

# Medlow Public School

CREATIVITY RESPECT TEAMWORK



Week 9 Term 4 2017

*Great teaching is explicit, engaging and enables students to experience success.*

Dear Parents and Students,

I am really pleased with the final assessments for this term. The effort and enthusiasm by the students and staff has certainly paid off. It is so heart-warming to see the students go beyond one year's learning in one year. Our minimum expectation here at Medlow is that students are grade appropriate. It has given me so much pleasure to put the reports and portfolios together for your child. I hope you will be pleased with their progress. Learning across the curriculum content is now identified as Learning Progressions and apart from the specific subject areas students are required to be taught cross curriculum priorities, general capabilities and other learning across the curriculum areas.

## Cross—Curriculum Priorities

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures

Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia

Sustainability

## General Capabilities

Critical and Creative Thinking

Ethical Understanding

Information and Communication technology capability

Intercultural Understanding

Literacy

Numeracy

Personal and Social capability

## Other Learning Across the curriculum areas

Civics and Citizenship

Difference and diversity

Work and Enterprise

As we move into our next planning phase from 2018-2020 I urge you to think about how you want Medlow to deliver education to meet the needs of your child and our community. It is essential that we work together to achieve what is best for each child. As discussed in the P and C meeting, our big focus for 2018 will be writing. Considerable planning is in place for this to happen in conjunction with the other small school's network. I look forward to many conversations with students, parents, staff and the Department to ensure that we go beyond "grade appropriate learning" to incredible learning!

Medlow Public School is a proud member of the Valley 10 Community of Public Schools.



## Upcoming Events

### December

- 4th Swim & Survive
- 5th Dawn's Ceremony
- 5th Yr 7 Orientation Macksville High
- 7th Presentation Day
- 13—15th School Camp—S W Rocks
- 15th Students Last Day for 2017

### School Focus

Remember  
Santa is watching.

### Special Events this Week

We have 2 special events this week:

- ◆ Dawn's Ceremony—Tomorrow
- ◆ Presentation Day—Thursday



Who can tell  
me what this  
is? Answer  
on page 2.

## Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am. This will be followed by morning tea. Please bring a plate to share.

## Raffle Tickets

Please support our final fundraising drive for the year. Once again Terri has put together a fantastic prize list and thank you for your contributions. Carolyn has been busy working with the big supermarket chains to get the best deals on items.

## SWR Excursion Arrangements

Transport arrangement to and from the Big 4 Caravan Park at South West Rocks are as follows:

- ⇒ Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>— Parents to meet Jane and Ms Landers at the park front gate at 10am.
- ⇒ Friday 15<sup>th</sup>—Parents to collect students at Back Creek Footbridge (behind the Catholic Church) at 2pm.

Parents are welcome to join in any of the activities over the three days. Please return the attached permission note asap.

## Health and Safety

There are safety issues that I would like our school community to be aware of. Firstly many buildings are getting new roofs so it is imperative that we are all aware of alternative arrangements on the school site. Please do not enter areas that are fenced off. A toilet can also be accessed in the library/office area.

Secondly our school car park is of concern. We need to come up with protocol for parking, picking up and dropping off of students, supervision of pre-schoolers and safe playing areas. Until we can decide on these, can I please insist on the following;

- All students to be dropped off and picked up in the car park. Parents are to accompany students through the car park and those students who are 8 years old and younger must hold an adults hand.
- All cars are to be reverse parked either in the car park or along the jacaranda/fence line.
- Close Supervision of pre-schoolers is necessary at all times.
- Safe playing areas are to be decided each day depending on advice from the building contractors.
- Students who are unable to play safely and this includes wearing a hat, will forgo their opportunity to play.

Children's safety is everyone's responsibility.

We only have 2 weeks to go and lots of exciting things happening.

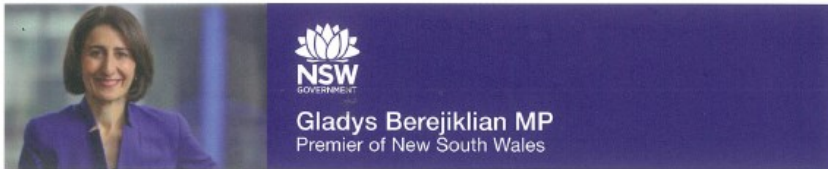
Regards  
Sarah Landers  
Principal

The builders are making great progress replacing the roof on the Office/Library area.

Answer: It is a bogong moth that Taryn found over the week-end.







Dear Principal,

I am delighted to provide the enclosed certificates for students who completed the 2017 NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge - School Sport Challenge. You will also receive a larger certificate for display in your school.

Encouraging young people to adopt a healthier, more active lifestyle is a key focus for the NSW Government and is as important to our students as literacy and numeracy skills. I would appreciate your assistance in acknowledging on my behalf, the many staff and community members who have supported students in taking part in the Challenge.

In its 10<sup>th</sup> year, more than 1,500 schools registered to take part in the Premier's Primary and Secondary School Sport Challenge. Over 380,000 students and staff will receive certificates acknowledging their successful completion. This is a record achievement and indicates the ongoing value and relevance of this program to schools.

My congratulations to all who have taken part in the challenges this year.

Yours faithfully,

**GLADYS BEREJIKLIAN MP**  
Premier

Mr Trudgett, Wren and Anna checking out the Dawn seat that Mr Trudgett generously helped the students erect.



Thank you, Linda for assisting us with the school swimming program.

