Farewell and Good luck

Two of our amazing students, Meghan and Jack, leave this week for their new school in Narrabri. Both students will be sadly missed but very fondly remembered as they were both a special part of our school family. We would also like to thank Bec and Geoff for all their support of Woolomin School. We wish the Baldock-Jolliffe family the very best in their new school and home. Don’t forget to write!

Cross Country

Our school cross country / fun run event is tomorrow (Thursday, 7th May) commencing at 12pm. Students and Staff will walk down to the park at approximately 11.45am. After the event we will stay and have lunch at our beautiful Riverside Park. Thankyou to the parents who have indicated that they can help on the day. Your support is appreciated. Families are reminded to please return the attached permission note as your child cannot participate without your permission.

**Please remember to bring a hat, drink bottle and sunscreen, as well as your picnic lunch**

STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM WITH CLOSED IN JOGGERS ON THURSDAY.

Musica Viva

The Musica Viva performance is on this Friday the 8th of May at Dungowan School. Students and staff will leave Woolomin School at approximately 9.00 to join Dungowan School for the performance. They will then have the opportunity to enjoy recess with Dungowan students before travelling back to school. Please ensure signed permission notes and $5 have been returned. This is a whole school excursion. STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR FULL WINTER UNIFORM—NOT SPORTS UNIFORM ON FRIDAY

Tennis

Last week Seniors tennis was cancelled due to the weather. However, hopefully this week they will get a start. Students will need to wear their sports uniform and bring a tennis racquet and tennis balls (2) if they have them. The Nundle bus will pick students up from Dungowan on the way into town and return them to Woolomin School in the afternoon. Mrs Murray will be in at the Treloar Courts with our students and there will be teacher supervision from Nundle School on the bus.
**NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN assessments on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week (Week 4). Parents of students in these years have been provided with information. If you have any questions please contact the school to speak to Mrs McMahon.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN tests provides information on how your child is progressing against national standards. This information allows for additional intervention if necessary to ensure students progresses at a rate where they can fully participate in all aspects of the curriculum. NAPLAN does not replace, but rather complements, assessments run by classroom teachers throughout the year. Students are assessed using common national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

**GRIP Leadership**

Our Year 6 Leaders and Mrs Pichler attended a Leadership Conference on Monday at the town hall with approximately 300 other young leaders from schools around the region. The skills and strategies that are taught at leadership conferences are very important to help prepare our senior students for not only leadership duties within the school but in their wider lives. At Woolomin School we believe opportunities to empower our students are valuable therefore this initiative was subsidised through school funds to enable all students to attend. Thank you to parents for providing transport to and from the venue. Please see Samuel’s report.

**Grip Leadership Conference Report**

On Monday the 4th of May, Miri, Emma and I went to Tamworth Town Hall.

We learnt many leadership skills. It was really good and we even learnt games we could play with infants. We all had a fun booklet to do while we listened and watched presenters who spoke about anti-bullying strategies. There were at least 300 year 6 students from heaps of schools.

I got called up on stage to play a spelling game. We had mitts on with letters on them and there were 4 on each team and we had to make a word out of the letters.

The conference ended at 2.30pm and I had a wonderful time listening and watching the presenters do funny stuff. I wish we could go again. It was a great experience. We received leadership badges for going up on stage and participating in different activities. I can use these leadership skills by teaching the games to infants

*Report by Samuel Lee*
Mother’s Day Stall

The SRC Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 8th May. The stall will be open at 2.30pm. Students will be able to purchase gifts from 50c to $5. SRC have subsidised the cost of items to ensure students can purchase a quality gift at a cheaper price. Making a purchase is not compulsory and all students will be involved in Mother’s Day craft in class. Thank you to families who have made donations of gifts to the stall.

Mother’s Day Raffle

The Mother’s Day raffle will be drawn on Friday. Please send in completed stubs and money by Thursday 7th May. All tickets sold or unsold need to be returned to the office. Thank you again to Mrs Austin and Mrs Sampson for your generous donations of a beautiful cake and Avon products. What a wonderful prize!

Hearing and Vision Checks

New England Medicare Local will be visiting our school, on the 19th May 2015 to conduct free ear and eye screening checks. Results of these checks will be reported back to parents / guardians along with suggestions for further treatment should issues be identified. The check will be conducted by Aboriginal Health Workers and Registered Nurses from the New England Medical Local team. To enable your child to participate please complete the attached permission note with your child’s details and return it as soon as possible to the school office.
**Operation Art Workshop**

Last Thursday, Ravyn, Meghan and Branden attended an OPERATION Art workshop at the Tamworth Art Gallery. This was an amazing opportunity for our students to learn new techniques and experiment with different materials. Students were chosen for the workshop as an interest in visual arts had been identified in their personalised learning plans. The fee for participating in the whole day workshop was subsidised through school funds. Thank you to parents for providing transport on the day.

**Operation Art**

On Thursday Megan, Branden and I went to an art workshop and we learnt how to do different types of art. We made leaves and bugs and outlined them with a stick with ink on it. We made clay models of animals morphed together. My creation was a butterfly mixed with a dog and it was called a Dogerfly.

I had a great time learning new techniques and meeting a new friend.

By Ravyn Steel

**Operation Art**

Last Thursday Rav, Branden and I went to Tamworth Art Gallery. We went to the workshop to learn about art. There were students from other Tamworth schools who came.

We made lots of art. We learnt different ways of making art. We made a life scene and we outlined it with ink. We made clay models and my creation was called a Unicorn. I had a creative time and I made new friends.

By Meghan Baldock

**Mini –Canteen Note**

Students can order combinations of ham, cheese, tomatoes toasties or sandwiches every Mon, Tues, Wednesday lunch. We have stopped making salad sandwiches due to the weather change.

**Special Note**

This week there will be no Friday Special due to the Musica
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

**MONDAY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**K-2 Class Award: Tobias Douglas**  
For outstanding effort in Mathematics

**3-6 Class Award: Emily Milo**  
Quality work in all subjects

**Principals Award: Indiana Fisher**  
Great writing, focus in class and being a joy to be around.

**Merit Cards**

Samuel Lee, Emma Lee, Brooke Douglas, Indiana Fisher, Willum Gordon, Emily Milo, Evie Walsh, Joseph Sampson
Bronze Awards:

Samuel Lee, Emily Milo, Jack Jolliffe

Congratulations to Miriam on her outstanding speech at the Tamworth High School Debating day. Her participation was acknowledged with a certificate and banner.
## April

- **29th April**: Shake a Leg Program commences (PDHPE) and runs for five consecutive Wednesdays
- **30th April**: Selected students at Operation Art (Tamworth)

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