

# Kareela Courier

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Term 1 Week 2

Friday 6th February 2015



## Harvesting and Preparing Our Awesome Corn

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## Confirmed Diary Dates For This Term

|               |  |        |   |                                    |  |   |
|---------------|--|--------|---|------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Week 5</b> | 23-Feb<br>District Swim<br>Carnival -<br>Thomas, David<br>& Amelie | 24-Feb | 25-Feb<br>Scripture<br>Choir                          | 26-Feb<br>Music Tuition            | 27-Feb<br>Library<br>Sport                             | 28Feb/1Mar  |
| <b>Week 6</b> | 2-Mar  | 3-Mar  | 4-Mar<br>Scripture<br>Choir<br>Cinderella @<br>Exeter | 5-Mar<br>Music Tuition             | 6-Mar<br>Library<br>Sport<br>Tennis Club<br>Bulb Money | 7/8 Mar   |
| <b>Week 7</b> | 9-Mar  | 10-Mar | 11-Mar<br>Scripture<br>Choir<br>P&C Meeting           | 12-Mar<br>Music Tuition            | 13-Mar<br>Library<br>Sport                             | 14/15 Mar<br>"Loosely<br>Woven" &<br>Penrose PS<br>perform @<br>Wingello Hall |
| <b>Week 8</b> | 16-Mar   | 17-Mar | 18-Mar<br>Scripture<br>Choir                          | 19-Mar<br>Music Tuition<br>NRL Day | 20-Mar<br>Library<br>Sport                             | 21/22 Mar   |

Sunday 15th March at 1pm at Wingello Hall  
Children will be performing with

### "Loosely Woven" in Concert

Children will need to wear casual clothing.  
A note will come out to families very soon.

### Family Holidays & Travel

From the beginning of 2015, families can no longer apply for an exemption from school for family holidays and travel. Parents/carers are asked to consult with the school about travel during term time and complete an Application for Extended Leave -Travel. The application must be completed before departure for travel. If the application is approved you will be provided with a Certificate of Leave -Travel. An application form can be collected from the school office.

### Application for Exemption From School

Parents and caregivers may still apply for exemption from school attendance due exceptional circumstances eg health of child, employment in the entertainment industry and participation in elite arts or sporting events. An exemption form can be collected from the school office.

- Anne Willis (Home School Liason Officer)

## Cross Country Preparations According to Lilly

We have been practicing very hard in preparations for the upcoming Cross Country. Everyone is improving their personal best times. Even my friend Edyn, who shys away from running has really impressed me this year with her running efforts.

Ella and Lola were amazing running the course for the first time. I am looking forward to running on Thursday the 26th March, and I hope to make it to the State championship. If my friends get a chance, please practice at home.



*Prue and Lola running through the school reserve.*

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## Our Students

### From An Admin Perspective

We are blessed to have 19 wonderful children at our school. All are very keen to assist me in the office and “hang out” with me while I work during lunch.

Every afternoon after school Zak comes in and empties my recycling bin under my desk... “Oh boy, you sure do get a lot of junk mail Mrs Mabbutt.” How right he is.

Thomas (my right hand man) rewards me with home-made slice when he rings me in a panic from home after school to see if I can get his homework out of his tote tray and meet him at the shops when I drop off the mail on the way home. Oops! Was I suppose to say that. I know he would do the same for me, so I never mind, and he always helps me with any requests with a smile. Oh, and by the way, the home-made slice made by his dad is Masterchef standard.

Edyn, Molly and Lilly work tirelessly to collate the Bookclub catalogues in an orderly “assembly-line” fashion ready to distribute amongst the school, and are able to master even the most resistant stapler. David is the master of the photocopier and frequently demonstrates his talents by providing free lessons to classmates on how to operate the device. Yarri on the other hand, works with me as we roast in the sun on a hot day changing the school sign into something “punchy” with limited letters (especially with the letter “e”).

May, Mei and Luca are always helpful by reminding me about processing the quarterly Bookclub orders (on a daily basis). While Lilly is the first to notify me of any interesting parcels to arrive for the school at the shop and helps me to remind the teachers to hand out notes at the end of the day.

Flynn bravely didn't get too upset with me when I accidentally pulled his tooth out. I thought he asked me to pull it out when in actual fact he asked me to just have a look at it. The hanging tooth made it hard to understand what he was saying. Oops ... Sorry Flynn!

