PUBLISHED AUTHORS

On Friday, we travelled to Tumbarumba for the launch of the Catchment Champions book which Georgia, Riley and Joannah wrote earlier in the year.

The Year 5 students chose the De-Reek the Creek project which the current Year 6 instigated in 2012 while they were in Year 5.

For those of us who attended the ceremony it was a proud moment, as the book was unveiled and our students spoke about the project, along with 4 other local schools.

As Georgia, Riley and Joannah are now published Australian authors, their book will be placed in the National Library, so if you ever visit the National Library in Canberra have a look for the Ladysmith authors.

We have been invited to participate in the project in 2014 so we hope Kieran, Jake and Cameron rise to the occasion while given the opportunity to publish a book about a farmer from our area who is environmentally proactive.

Visit the following site to read the “De-Reek the Creek” book published by Georgia, Riley and Joannah.

www.envirostories.com.au

Swimming ...

Intensive swimming has started for 2013.

What a wonderful opportunity for our students to participate in 10 sessions of intensive swimming. All students have been graded and started lessons which will improve their water skills, swimming strokes and improve their water confidence and survival strategies.

Farewell to Miss Grinter ...

After 5 weeks of experience in the learning gym, Miss Grinter has completed her prac teaching. We have watched her grow and learn from preparing, presenting and participating in learning sessions with our students. She will not be deserting us completely as she will be participating in our intensive swimming, and I believe she’ll be with us to watch the play on presentation night.
Transition is over and we are excited about Kindergarten in 2014

Our 2014 Kindergarten class have completed their transition days and are ready for the beginning of their formal education. Each and every student is ready and well connected with our school environment.

We look forward to **Wednesday 29th January 2014** when we welcome everyone back for the new year.

Survey Thanks

Thank you very much to all of those who contributed, to the future of our students learning, by completing and returning their survey. The data gathered will be represented in the Annual School Report and used for planning in 2014.

I have attached a separate survey which focuses on home-learning. The data from this survey will influence how we approach home learning in 2014. We hope you are all able to complete the attached survey and return it to school by **Friday, 6th December 2013**.

Permission to Publish

Thank you to everyone who has completed the updated and revised Permission to Publish note.

This is a timely opportunity for us to remind all members of the school community that it is not acceptable to take photos of the students without their permission and it is never appropriate to publish photos of any children on any social media site.

This also includes community members; we need to be mindful of the necessity to ask permission of a community member before we take and publish any photos or written materials.

**This is what our legal bulletin states....**

*Schools must not publish information that identifies or could reasonably identify a student, community member or any other individual unless the school has permission from that person. Information that reveals a person’s identity may include any one or a combination of the following; the person’s name, photograph, age, class, school or position title.*

Please complete the Permission to Publish forms and, if necessary, talk to us about restrictions you wish to apply to your child’s photos, names, work samples etc.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL—ESPECIALLY TERM 4

A quick reminder—all students in public schools need to attend school until **18th December** - the last day of term 4.

According to the Exemption from School Policy, if you wish to take your child out of school for any reason, you need to acquire prior approval. This is especially the case if you hope to take your child on an extended holiday, trip or anything that will cause them to be absent.

WWCC ..... Working With Children Check

In the past, volunteers have signed a “Working With Children” form which we have recorded at schools. The process has changed, and you are required to go online—


Please complete the application, and then visit the Roads & Maritime Services to receive an authorisation number which will last for 5 years. As a volunteer, there will be no cost involved.

We will be asking all volunteers to have their authorisation number for any voluntary involvements in 2014, so if you have a few spare minutes in the holidays you may like to complete the WWCC.

Thank you in advance.

**P&C MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER—7.00PM  
ALL WELCOME**

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

Thanks to those who have contributed to the P&C’s raffle. It is beginning to look impressive—all contributions greatly appreciated. Please keep sending in donations. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of an interactive whiteboard for the third learning area in 2014.

*Please find attached a booklet of tickets to sell—$2.00 each.*

*Please return tickets, either sold or unsold, before Presentation Night.*
Semester 2 Feedback for you and your child

Attached to this newsletter is an invitation from your child to an hour of interactive learning. You are welcome to come along and have your child teach you what they have learnt this year. We’ll have a learning environment set up where your child can show you how to remember, communicate, complete number operations and any other areas you’d like to see.

Reports will be given out at this time, too, with an opportunity to discuss anything related to your child’s year, with their teacher.

We look forward to seeing you all here—2pm-3pm, Monday 16th December.

As the year comes to a close, we remind you as parents that learning is an ongoing, life long journey. Your children have been exposed to many new strategies this year. Come and see what we are talking about so you may use the 6 week break to enhance your child’s learning.

K-2 Classroom

K-2 were busy making coconut ice sweets as part of the unit of work — “Cultural Diversity" which is one of our new English syllabus areas of learning. We were learning about the Hindu’s “Festival of Light” celebration where, among other things, they make and eat a coconut sweet called “barfi”.

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Abbey Stanton—for thinking through problems step by step.

Patrick Murphy—for adding more detail into his drawing.

Jessica Rutland—persistence and perseverance with all learning.

Riley Wilson—outstanding strategies used for remembering the production lines, acting and collaboration.

Adam Rutland—for concerted effort in learning.
**SUPER STUDENT AWARDS**

Please send in your child’s Term 4 Merit Certificates, How2Learn Awards and Playground Awards no later than Wednesday 11th December, so we can determine who has qualified for Super Student of the Term/Year Awards.

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**Assembly**
Friday 13th December at 10.30am

- Presentation of Super Student Awards
- School Captain Campaign
- 2014 Captain candidate’s speeches
- Voting for 2014 Captains

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**CANTEEN DAY—FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER**

Our previous canteen days have been a great success with Joannah, Georgia and their families putting in a lot of effort. **ALL FUNDS** raised go towards the Year 6, 2014 trip to Young Leaders in Sydney. This project is part of the Year 5’s leadership campaign and helps them develop organisational skills.

This Friday, Riley Wilson will be selling the following items at recess—so please bring along your money and show your support.

- **Muffins**—$1.00 each
- **Biscuits**—50 cents

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**Eco School Environmental Grant**

An announcement in the The Daily Advertiser made us relocate the grant application we completed earlier in the year! Then, a letter from the Minster for the Environment confirmed we have been granted a $2,500.00 grant for our project entitled **Do Not Fear, the Animal Savers are Here!**

These funds will enhance the Year 5’s existing project. The frog pond, bird boxes, logs and homes will be enhanced.