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TERM 2 Week 10

3 Rs STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS

This week's Student Choice Award goes to Lily Knowles for being a caring and thoughtful friend. Great Effort!! Well Done!!

STANDOUT STUDENT AWARD

This week's Standout Student Award goes to Luke Fay for being a sensible and responsible class member.

TERM PLANNER

The Term 3 planner is attached to the Newsletter today. Already you will see that Term 3 is going to be very busy. To make sure everyone is up to speed, as much as possible with everything going on at school Mrs Lewis has added any training days that she and I will be out of the school. (Mrs Lewis' days in **green** and mine in **blue**). We have chosen to do this just so everyone is kept in the loop.

You can see that lots of the training is around the new finance and admin system, LMBR. There are lots of changes happening, some you will see and some that won't be as obvious unless you are working with the system. It is a very busy time, with lots of new learning. We are both working very hard to make the transition to LMBR as smooth as possible.

Normally Mrs Lewis does our library borrowing. Unfortunately many of the LMBR training days have and will fall on a Monday. Library will continue on a Monday next Term, just be patient with me on the days Mrs Lewis is not here. The library borrowing system is another thing that I am learning!

There are also some other things on the Term Planner that will need some explanation. I will give a brief overview of the term now but more detailed information will follow next term.

LEAP Conf. - is a Macquarie Network Principal's commitment in the Hunter.

PPA - is the Primary Principal's Association conference which is in Mudgee

MHS Testing Day - involves only students who are attending Mudgee High School next year

LMBR 'Go Live' is the day the old OASIS admin and finance system is switched off and the new LMBR system takes effect

GREEN Day - for Year 4, 5, 6 students only

RAINBOW Day - involves only students attending Mudgee High School next year.

Men @ School

For the first time, we will host a Men @ School Day at Ulan. Men @ School will work a little like the Mother's Day morning tea. The children will invite the important men in their lives to visit with them in the classroom. While the day is aimed at the important men in the lives of the children, it is not exclusively a Men Only Day, women are welcome too! We will host a BBQ lunch for the students and their visitors to enjoy. The day will start with classroom visits from 12pm, followed by a BBQ lunch and outdoor activities. I anticipate that our visitors will be finished at school by 2pm. Students will make invitations during the term, but I did want to give everyone as much notice as possible so that anyone wishing to come to our Men @ School Day can make arrangements with work schedules.

NAPLAN On-Line Readiness

This last week, one of the training days I attended was about NAPLAN Online. Currently plans are underway for all NSW Schools to run a readiness check to see how NAPLAN online is going to work. Students in Year 3 and 5 will be asked to sit an online test next Term. The online test does not replace the official NAPLAN test they completed early this year. The Online test

is a trial of the testing procedures. All NSW Dept of Education schools are expected to have staff trained in the Online procedures and to administer the trial in Term 3 2017.

From August 28th to August 23rd the Year 3 and 5 students at Ulan will sit the Readiness test.

Once the Readiness test has been completed a Dept decision will be made about when the official NAPLAN test moves online. More information about NAPLAN moving Online can be found at www.nap.edu.au

SMALL SCHOOLS EISTEDDFOD

Each year the Mudgee Small Schools hold an Eisteddfod at the Town Hall Theatre in Mudgee. It is an opportunity for schools to showcase students work in the area of music, drama, dance and speech. We will be participating this year. We are yet to finalise what our performances will be but I am hopeful that we will enter the dance, music and or speech sections.

We will require parent transport on the day and all parents are invited to come along and watch the performances. More details next Term.

CLC ARTSHOW

Every year the Cudgegong Learning Community host an Art show. The aim is to showcase and exhibit artworks from students across the CLC. While I do not have firm dates as yet, we will be sending artworks into the exhibition. The exhibition is usually held in the School Hall of one of the larger Primary Schools in Mudgee. The work displayed is from all schools in the area. I am hopeful that we will be able to organise an excursion to see the exhibition.

PLAYGROUP TERM 3

Playgroup will continue each Thursday morning from 9:30. We have been able to secure the more regular visits from the Galloping Gumnuts. Please check the attached Term Planner to see the dates they will be at Ulan.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended parent interview sessions. I trust you found the interviews informative and worthwhile. If you were unable to make the interviews this Term but would like to do so next Term, please let us

know. Parent/teacher communication is really important.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's schooling at any time, please let us know.

FACEBOOK

The word has continued to grow that we have a Facebook Page. We almost have 50 followers which is excellent given we only started this year. If you haven't 'liked' our page, we invite you to do so, and help us get word out about the great things we do here at Ulan.



READING LOG AWARD

Congratulations Emily McGrath and Lily Knowles for making the next level in their Home Reading Log. Emily and Lily were presented with the log award today.



All students received a Reading Log this Term. The Reading Log, along with the Premier's Reading Challenge encourages students to read for leisure. In doing so, they are further developing their reading skills. As students complete the Reading Log, they will be acknowledged with Reading Awards. Should your child have lost their Reading Log, please encourage them to ask for a new one.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 27th July, following Playgroup.

THE WEEK AHEAD

School holidays!

Wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break, see you all next Term!