This week (Week 5):

**On tomorrow:** Public Speaking Grand Final Yr2-6
Fri 6 Nov Yr 4/5/6 Assembly 2.40 - 3.05pm

**REMINDERS -**
Yr K-2 and Y3-6 Excursion notes & monies to return
Notes to return: Yr 3/4/5/6 Major Excursion note
Book Club orders due tomorrow

**Week 6:**

 Tues 10 Nov Kitchen Garden Program 9 -11
 Wed 11 Nov Remembrance Day Service
 Fri 13 Nov K/1 Assembly 2.40 - 3.05pm
 Sat 14 Nov Ballina Prawn Festival (marimbas)

**Week 7:**

 Tues 17 Nov Kitchen Garden Program 9 -11
 Wed 18-Fri 20 3-6 Camp @ Midginbil Hill
 Thurs 19 Nov K-2 one day excursion

**Weeks 8 and 9:**

K-6 Swimming @ Alstonville daily 10.30 -11.30am

**Week 10:**

 Tues 8 Dec Lucinda Awards (Year 2-6) TBC
 Wed 9 Dec Year 6 Farewell  6.30 - 8.30pm
   Scripture Presentation *(If you would not like your child to participate in this please let classroom teachers know before Wednesday 9th Dec)*
 Thurs 10 Dec School Concert  6.15 - 8.30pm
 Fri 11 Dec Reports home

**Week 11:**

 Wed 16 Dec Last day for students and staff

*School resumes for Yrs 1-6 on 28th January 2016*

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**Remembrance Day**

Next Wednesday, all students will be attending a community-wide Remembrance Day Service. This will be held at Dunoon Village Hall from 11:00 am to 11:30 am. We will all be walking to the Hall, with buddies and teachers accompanying all students. We are very proud that two of our Stage 2 students, Iris and Ben, have been selected to give readings at the ceremony.

**Chess Tournament**

The following students will be representing our school at the Gardiner Chess Tournament being held at Alstonville this Thursday: Jack, Xavier, Ben, Paddy, Lleyton and Billy. Good luck to all of the players and a big thankyou to Ben’s dad, Peter, for transporting the students.

**Public Speaking Finals**

This event is on tomorrow for Year 2 – Y6 students. The students will have the opportunity to listen to a range of excellent speeches and watch some items presented. Lismore Mayor, Jenny Dowel will be adjudicating. There is no cost for families for this excursion. **Please return the permission note tomorrow if you have not already done so.**

**Kitchen-Garden Program**

Thank you to the following parents who came along to help today: Angela, Lisa E, Emma, Suz, Annette, Andy P and Tash, Your efforts are invaluable! The children are absolutely loving the range of activities. Next week the following parents are listed to help: Emma, Suz, Annette, Tash, Scott D, Andy P, Valerie and Julia.

**Kindergarten Orientation 2016**

Last Thursday was our last Kindergarten 2016 Orientation morning. We have absolutely loved having our new Kinders visiting and we all really look forward to having them at Dunoon next year.

**Head Lice**

Please keep checking your child’s hair regularly. The critters are still around!
Congratulations!

Term 4  Week 4  Awards

Student of the Week
K/1  Sam    2/3  Iris  4/5/6  Stevie

Merit Awards
K/1    Luke, Darcy, Angad
2/3  Lleyton, Darcy, Hannah
4/5/6   Kiko, Kassie, Gus

Ballina Prawn Festival
Our Dunoon Marimba Ensemble will be performing at the Ballina Prawn Festival next Saturday 14th November from 10 -10.45am.

I am hoping to have an after school rehearsal this Wednesday and next Wednesday from 3.15-4.15pm. Please see the attached note and return it to school tomorrow.

Thank you to Annette and Neil who have volunteered to transport the marimbas in our school trailer. We will be taking 5 marimbas and the bass.

Families are asked to meet me at the Seagulls Football Field carpark at 9am, please. We will then carry the marimbas across to the festival site.

A stage is being made in the Artisan Market Area in the carpark section of Missingham Park. This is where the children will be performing. Following the performance, parents will be asked to assist with carrying the marimbas back to the trailer.

Our pieces are: Antigravity, Banuwa, Boris the Bassman, Canon, Duelling Marimbas, El Condor Pasa, Hurstbridge Kids, In The Mood, Kalendara, La Bamba, Skokiaan, Swinging Safari, Township Taxi, Wimoweh and Zambezi.

The following children are involved: Tyree, Indigo, Ella, Faith, Zeke, Emil, Sam, Kyle, Fynn, Billy, Iris, Inda, Philippa, Rosie, Madison, Sunny and Nuala.

Children are asked to wear bright and colourful casual clothes, if possible. Thank you.

Swimming Scheme: Advance Notice
Our intensive swimming program commences in week 8: Monday 23rd November until Friday 4th December. This two week program is a really valuable opportunity for all of our children to practise their swimming skills and participate in water safety activities. We are very lucky at Dunoon that we are able to include all children in this program as it is normally reserved for Year 2-6 children who cannot swim 20 metres.

Children will be asked to come prepared for swimming each day from Monday 23rd November and the following week. We will aim to participate every day and will only cancel if the weather is very cold or stormy (i.e. if it’s raining, we will still swim). During these two weeks children may wear sandals or crocs to school to help make things easier. School hats are still essential.

Children will be asked to bring:
Swimmers & towel. Rash/swim shirt.
Bag for wet clothing. Goggles are optional.
Dry underwear if wearing swimmers to school.
Please make sure that all items of clothing are labelled. Provide sunscreen for your child if you wish. The school will also provide sunscreen.

Student Assistance for Excursions/Swimming Scheme
This month, Year 3-6 students will be heading off to Midginbill Hill for an adventure-filled camp.
After the camps and excursions, there is the intensive Swimming Scheme. I would like to remind families that the school has some funding set aside to support families requiring financial assistance. Please ask at the office for a form so that funding can be allocated as equitably as possible. The process is confidential but applications must be received in writing.
Could the Year 3-6 students please return their permission notes by the end of this week so we can finalise numbers? Thank you.

Happy Birthday Kyle
Sydney Opera House

The marimba ensemble had a terrific time in Sydney. The students behaved beautifully and played brilliantly!

Students said: We flew down to Sydney (after a three hour wait at the airport) but thoroughly enjoyed our taste of city life! We visited the Sydney Aquarium to see things like Dugong island and saw amazing creatures like massive crocodiles at Wildlife World. We swam at the Aquatic Centre at the Olympic Park Facility and had lots of fun in the whirl pool and with the big bucket. We rubbed shoulders with the rich and famous at Madame Tussauds at Darling Harbour. We busked at Bondi Junction and shopped at gigantic Paddy’s Markets. We went to the top of Sydney Tower Eye for a wonderful view of the city. We totally loved going to Taronga Zoo (the chimpanzees, meercats, giraffes, elephants, etc) and Luna Park was the greatest!

Performing at the Sydney Opera House was amazing and the audience really went wild at the end of our performance.