THIS WEEK … we have beautiful weather for our Athletics Days! E-Day was amazing! The creativity of the Year 6 students was very impressive. Our younger students, parents and visitors all enjoyed shopping at the stalls with their E-dollars. It was great to meet with many of you at Parent Teacher Interviews. When parents and teachers can work together with the same strategies, students have the best opportunity to grow and improve. We loved your feedback about the electronic reports. Most parents seem happy with reports being emailed, but we are happy to supply printed reports to parents on request. Please contact the Primary Office if you would like a printed report. The highlight of our week is Kindy grandparents visiting. They are always amazed to see how school has changed over the years.

TEACHER PD … During the holiday break our teachers will be involved in a variety of Professional Development including assessment strategies, teaching writing and using technology. Teachers will also be developing programs and resources for the new History Syllabus to be implemented in 2016.

REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS … we have the NED program. This program promotes resiliency and positive attitudes: Never give up, Encourage Others, Do your best. Enjoy a fantastic holiday break with your children. Why not read some books together! This not only helps with learning, but also creates life-long happy memories.

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MAKING A MARK … “There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.” John Holmes

DONE AND DUSTED … Well, that’s it for Term 2, folks! Reports and Parent Teacher Interview nights are behind us and Semester Two lies in waiting! We’ve had a big week of successful completions – the last flurry of tasks, tests and assignments have been sorted, Parent Teacher Interviews were a great testament to the partnership with have with our families and our students have earned themselves a good break! We were blown away with the musical talents of two American performance groups – they were simply jaw-dropping. Our Year 11 Hospitality students did a fabulous job of the function we hosted on Tuesday and two of our Year 11 students continued their cooking finesse in a Hunter Region Hospitality Competition … AND CAME THIRD. Congratulations, Joseph C and Ethan C! Some of our students also had the opportunity to visit Barker College and see a robotic duel – they have been suitably inspired! Our Wee Waa STORMCo team left today and Cobar’s team leaves next week. We pray for meaning connection in these two towns.

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … Staff return to work on July 13 for our professional development week. We’re looking forward to getting sorted and inspired for Term 3. We have another international guest joining us for Chapel in Week 2 of term and our Year 12s have a week of Term 3 before they undergo their Trial Exams – a significant step in preparing for their HSC. We wish them every success as they study over the break!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time. I trust you all have a safe and enjoyable term break. We look forward to seeing all our students back refreshed and ready for Semester Two!

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YEARS WEEK HOSPITALITY CATERS LUNCH FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE VOLUNTEERS
GENERAL

Reports
Mid Year Reports were emailed to parents last week. If you would like a hard copy of your child’s report, they are available for collection from the Primary Office until Friday, July 24.

ICAS English Competition
Tuesday, July 28
Next term, students selected by teachers as our top English achievers will represent our school in the ICAS English Competition. This competition will be held at school on Tuesday, July 28. Students have been notified this week of their selection. Please note the cost of entry for each selected student will be covered by the school. If your child was not selected but you would like them to participate, application forms are available from the Primary Office. The cost of the competition will be $8.80. All forms and money need to be returned to the Primary Office by the end of Week 1, Term 3, Friday, July 24. As these are competitions, we recommend that students enter only if they show ability in a particular area.

SPORT

Sport In Schools
The annual Term 3 Sport In Schools Program will commence on Tuesday, July 21 requiring all students to be in their sports uniform. This is a special program where Kindy to Year 6 students participate in rotation activities covering many developmental skill areas of the curriculum using unique equipment. All students from Kindy to Year 6 need to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays for Term 3.

Athletics Days
The Athletics results are all in and the HRIS Athletics team has been put on display in the sport’s cabinet. The presentation of ribbons and trophies will be held on Monday, July 27 at assembly. The HRIS Athletics Day will be held at the Glendale Athletics Centre on Tuesday, August 4. Students are encouraged to train over the holidays. Throwing event training will continue before school with other events at lunchtimes.

Year 2 Athletics Day

Year 5 & 6 Athletics Day

CLASS

Year 6 E-Day

SPORT UNIFORM FOR TERM 3
Kindy: wear sport uniform each Monday and Tuesday.
Years 1 & 2: wear sport uniform each Tuesday only.
Years 3–6: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Friday.
Year 7 Muffin Challenge
A range of wonderfully creative muffin designs were produced by the Year 7 Technology class last week. They delivered such delights such as cauliflower cheese muffins, olive chilli cheese muffins, apple crumble muffins and a range of other interesting and unique designs.

Fraser Island 2015
Year 11 Geography students travelled to Fraser Island for their Biophysical Interactions Fieldwork recently. Here are some of the students’ reflections:
Fraser Island was an awesome experience. The island was beautiful and the geographical concerns and ecological wonders of the island were eye opening. Highlights included the 4WD tour, swimming down Eli Creek, canoeing through mangrove creeks, exfoliating at Lake McKenzie, The Pinnacles and the spa! The resort was exceptional, with patient, helpful and friendly staff and lovely meals. They deserve praise for the way they have built an appreciation for the environment and for their passion for sustainability. Overall it was a great trip, full of new experiences and unforgettable memories. Thank you to Mr and Mrs McKim for making this trip possible.

