

FERNLEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 – Week 8

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Dates to Remember in 2015

TERM 2

JUNE

- 11th Multicultural Speaking - Lismore Heights PS
- 12th P&C Meeting 2.30pm
- 19th Debating Challenge Years 5/6 FPS
- 23rd Dorroughby Excursion K-6
- 25th NAIDOC Day BHS
- 26th **Last Day Term 2**

After School Sport & Student Banking –
Wednesday

Munch and Sip - Every Day

Office Days – Monday, Wednesday, 2nd Friday.

Dates and times may Change

BELL TIMES

- 9.30am - Class
- 10.30am - Fruit break
- 11.40am–12.25am-Lunch
- 2pm – 2.30pm-Afternoon Tea
- 3.30pm - Home



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the additional day with your children over the weekend.

Last Friday, 4 of our senior students capably represented Fernleigh PS at the **Science and Engineering Challenge at Southern Cross University**. We joined 6 other local small schools to form a team of 32, so that we could enter the fun and challenging problem solving day.

LATE NOTICE: The Small Schools Team came in at 2nd place, winning \$250. Well done everyone!

Congratulations to **Mia, India, Fox and Max** who took on the challenge of building a strong, earthquake proof straw and paper tower that could hold weight and withstand the shaking imposed by the seismic simulator table.



Parents of the 3-6 class, no doubt heard about our support of this challenge, as we all undertook our own version using 8 sheets of A4 paper, 8 straws and 2 m of masking tape last week. This proved quite challenging and I have to commend the team work that many of our 3-6 students displayed as they worked together to complete the task. A large variety of models were made, some successful and others less capable to withstand the rigour of tests imposed.

The senior student challenge also worked on making a catapult out of skewers, a spoon, masking tape and rubber bands. For some reason, this was completed rather quickly, and I might add, effectively.



Paper towers and mess, aside, we will be returning to a more regular routine this week.

This Friday is our P&C meeting – to be held at 2:30 in the Administration Building.

Attached to this newsletter is information about the **National Disability Data Collection**. Please ensure you read it so that you are aware of the information about this data collection.

Our **After School Sporting program** is continuing on Wednesdays until the end of term. Thanks to Ms Winfield for organising the sport, which is Badminton this term.



It's a busy end of term coming up. This Thursday, 4 of our students will be attending the **Multicultural Speaking Challenge** at Lismore Heights. We are proud of our students – Mia, Ayla, India and Ava.

Ms Austin has been working on debating techniques with the 3-6 group this term. We will be joining the **Premier's Debating Challenge on Friday, 19 June** with a number of other schools coming to Fernleigh to participate. Our senior team will be representing us, as the challenge is for Years 5/6.

Coming Up – **Tuesday 23rd June** we have planned a trip to **Dorroughby**. As part of the Sustainability focus, we are taking the whole school to work on environmental issues at the centre. 2 buses have been booked as transport and thanks to Miss Winfield for organizing the grant for these. More information will be coming home shortly.

Also in the last week of school, there is a planned **Small Schools NAIDOC Day for Years 3-6**, to be held at Ballina HS on **Thursday 25 June**. Here, students from our local small schools will be joining together to improve their understanding of traditional indigenous games, culture and activities. More information on this activity will also be forthcoming in the near future.

Midyear Reports are due to go home on Friday next week. Please feel free to make an appointment in the last week of school with any relevant teachers, if you'd like to discuss your child's report further.

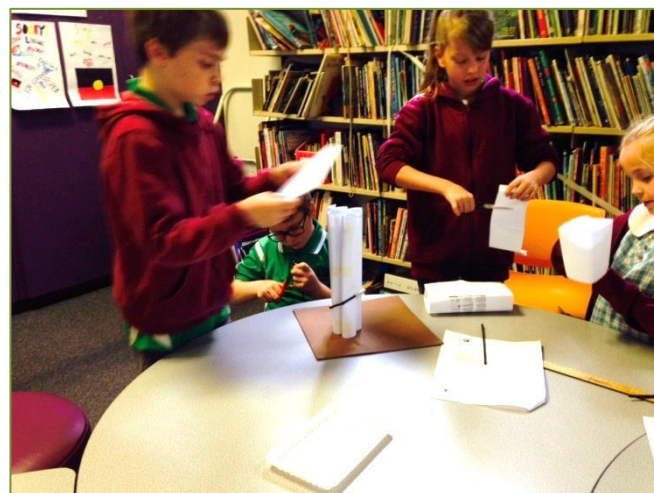
Finally, I would like to ask all parents to ensure your child has a **jumper** in this cooler weather. We have had a number of requests from children who are cold, (and have no warm clothing in their bags), to borrow from the lost property. Currently there are few jumpers available.

Dawn Douglas
Principal

SCIENCE DAY @ SOUTHERN CROSS UNI

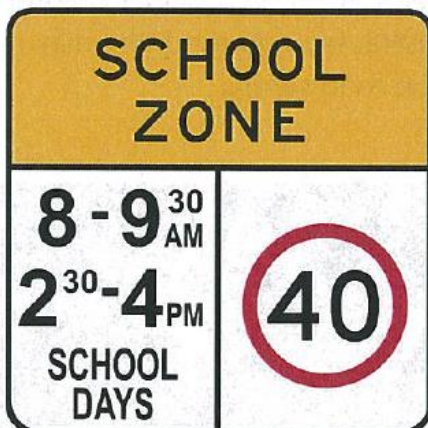


STRAW & PAPER CONSTRUCTIONS





MUSIC WITH MR NOLAN



Let's Look at Lunches



Take the challenge out of packing a healthy lunchbox thanks to a new initiative from Northern NSW Local Health District. They have

created a fortnightly e-newsletter that will be delivered straight to your inbox full of lunchbox inspiration, tips, recipes, ideas and competitions. The feedback has been amazing so if you haven't already subscribed, simply send us your **first name**, **email address** and **postcode** by:

- Email to lookatlunches@gmail.com, or
- Text to 0429 033 517, or
- click [here](#)

We look forward to lightening your load and sharing ideas!

WHATS HAPPENING AROUND US

NEWRYBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL

FIREWORKS & FAIR

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE GATES OPEN BY 4PM

KIDS RIDES, LIONS BBQ, CURRY, CAKES, LOCAL PRODUCE, TOMBOLA, WHEEL OF FORTUNE, RAFFLES, FIREWORKS, ENTERTAINMENT BY DJ ROB

TICKETS: \$5 EACH OR \$10 PER FAMILY

COME ALONG TO SUPPORT NEWRYBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL, BROKEN HEAD RD NEWRYBAR

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

General information about the national data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website at <http://education.gov.au/fact-sheets-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002*. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students' personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth *Australian Education Regulation 2013*, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988* when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department's website at <http://education.gov.au/notices>

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Dawn Douglas, Fernleigh Public School.