Welcome back everyone. I hope that the children had a restful and enjoyable break from school.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings**

By now you should have received an invitation to attend a meeting with your child’s teacher over the next week or two. After reading through the students’ reports I am very impressed with their improvements and achievements over Semester 1. Please take the time to either celebrate your child’s successes or clarify any concerns with your child’s teacher.

**Busy Week for Gwynneville Public School**

Our Southern Stars Dance Troupe participated in their first practise at Figtree High School on Tuesday and we are excited about performing at the Choral Festival this coming Thursday night.

Congratulations to all students attending the District Athletics Carnival this Thursday and Friday, we wish you well. A reminder to those students who are also involved in the Choral Festival to be as punctual as they can be in getting to the Town Hall at 8:15am, for rehearsal.

**Education Week**

Mrs Devlin and Mrs Ellison are busy organising fun activities for the students to participate in next Wednesday when we have our “Doing Things Together” activities, for Fowl Food Day. Please come along and observe the activities and bring a picnic lunch to have with the children on the day. We are also offering Subway meal
deals that need to be **pre ordered and paid for by Tuesday** next week. This subway meal deal will include a six inch sub, a water or juice and a choc chip cookie. **The cost will be $6.50 and it would be appreciated if you could place the correct amount of money in the envelope.** Envelopes for orders and money will be available for collection from the teachers on Friday. If you are ordering, as well as your child, please ask for another envelope. These will need to be returned to the Office on Tuesday. Orders will not be accepted on Wednesday. Tuesdays will become our regular Subway lunch order day for staff and students.

**KINDergarten 2016**
It’s that time of the year when we start organising our Kindergarten Orientation sessions. If you have a child enrolling in Kindergarten next year or know of someone else who has, we need the enrolment forms as soon as possible, please.

**ILLawarra Schools’ Performing Ensemble**
On Tuesday we were fortunate to have the premier Illawarra Public High Schools’ performing group visit our school. The Illawarra Schools’ Performing Ensemble consists of a show band, dancers and singers from public high schools in our region. It was an amazing performance with the talent of so many young people on show. It was great to see so many parents enjoying the show as well.

**Premier’s Spelling Bee 2015**
Good luck to Ahktar 3/4M, Muhammad 3/4M, Louise 5/6E and Charlotte 5/6E who will be competing in the NSW Premier Spelling Bee challenge on September 14, 2015.

**GOING BEYOND THE FRAME FOR SOUTHERN STARS 2015**
Last Thursday saw the official launch of Southern Stars 2015 where details about the theme for this year’s show were announced.

This year Southern Stars is going **Beyond The Frame** and pushing the boundaries and taking risks with music, theatre, song, dance, staging, lighting and costuming in new and exciting ways.

The show will look beyond what you first see, leading to some amazing numbers including hundreds of students making their bodies a part of an original Aboriginal dot painting, a theatre segment on the ANZACS focusing on those left at home facing their own battles, and a cast of thousands performing the National Anthem.

Approximately 3,000 public school students from around Southern NSW will take part in the two hour show which will be full of music, dancing, colour and emotion.

As in past years, community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success, and the easiest way of showing your support is by attending one of the four blockbuster shows.

It doesn’t matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy arena style show which provides great entertainment for people of all ages. The talent, energy and enthusiasm of our students is something not to be missed!

Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday, August 28 (10am and 7pm) and Saturday, August 29 (2pm and 7pm) - make sure you are one of them.

**Clothing Pool**
Please note that we have a small clothing pool of second hand school uniforms in the office. All clothing is in good condition. We are asking that when your child out grows their uniform, would you please donate it back to the school if it is in good condition. This will help other families in need.

Mrs Payne—Principal

**NEW Books—HELP!**
If you are able to help cover a few books with contact, please let Mrs Hancock in the Library know. Thank you.

Mrs Hancock

**Ethics Education**
Due to a large response to these lessons, we have had to schedule them on alternate Terms until we get another teacher. This Term Kindergarten and Years 5 and 6 are attending lessons and next Term will be Years 1/2 and 3/4.

**Archibull Website**
Our 2015 Archibull Website is up and running. Our new address.

**Reminder District Athletics**
This Thursday and Friday at Beaton Park. Please meet Mr Burns and Mrs Eshman at our school tent to get your names marked off.

**Fowl Food Day**
On Wednesday, July 29 we will be having a whole school activity day where the children will be learning about healthy eating poultry/eggs, fruit/vegetables and why we need to lead activity lifestyles.
The day will be mufti where the children can wear yellow, red and orange and all we ask is a gold coin donation to go towards our school fun run.

**Mission Australia Donation Drive**
Mission Australia is teaming up with Wests Illawarra and local schools to encourage kids and families to donate their surplus goods to a good cause.
A reminder to fill your bag with unwanted soft items such as clothing and Manchester, and return it back to school. There is a clothing bin provided in the school grounds near the drive way to enable the returned bags to be placed in straight away.

**Mathletics Student Awards**
Congratulations to the following students:
Matthias, Jeren and Kevin who will be receiving their award at the next assembly.

**Congratulations** to Charlotte for achievement in the Premier’s Spelling Bee 2015.

**MS Readathon—Read to Make a Difference**
The MS Readathon is a simple way to empower your child to make a difference. August 1-31.
Taking part is easy. Simply register online and encourage your child to read as much as they can throughout August to help people living with multiple sclerosis (MS). Ask friends and family for support through sponsorship donations.
In November, your child will receive a Certificate of Appreciation. Every minute, every book, every dollar counts. **To Register or for More Information Visit nmsreadathon.org.au today. Phone 1300 ms read.**
Canteen:
Please note, canteen will be closed Thursday 23rd but will re-open on Friday 24th July. Sausage rolls are back on the menu! Our sausage rolls are all beef with no egg or dairy.

Pasta day:
Tuesday 4th August is pasta day! You should have received an order form this week (spares can be found in the office.) Place your order in the P&C box in the office by Tuesday 28th July.

Trivia night:
Our trivia night is fast approaching on Saturday 15th August in the school hall. Details will be sent home this week.
The trivia night is brought to us by Wollongong Comedy and promises to be a fun night out with family and friends.
Please note, we are trying to gather prizes for the night and would be very grateful for any donations. If you own or are involved in a business that can donate a prize we would greatly appreciate your help. Donations of suitable gifts would be greatly appreciated. Donations can include family passes, vouchers, unused and unwanted gifts, wine, chocolates and other items suitable for a hamper.

P&C meeting:
Our first P&C meeting for term 3 is scheduled for Wednesday 29th July at 6.30pm. All are welcome and your input is valued; please join us.

Thank you. Katie—P&C President, 0431892936