International Performers Visit
On Wednesday, students were treated to a special concert by the New England Youth Ensemble and Columbia Collegiate Chorale during a combined Year 3-12 Chapel in the MPC. The Chorale is directed by Dr James Bingham, an ‘aussie’ who began his musical career at Avondale College. The Youth Ensemble is directed by Dr Preston Hawes. The Ensemble and Chorale are world class and the students responded well to the quality of the performance. The group have performed in cathedrals and churches on their tour which commenced in Melbourne and will conclude in Brisbane in a week. The combined group performed the wonderful hymn ‘How Great Thou Art’ which concluded the concert and the students rose as one in a standing ovation. Dr Bingham was very complimentary of the students’ interest and commitment to the performance. He commented that it was “an absolute delight to perform for your school!”

Year 8 Maths
Year 8 Maths classes have been learning about scale diagrams. As part of their curriculum this week, they researched the dimensions of famous towers and bridges. Using this information they had to calculate an appropriate scale ratio and create 2D and 3D scale models of these towers and bridges. Some students found it quite challenging to discover that a ratio that seemed appropriate on paper was not practical to use when building a tower with blocks.
PLEASE NOTE

Unknown Monies
Thank you for your payments toward school fees this term. It is greatly appreciated and you are to be commended for your commitment and attention to this important aspect of school life. There have been a number of deposits into our account which have had no description and we are unsure who made these payments: June 7, June 1, May 28. If you made sizeable payments on any of these dates, could you please confirm this with the Business Office.

Dr David Faull
Principal

Primary Calendar - Term 3
Last Day of Term 2 .............................................. June 26
Vacation Care Available ...................................... June 29 - July 17
Teacher Professional Development ..................... July 13 - 17
First Day of Term 3 ......................................... July 20
School Fees Due ................................................ July 24
Get Active Starts for Term 3 ............................... July 27
HRIS Cultural Festival ....................................... July 29
HRIS Athletics Day .......................................... August 4
Open Day .......................................................... August 12
Book Week ..................................................... August 17 - 21
Book Character Parade ...................................... August 20

Secondary Calendar - Term 3
Last Day of Term 2 .............................................. June 26
STORMCo Trip to Wee Waa ............................... June 26 - July 2
STORMCo Trip to Cobar ................................... July 3 - 9
Teacher Professional Development ..................... July 13 - 17
First Day of Term 3 ......................................... July 20
HRIS Athletics Day .......................................... July 21
School Fees Due ................................................ July 24
Get Active Starts for Term 3 ............................... July 27
Year 12 Trial Exams ............................................ July 27 - August 7
2016 Year 11 Subject Expo ................................. July 28
2016 Year 9 Subject Expo .................................... July 29

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are at the end of June and more than halfway to Christmas. It has been a fantastic term with great events and outstanding student performances.

The British film \textit{Millions} tells the engaging story of two brothers who find a bag full of money with no apparent owner. The younger boy wants to use it to help the poor, while the older brother sees it as his ticket to popularity and the good life.

What unfolds is a story that vividly contrasts the freedom of a generous spirit with the frustration of a grasping hand. We forget very easily how well off we really are. There are many who do not know where the next meal will come from or where they will sleep tonight!

Generosity is the readiness to give more than is necessary or expected. The boy in the movie demonstrated there is more power in the open hand than the clenched fist!

The story in the Bible about the young boy who gave up his lunch to feed others is a classic illustration of real generosity. Like most boys he was probably looking forward to the lunch his mum had made with care and yet he gave it up.

Generosity is a quality of the spirit. It is seeing an opportunity to share what you have and then giving just for the joy of it.

Let’s look for opportunities to help, support and encourage - to be generous with our time and in doing so, we will be as generous with others as we would want them to be generous with us.

Enjoy the news for this week!

Dr David Faull
Principal

Book Week
August 17 - 20 is Book Week. Exciting activities are planned including our Book Fair, storytellers and our Book Character Parade with LOTS OF BOOK PRIZES for Primary students and Quizzical Competition for Secondary students.

Our annual Book Fair will run from Monday through to Thursday during Book Week and you won’t want to miss it. It’s a great time to stock up on books at bargain prices.

Who will our amazing storytellers be this year? Plan to hear some exciting stories at lunchtimes during Book Week.

Book Character Parade
Our colourful Book Character Parade will be held in the MPC on Thursday August 20 at 9.00 am. Have you started planning your costume? Remember that your character must be from a book and you must bring the book along on parade day. This year the judges will be awarding 10 book prizes for creative costumes in EACH YEAR LEVEL! That’s lots more book prizes to share around!

Need more info? Watch the Newsletter each week for more exciting Book Week information.