

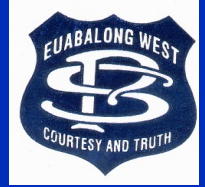
## Calendar

- **Tuesday the 19th of July**, students return to school, beginning of term 3
- **Thursday the 28th of July**, afternoon VC with Rankin's Springs
- **Friday 29th of July**, National Partnerships meeting @ Narrandra, Miss J out.
- **Monday the 1st - Friday the 5th**, Education Week
- **Tuesday the 2nd of July** "Drumbeat" @ Lake Cargelligo
- **Tuesday the 2nd of August**, Kid's Club
- **Tuesday the 2nd of August**, P&C meeting
- **Wednesday the 3rd of August**, Education week assembly
- **Thursday the 4th of August**, Binya Harvest dinner
- **Tuesday the 9th of August**, ARCO training @ Griffith, Miss J out, Miss L replacing
- **Thursday & Friday the 11th & 12th of August**, PPA conference, Miss J out

# Euabalong West Public School School Newsletter

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## Term three begins!

Welcome back everyone to term three of 2011, I hope all of our families had a restful and very enjoyable break, we've already heard about the great travels many of you have been on.

Term three which is traditionally the quietest term in our calendar is already shaping up to be busy and interesting, we have education week, science week, a "Drumbeat" performance at Lake Cargelligo, Musica Viva and book week all to look forward to and that's only the first half of our term.

As always our students have made a great start to their term, settling quickly back into the routines and doing great work. This term our students will be exploring their communities and how they and other organized groups can affect positive change. They will also be investigating communication technologies in science and developing their writing skills by looking into the different poetry and narrative text types.

Parents as always are invited to drop by any time to participate in class or just to have a look at the brilliant things that our students are up to. Reading groups will take place on Tuesday's during the morning session, 9:30 to 10:30 this term if any parents would like to volunteer their time to listen to our students read and to work with them on their comprehension activities.

## Trivia Night Success

Our two trivia nights, held on the last Thursday and Friday of term 2 were a fantastic success. On behalf of all of the participating schools I would like to thank everybody who attended and helped to keep both of the nights running smoothly.

I would particularly like to thank the other principals who volunteered their time, Natalie James from Rankin's Springs PS, Crystal McGuigan from Naradhan, Kate Brace from Binya and Duncan Adams from Bilbul. Our network of schools continues to grow stronger and it was great fun to work together for the benefit of all of our students.

Both nights were a lot of fun with the "Runner Up-pers" a Euabalong West team winning the Thursday night and the "Rankin's Springs Rebels" team from Rankin's Springs winning the following Friday night. They along with the second place getters received hampers made up of a variety of local produce, products and services donated by local business houses.

Over both nights we raised a little over \$1400.00, which is astonishing, this money will be used to subsidise this years upcoming school excursions and similar fundraising events in the future will continue to raise money to subsidise any joint school excursions, which we are hoping to get off the

## Library Books

We are about to take part in our mid year stock take for our school library. This means we would like all families to conduct a search for any and all school books that may be hiding under beds, behind desks or sitting quietly on lounge room coffee tables.

Lost and damaged books are

one of the biggest expenses in a school. Replacing these books can cost between \$15 and \$35 per item. Which I'm sure everyone can appreciate when multiplied by 50 or 100 books it is a considerable deduction from our school budget.

We are also still missing several books which we borrowed from

the Griffith town library. Being a small school it's important that we use these other institutions and their resources and to continue to do that we need to make sure we take care with what they loan us. I would appreciate if all books could be returned by Friday of week two.

# Kindergarten Transition

Kindergarten transition will begin in week three of this term, children who have turned 5 this year or who will turn 5 early next year are eligible and invited to attend this program.

The transition program will be held on Wednesdays and will run as a full day program for six weeks in term 3, from Wednesday the 3rd of August till until Wednesday the 7th of September and 4 weeks in term 4, from the Wednesday the 26th of October until Wednesday the 16th of November.

The children taking part will be involved in a variety of activities including sport, art and gardening as well as school readiness lessons in numeracy and literacy.

Transition gives the children who will be beginning school in 2012 a chance to familiarise themselves with the routines and expectations of school life and the program helps to develop their confidence when in the school environment as well as the independence skills they will need to ensure that the

process of beginning "big school" is as exciting and smooth as possible.

All families with students eligible for this program that we are aware of will be receiving their information packages this week.

If you have any questions or would like to look over the transition program activities and lessons please contact Miss Jackson.

*A master can  
tell you what  
he expects  
of you. A  
teacher,  
though,  
awakens  
your own  
expectations*

**Patricia Neal**

## National Partnerships

On Friday the 29th of July Miss Jackson will be attending the National Partnerships meeting in Narrandra. This meeting is to inform teachers and principals how they are to use the grant that has been given to their school and to provide support for the upcoming process of rolling onto the scheme.

