Woolomin, Woolomin How does your garden grow?

With great parent volunteers and students all in a row!
Welcome Back

It was wonderful to see all our beautiful students walk through the school gate looking fantastic in their summer school uniforms. Everyone seemed pleased to be back at school and shared stories of their holiday adventures.

Peaceful Playgrounds and Calm Classrooms

A focus this year has been on developing quality learning spaces where students can read, write, count and play in areas that are comfortable and inspirational. We have created writing spaces in the infants' room and reading lounges in the primary room and over the holidays have created some outdoor areas for our students to use. A hopscotch, handball court, noughts and crosses frame and twister board have been painted on the concrete to provide students with game options during their breaks. An outdoor lounge has been placed on the infants' ramp as a reading area and calm space and a creative table has been established to give our students an outdoor area to write and draw during breaks. The students love the alphabet snake that winds up the infants' ramp. Special thanks to Mr McMahon for helping us create these special areas.
The Creative Space

The creative space is a very popular area that has been used by students to draw and write during their breaks. This week, three students in particular used the space and their lunch time to write amazing texts. Remember, these texts were done in their play time, independently and with such creativity. The students had been talking about Halloween which became obvious when I found these stories on my desk the next day. It's every teacher's dream to have students leaving stories on their desk, that have been independently written in their own time.

Bladen Steel

On a dark, stormy and very cold night I heard a scratch. I turned the light on and I looked out the window. Mum was feeding the chickens. She turned into a werewolf and she ate a chicken. I made a pizza and I threw it in her face. She tasted it and she gave me a hug. She put feathers on me and blood. It was YUK! The End

Marley Holden

On the scariest night it was so dark no one could see there were witches calling to me. It was freaky. All the people turned to Zombies. My little brother turned to a little devil. That was the so slow night. The next night the monster with one hundred eyes might bite me. If you ever see all those things in your head, run away from them. Did you ever have all of them in your head? Do you have a little devil? The End

Evie Walsh

The Zombie Noise

On one spooky Halloween, people heard zombie sounds until the people found out that it was five naughty boys making the noise. The boys ran and ran into the spooky forest. They heard zombie noises and then the village people popped out and laughed. "Ha, Ha, Ha, it's just us," laughed the people. But when they were walking back to the village they heard real zombie noises. When they saw the zombies they ran back to their houses and never went in the spooky forest again. The End

Bladen Steel enjoying the creative space during lunch break.
**Intensive Swimming Lessons**

Intensive swimming permission notes were sent home on Wednesday. The swimming program will run in weeks 9 and 10 however notes have been sent out at the start of term to allow families financial planning time as it gets closer to Christmas time. Families can send in payments or instalments anytime. Please sign and send in the permission note as soon as possible to assist with our planning. We anticipate all students will participate in the program. The students will be divided into ability groups and will either be working with Austswim coaches for swimming instruction or teachers for stroke improvement and water safety lessons. The cost of the program has been very generously subsidised by P&C.

**Northern Inland Football High Performance Football Trials**

Northern Inland Football will be conducting its annual High Performance Football trials starting in October, these trials are for both boys and girls in various age groups from U9 to U17’s. I have attached a document/flier briefly outlining what the trials are all about and the two trial locations, Tamworth and Armidale.

To participate at the first open trial parents will need to download an age appropriate registration form from the website www.northerninlandfootball.com.au and once filled in they can then either fax or email it directly to Howard Stubbs at coaching@northerninlandfootball.com.au

A parent information document is also available alongside the registration document so that the parents have a good understanding of what the commitment will be for their child in 2016.

**End of Term Workshops**

Students and staff enjoyed a creative end to Term Three with all students participating in creative, gardening and technology workshops. Below are some shots taken on the day. More photos follow over the page.
Term 4 Timetable

Term 4 is action packed with lots of academic, sporting and social learning opportunities for our students. I have included a timetable that outlines what subject students will be studying each day.

In addition to the key learning areas the following programs will be implemented this term:

- **Music** - K-6 students will have music lessons with Yvie from the conservatorium of music (marimbas, percussion, bucket drums).
- **Language Program** - Miss Burford will work with individual students (Fridays) on a language program that has been designed in collaboration with a speech therapist.
- **Choir Program** - All students will participate in singing lessons in preparation for the Christmas Play.
- **Library** - All students will have a Library Lesson on Mondays.
- **Intensive Swim Program** - All students will have the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons (weeks 9&10)
- **Reading Program** - A Student Learning Support Officer has been engaged to read with Infants students everyday for 10 minutes
- **Gardening Program** - Coordinated by our wonderful parents, students have the opportunity to work in the vegetable garden on Mondays during the lunch and afternoon tea breaks.

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Dungowan Camp Draft Canteen

Thankyou to the parents, staff and community members who donated their time to work at the Dungowan Campdraft canteen during the school holidays. The time went quickly as our very efficient team provided service with a smile and dished up some delicious chicken burgers! It was a treat to see Mrs Walsh work the hot plate and I must say she makes a super steak sanga! The Progress Association are very generous sponsors of our school and it was good to be able to support their fundraising efforts. Funds raised from this event will be used to support student learning.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be on Monday 12th October (next Monday) at 3.15pm at the school. Everyone is welcome to attend.
End of Term Activities
OCTOBER

5th October     Public Holiday
6th October     Students return to school
13th October    Rural Fire Brigade visit
21st October    Rural Kids First Aid program visit to school

NOVEMBER

11th November   Rememberance Day / Musica Viva performance (Dungowan School) $5 per student
12th November   THS CAPA Workshop Day 10.45-1.30pm
23rd November   Year 6 Farewell Dinner
30th November –11th December Intensive Swimming at Nundle Pool (2 weeks)

DECEMBER

3rd December    THS Orientation 9.30-2.00pm
9th December    Presentation Night

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