Heather and Ned always come in to check on how I am and kindly ask what I did on the weekends, and did I enjoy my trip to Ubud.

Now Mischa (in Year 2) has demonstrated a keen interest in payroll and has asked me if she can hand cash over to Mrs Bevan to her pay for the day. I explained that it is all done now online and asked her what she thought Mrs Bevan should get paid for the day. “\$50” Mischa replied. When she brought her “generous” suggestion to Mrs Bevan's attention, Mrs Bevan protested and said that she was at least deserving of \$1 million. Mischa and I went back to our budget for the year and decided that \$500 would

be a more realistic price, as long as Mrs Bevan understood clearly that this included her “oncosts”... Mischa is still not sure what “oncosts” means other than it has something to do with holidays.

This is only a few of the examples of the joy your children bring to the staff at our school on a daily basis (though I must say Mrs Bevan is relieved about her pay adjustment).

Our students have a reputation when involved in activities outside the school, as being courteous, helpful, well presented and very supportive of each other.

## Penrose Tennis Club

Bulb fundraising catalogues have been sent out to families to raise funds for the club's liability insurance and upgrade of facilities.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Please return orders to the school by Friday 6th March 2015.



*Edyn with our Corn Harvest*

## Doing Well In Class

Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

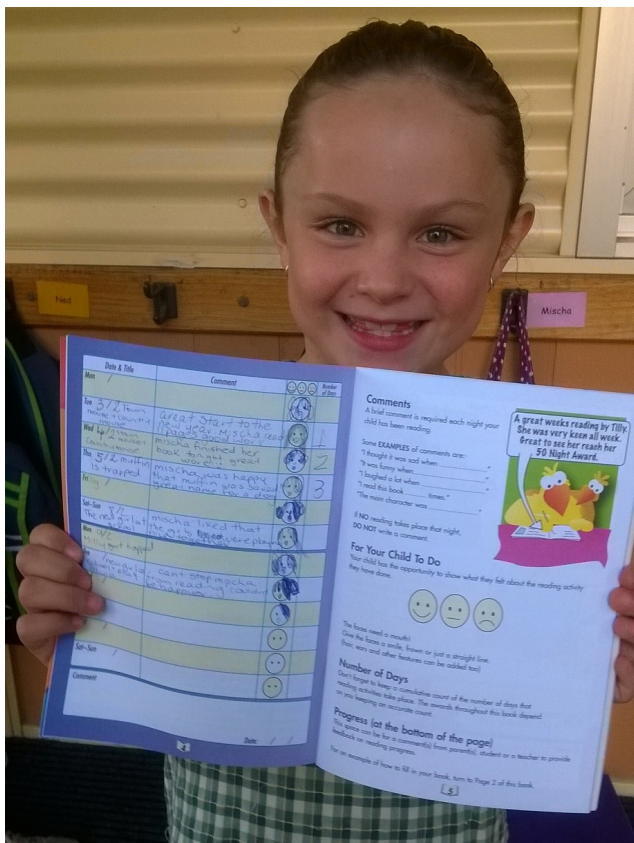
Find our more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-one>

## Moss Vale Show Coming Up

Kids can enter free on the Friday evening only if they come in school uniform. The organisers have also informed the school that there will be passes apparently being sent out to the school for the Saturday and Sunday.

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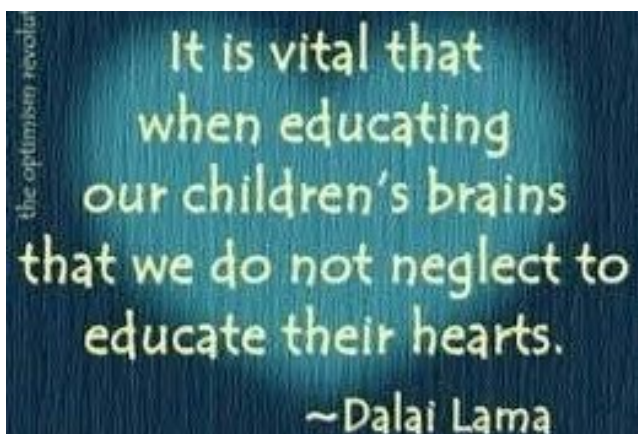
*Mischa with her impressive Reading Diary*

## Swimming Our Best At The Bong Bong Swimming Carnival

According to Molly and Amelie the Carnival was so much better than last year, despite the periods of cloud cover. Penrose went really well according to our new Girl School Leader Molly. We were all shouting as we cheered like crazy our Penrose team members in each event. Amelie said that Thomas, David and her have now made it to district with the possibility of our freestyle relay team going through as well. What made it so much fun was that there were water activities for the Kinders to Year 2 in the pool between races.