The knowledge gained from the meeting will be passed onto the parents at the next P&C meeting which will take place on Tuesday the 2nd of August at 3:30pm in the school staffroom. After the P&C meeting we will be able to begin the process of National Partnerships so we are ready to receive the bulk of the funding in 2012.



NAIDOC day fun

## Education Week

From the 1st of August until the 5th all NSW state schools will be celebrating Education week, the success of our public schools and the success of our individual students.

Euabalong West will be having a very busy week that week as we will have the "100 Days of School" celebration on the

Monday along with an author visit from Lyn Ward a local author from Naradhan.

We will be attending the "Drumbeat" performance at Lake Cargelligo central school on Tuesday the 2nd of August.

Then on Wednesday the 3rd we will take part in a science expo session, led by Miss Lesker.

Also on Wednesday we will be having our school Education week assembly. During which our junior students will be putting on a play for our parents and visitors.

The Education week assembly will take place at 2:00pm on Wednesday the 3rd of August. We look forward to seeing all of our families and friends there.

# 100 Days of School

On the 29th of July our Kindergarten students will have attended 100 days of primary school. This is an exciting achievement and one that we are very much looking forward to celebrating.

Naradhan will be visiting on the day to take part in a variety of special activities. We would also like to invite our community and families to attend a Teddy Bear's picnic with us on that day.

The picnic will begin at 1:00pm, if you would like to come please bring a blanket, something yummy for your lunch and your favorite teddy bear.

After lunch our students will be presenting a special surprise for our parents. There will also be a short assembly to celebrate the achievements of our kindergarten students.

# Clothing

We are coming again into one of the times when the weather is changeable and hard to predict. With this being the case students are encouraged to come to school dressed warmly and in layers.

This enables them to stay comfortable throughout the day. It is important though that all items of student clothing is clearly labelled with both their first and their family name.

This allows teachers to make sure that clothing is returned to the right owner and that items that are left on the playground or mislaid can also be returned as quickly as possible.

## Student of the week



### Week 1, Term 3, 2011

Sarah Hoadley receives student of the week this week, for her effort and attitude during math's. It is fantastic to see you working hard to improve.

## Head lice

Traditionally at this time of year, again as the weather begins to change, head-lice can become an issue in schools.

Our school does not currently have any cases of head-lice but we would like to ask parents and families to make a routine of checking their children's hair every now and then. And that our lovely young ladies attending try and keep their hair tied back as often as possible. If you would like any information about preventing head-lice please contact the school.

## Interesting Info

### P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday the 2nd of August at 3:30pm in the school staffroom.

### Kids Club

Kids club's next meeting is Tuesday the 2nd of August, starting at 4:00pm all you need is a gold coin and a big smile to join the fun.

### New student portals

Four new student portals have been developed to support the different needs of students: Kindergarten to Year 2, Years 3

-6, Years 7-12 and TAFE.

With the success of the Year 7 to 10 roll-out, the Years 11 and 12 portal will be available on 25 July, with KIDSPACE (K-2) to follow on 1 August and finally Student Portal (Years 3-6) on 8 August.

The portals will be accessible from both home and school. The new URL is: <http://student.det.nsw.edu.au> so please change all bookmarks and links for the student portal to this new URL.

Enhanced features include being able to search, access and organise information for school tasks via the student portal on computers used at home or at school, at

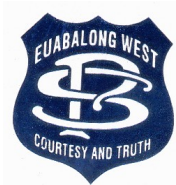
any time. Dates can be added into a calendar portlet as reminders for assessment tasks, homework and other important events and colours can also be customised.

### Sailing for everybody

If you have a child with a disability, Sailability is a worldwide charity which promotes sailing to everyone, regardless of physical or mental ability. For a low yearly fee you can sail at a range of clubs around NSW.

Go to: [www.sailability.org/clubs.cfm](http://www.sailability.org/clubs.cfm) and click on the club closest to you.





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**Attitudes not aptitude dictate your  
altitude**

# Kid's Club

Kid's Club begins again this term on Tuesday the 2nd of August. Mrs Brett has very graciously consented to keep volunteering her time for which we are very grateful. Kid's club begins at 4:00pm and it is a gold coin donation to take part. The children have really enjoyed these afternoon activities and we are very pleased to be able to continue to provide them.

## KROP - Kid's Rapt On Performing arts

If you are interested in seeing the very talented students of our region and getting a better understanding of what our students will be doing next year I encourage you to attend this years KROP. The performances will take place on the 4th and 5th of August at the Griffith Regional theatre, tickets can still be bought from the theatre, but hurry as they will soon be sold out.

# Picture this: Week 1, Term 3

## SENIOR'S AWARD OF THE WEEK!

Week 1, term 3



Jackson Patterson, for his excellent work in mathematics.

