



Kindergarten Orientation days have been a lot of fun this term. We have welcomed 11 new children who will begin Kindergarten at Dunoon School in the new year and they are very excited! The big school was certainly a bit scary at first, but with the help of our wonderful Year 5 and Year 4 buddies the little ones were soon enjoying and feeling comfortable in their new environment. This year we have held 4 Orientation mornings, giving parents and children alike a really worthwhile experience.

From the Year 5 buddies: *“It has been great getting to know all of our 11 new Kinders. We’ve been doing some fun activities like water play, computers, craft, threading, play dough, building, reading and music. Our new Kinders seem like really great kids and they have lots of different talents. We are really looking forward to having them at Dunoon next year. We hope that they can all come along to our end of year concert because we’re sure they’ll love it!”*

Waste Challenge Award: Year 6 students were thrilled earlier this term to be awarded second prize for their entry in the Lismore City Council Waste Wise Challenge. Joy Muller and Emma Stone have been working with a team of children to present a portfolio of the school’s environmental projects throughout the year. These have included working on the veggie garden, setting up composting facilities and a worm farm as well as learning how to separate the garbage – with gloves of course! The group

Top left: In Sydney for the Schools Spectacular. Top right: Pupils with Mayor Jenny Dowell at the Waste Challenge Award. Right: Kindergarten Orientation.

was presented with the award of \$500 by Mayor Jenny Dowell at the Lismore Show.

Schools Spectacular: Genevieve Slocombe accompanied 5 senior students to Sydney to participate in the Schools Spectacular as part of the Small Schools Marimba Ensemble at the Sydney Entertainment Centre and they were privileged to be able to see many of the great attractions that Sydney has at the moment.

From the students:

- *Our Sydney Entertainment Centre excursion this year was so awesome! Performing at the Entertainment Centre and watching the Schools Spectacular was a great experience!*
- *Parliament House was interesting (except for a speech by one of the members that went on and on). We left the gallery during his speech and continued our tour but he was still talking when we left!) We learnt some things about Chinese culture on our “Chinese Whispers” tour through Chinatown.*
- *The art gallery was good and we were pretty impressed with the Picasso exhibition! We loved the Aquatic Centre at Olympic Park! It was a real privilege going there and it had rapids, slides and fountains.*

Farewell: It’s time to say good bye to a great Year 6 class. 15 students will be



moving on to High School next year and they will all be missed. Over the last few weeks of primary school they will be attending some orientation activities at the various Lismore high schools and preparing for their special Farewell evening to be held at school on Wednesday 7th December. We wish them all well as they begin a new adventure in their education journey.

**Concert Night
Thursday 8th December
6pm for a 6.15 pm start**

Everyone is invited to our concert night on Thursday 8th December. All classes have been creatively challenged to improvise quite a bit as they rehearse with Miss Jodie. We look forward to The Fairytale Princess and Dunoon’s own version of Rattle Bone Rock!

And then Whoo Hoo it’s Christmas and holidays until the 30th January. We wish all of our very supportive school community a very Happy Christmas and a bright New Year.!

This week, school is noticeably quieter as three staff members and a group of senior students are off having a fantastic time on their Canberra excursion. The bus left on Sunday heading to Bathurst where the troop hoped to do some gold digging as well as taking a night tour of the Jenolan Caves. From there, they travelled to the ACT for a few hectic days seeing the sights. A highlight of the trip will be going to the Remembrance Day ceremony at Parliament House on Friday where a few of the students will place a wreath on behalf of the school.

As is always the case, the last term is always a hectic one with excursions, swimming lessons, Kinder orientation days, Year 6 visiting local high schools, reports and getting ready for our end of year performance and Xmas night.

Swimming begins for our younger students at the Memorial Baths next week so we are hoping for pleasant weather. This is an intensive course over two weeks for children who are not able to swim 25m confidently and also provides basic safety skills in the water.

This year the more competent swimmers will be offered the chance to participate in a water safety and lifesaving course at Woodlawn College pool.

Over the past few weeks we have had visits from the Life Education Van and the RSPCA Mobile Unit. This is a free service and kept the students interested with state of the art interactive displays and exhibits. The program aims to promote animal welfare and reinforces

the message of care and responsibility for animals. We also had a very enjoyable Halloween Dress up day at the end of October with witches, spooks and wizards roaming the school.

What a great time was had by the Year 3-4 students and Mrs Daley at Camp Koinona at the beginning of the term. Wall climbing and swinging from the rafters in a harness was a challenge met bravely by the team. The three days proved to be to be very enjoyable and worthwhile.

On the sporting scene, three of our students; Rachel Cooper, Maddie Smith and Jack Cooper travelled to Sydney in October to compete in the State Athletics Carnival. They performed very well with Jack coming 2nd in the Junior Boys' Shot Put and Junior Boys' Discus.

A group of our older students are also hoping to be included in the Small Schools Choir at the Sydney Opera House in 2012. Thirty singers will be selected to perform in Term 4.

In the last busy weeks of school we will be farewelling our Year 6 students at a dinner at the South Lismore Bowls Club. This is always an exciting and emotional night for both parents and their children. As well, those students attending Richmond River next year attended a Gala Sports Day to help make the transition to high school a smooth one.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2012 and their parents were welcomed on Thursday Nov 3rd. The twelve

new little ones were able to see what to expect at school. Ms. Taylor and other staff helped to make them feel welcome. Parents were provided with information about the school and then enjoyed morning tea together. Two other orientation sessions are planned in November. If there is anyone who wants to information on these days, please ring the school on 6628 2234 during school hours.

Our school welcomes enquires and visits from anyone who may be thinking of enrolling their children at Modanville and may be contacted during school hours on 6628 2234.

More news next issue.

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