Best of luck for those who will be participating at District on Monday 23rd February.

**Stop Press: Our Relay team has also made the District selection.**



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*Look ... No Arms*



*The boys re-arranging the sandpit*

## Sandpit Upgrade

Over the holidays our GA John Armida has been working on creating a more user friendly sandpit for the students, with a selection of new sand equipment chosen by Mrs Pemberton. The students have renewed their interest in the historically famous sandpit. Reports going around have suggested that Mount Penrose has gained even greater heights than last year.

The sandpit over the years has demonstrated how the children work both together and independently to utilise this resources to its fullest potential.

## Reminders

Please bring a school hat to wear during play. A new order of hats is on the way if you need to purchase one at a cost of \$15 each.





*John showing David how to take the husks and silk off*



*Students preparing the tomato salad from the garden*



*John and the boys examining the quality of the corn*



*Amelie peeling back the corn*

Yarri talks to the Courier about

## **Our Awesome Corn & Tomatoes Harvest**

After the Christmas school holidays, we arrived back to school to find the kitchen garden abundant with corn, tomatoes and spring onion ready for us to harvest. John, our General Assistant, helped us all to harvest the corn showing us how to peel back the husks and remove the silks from the corn. We picked the tomatoes and spring onion rinsing them under cold water in the kitchen. With the corn, we cooked them all in a huge pot of boiling hot water, while with the tomatoes and the spring onion we made a wonderful Tomato Salad found on the internet. It was only the delicious dressing that did not come from the kitchen garden which we made using salt, black pepper, virgin olive oil and black pepper. The result according to everyone: The corn was really super sweet and yum! While the Tomato Salad was absolutely delicious and "yummy, yummy yummy" - according to the rest of Yarri's class.

**"I like cooking my family  
and my pets"  
Use commas  
Don't be a psycho!**

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## Waste Education With Molly & Yarri's Mum

The children learn about how we use the 3 different bins supplied by our Council at Home. We were taught that there is plastics that behave like paper but it isn't paper so it must go in the RED lid bin (the landfill bin). For example—plastic bags, candy wrappers and plastic wrap are all soft plastics to go in the red bin. But if the plastic holds it shape it's Ok to recycle. Loose lids go into the red landfill bin as the are not recyclable because they jam up the machine.

If the triangle on your container has a number on it, this indicates the type of plastic used and may or may not be able to be recycled. For example, polystyrene meat trays are a number 6 and cannot

be recycled as they don't hold their shape like paper, while the non foam meat trays also have a number 6 but can be recycled as they hold there shape unlike paper. Thank you Esther for coming in to teach us about recycling, even the staff were able to learn something new.

## Penrose Village Store & Café

Here's the link to the shop website!

Please take a look and subscribe. The aim of the website is to support our community such as local artists and the local school. Please speak to Alex at the shop if you have any suggestions or would like to contribute to the website. ENJOY!  
The Kareela Courier highly recommends the Bread and Butter Pudding. Yum!

## Working Together With Our School Community

### Bundanoon District Community Preschool

**ENROL  
NOW!**

Open Monday to Friday from 9.15am to 3.15pm  
2.5 - 5 year olds

Community-owned and not-for-profit, we have served children and families with distinction since 1981. We are industry leaders in children's education and care.

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Sunday 8th March



# GROW COOK EAT

## 2015 Festival • BUNDANOON COMMUNITY GARDEN

The children of Bundanoon & surrounding villages  
are invited to

### A FANCY DRESS PARADE

on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please come dressed as  
YOUR FAVOURITE VEGETABLE  
or GARDEN CREATURE

Gather near the festival entrance at 12.15

Queries: Elizabeth Ellis 0411032712

10AM to 4PM - Quest for Life Centre, Ellsmore Rd

Entry by donation - supporting the garden's community projects

[bundanooncommunitygarden.org.au](http://bundanooncommunitygarden.org.au)

Bundanoon Community Garden Inc.



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