Welcome Back!
Welcome back for another term of learning. We hope you all had a safe, enjoyable and restful two weeks where everyone was able to rejuvenate their batteries.

Term 3 Finale
We have no doubt everyone has heard the results of the PSSA Small Schools’ Knockout competition, read about it in the paper and, hopefully, celebrated with a TV viewing.

We would like to take this opportunity to really show our appreciation to the support crew—the parents, siblings, grandparents and extended family members who joined us on this adventure—thankyou. Without you, the team would not have found the whole experience so FANTASTIC! You all contributed in different ways and this is what makes our school community so supportive, safe and exceptional.

Go to our website for a comprehensive overview of the journey.

Just in case you missed out on hearing about it, here is an account from some of the students—

Riley Wilson—The game was close and sometimes very intense.

Blake—we played soccer in Sydney and James got the first goal. It was fantastic.

Cameron—The grand final was the closest game we played all year.

Kieran—It was a fantastic opportunity for us.

Term 4 begins with our contribution to CHORDS.
Last term, we sent home the information regarding the 21st October and how you get to join us on the night of all nights at the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre.

This Thursday, we are off to Turvey Park Public School for our final rehearsal before the big day and we are hoping some parents are willing and able to help transport us to and from the school. We will need to leave Ladymisth 9.30am, returning at 12 midday. Please let us know if you are available to help with getting the primary students to and from Turvey Park on Thursday. Permission notes are also required. A further copy can be downloaded from our website. Arrangements for the 21st October will be further outlined in next week’s newsletter.

Staffing for 2014
An ‘Expression of Interest’ has been advertised, for a casual teacher for 4 days per week for 2014, in our weekly departmental newsletter and will close on 25th October. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact Ms Sturman at school so they can get a full copy.

Once the closing date has passed, Miss Cutler and Ms Sturman will make a short list from which we, with the assistance of the P&C President, will make a choice. We hope this will be finalised by mid-term so arrangements can be finalised for classes in 2014.

Never park under a tree which loses it limbs!
During a storm in the holidays, the large gum tree near the school’s front gate lost another large limb.

We advise you not to park under this tree in case another branch decides to crash to the ground unannounced.

The Department is going to cut some of our trees with the 2014 budget—maybe we’ll get the front gum tree also looked at.

LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOK SPONSORS
Year 6 have persevered and through their collaboration, have put together the draft copy of the 2013 Yearbook. If anyone would like to sponsor a page for $15.00 and receive a copy, please do so this week.

This book is a wonderful collection of memories, events, achievements and photos from the year which your child features in, and is a great way to remember the 2013 school year.
Council Grant Spent on Chicken Coup

Before we went on holidays, Mr Archer completed the enlarged, fox proof chicken pen. Thanks to the Wagga Wagga Council’s environmental grant, we were able to make a comfortable home for our hens. We will now look into the possibility of having a rooster.

SUPER STUDENT AWARDS
Please send in your child’s Merit Certificates, Super Student Awards, Playground Awards or any other school awards they may have received in Term 3 so we can determine who has qualified for a Super Student of the Term Award, which will be presented at assembly in Week 3—Friday 25th October at 12.30pm. This will be a special Grandparents’ Assembly.

Primary Excursion—Week 5
4th November—8th November
All notes and money needs to be in by Friday 11th October, so final arrangements can be made. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have a concern, please come and talk with Ms Sturman so we can make other arrangements.

Intensive Swimming—Weeks 9 & 10
All students will be attending intensive swimming in Weeks 9&10. A note will come home next week outlining procedures and advising of payments due. As all students will be attending, please come and talk to Ms Sturman this week if you have any concerns around your child and intensive swimming.

Remember—No Hat, No Play
This term, anyone without a school hat will need to play under the COLA. Therefore, to avoid your child becoming annoyed, please ensure he/she has a named school hat with them each day.

New bottle green school hats will be arriving shortly at a cost of $7.20 each. Although still a bucket hat, the new hats have a wider brim to offer more protection from the sun.

Active After School Communities
This term, AASC sessions will commence in Week 3 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The sweet taste of success—with thanks to Mrs Murphy for making the delicious cake!