 2015 – Library
Friday, 22nd May 2015 – School Assembly

End of Year Presentation Afternoon – 03/12/2015

End of term. Thank you to staff and students for all their efforts over the term. Enjoy the holidays and I look forward to working with you next term. Students return to school on Tuesday 21st of April 2015.

Denise Smoother
Principal

Good for Kids good for life

Reminder about Crunch&Sip®

Our school is part of the Crunch&Sip® program. To ensure that your child takes part in Crunch&Sip® you need to pack a piece of fruit or vegetables and a bottle of water every day.

Allowed for Crunch&Sip®

- All fresh fruit and vegetables
- Tinned fruit in water or juice
- Dried fruit in small amounts and on limited occasions
- Plain water

Not allowed for Crunch&Sip®

- Fruit products (e.g. fruit leathers, fruit roll-ups, fruit straps)
- Fruit jams or jellies, fruit pies or cakes
- Tinned fruit in syrup
- Vegetable or potato chips, hot potato chips
- Olives
- Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties)
- Baked vegetable breads
- Vegetable cakes, fritter, quiches or similar
- Popcorn
- Flavoured/carbonated water, cordial, Fruit or vegetable juices
- Any drink other than plain water

If your family is having difficulties providing a piece of fruit or vegetable every day please let us know and we will assist you in addressing this.



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HAPPY Easter



★★★★ School Awards ★★★★★

Merit Certificate

Piper Kempton –
Commitment to Reading

Bronze Awards

Adam Jolly
Marty Ryan
Tommy Ryan
Ruben Jolly
Elsie Wake
Macey Wake
Eli Jolly
Annie Wake



Tips & Hints

Easter reading

Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here: What's your child reading right now?

Find out more:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

School calendar

What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.

Find out more:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView>

April school holidays

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It's not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids' Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>