PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

**Melbourne Cup Snail Race**
We had a great morning yesterday holding our annual snail race. The overall winner on the day was “Kevin” trained by Shadrach Morgan-Blair.

Fashions in the field were spectacular with many winners taking out a best dressed award. Charlotte Ramsden for Years 5/6, Isabell Kesby and Jacob Umback for Years 3/4, Rylee Kiddle and Ollie Steele for Years 1/2 and Hayley and Saxten Hughes for Kinder. Thank you to all the students who donated a gold coin to Cancer Research, we raised $51.00.

There will be photos in coming weeks.

**Junior Excursion**
The junior excursion to the Marsupial Park is on this Friday, 6th November. They will be travelling on Mrs Rimmer’s bus and will be leaving school at 9.30 am. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish. Please return your permission note if you have not already done so.

**Night of the Notables**
Thank you to all our visitors who attended our Night of the Notables, it was great to see so many people present. All the students did a great job and deserve to be commended for their efforts over the last few weeks. Thank you staff for all your assistance.

Photos on the photo page, more next week.

**School Tennis Championships**
Mrs Clare Cohen is running the School Tennis Championships on Tuesday, 10th November commencing at 9.00 am. If any students are interested in competing, please talk to Mr McDonald. Students must be able to serve over the net.

We need nominations by this Friday.
Kinder Orientation Days
Our third Kinder Orientation Day will be held tomorrow, Thursday, 5th November commencing at 9.00 am.

Senior Excursion
ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO!! The senior excursion will be at Evans Head Kiononia from Monday, 23rd November to Thursday, 26th November. Cost is $300 per student which includes accommodation, food, activities and transport. Parents attending are Mrs Urquhart & Mrs Kesby. Please return the permission and medical notes to school as soon as possible. Thank you to the students who have returned their notes and made payments already.

Ear and Eye Assessments
There will be a free ear and eye screening day at Duri School on Wednesday, 11th November. If you are interested in your child being screened, please return the permission and information forms.

MERIT AWARDS
Week 4, Term 4, 2015
Matthew Dawe, Tyson Cox, Phoebe Reynolds, Brodie Hughes, Charlotte Ramsden, Alex Urquhart, Jacob Umback, Will Ramsden, Shadrach Morgan-Blair, Isabell Kesby and Blake Christie - Participating in Small Schools’ Touch Knockout
Bonnie Bielefeld, Molly Ison, Charlotte Kesby, Charlotte Poole and Charlotte Ramsden - great speech on Night of the Notables
Hayley Hughes - always kind and tolerant
Molly Poole - becoming an independent worker
Captain’s Awards to Amylia McCluand for good work in class and to Molly Poole for kindness to others
Civic Award to Skyler Reynolds for good work in class

GOLD CERTIFICATES
Matthew Dawe, Tyson Cox, Phoebe Reynolds, Brodie Hughes, Charlotte Ramsden, Alex Urquhart, Jacob Umback, Will Ramsden, Shadrach Morgan-Blair, Isabell Kesby and Blake Christie - Regional Small Schools’ Touch Knockout
Genie Stokes - 5 yellows

BANNERS
MATTHEW DAWE, TYSON COX, PHOEBE REYNOLDS, BRODIE HUGHES, CHARLOTTE RAMSDEN, ALEX URQUHART, JACOB UMBACK, WILL RAMSDEN, SHADRACH MORGAN-BLAIR, ISABELL KESBY AND BLAKE CHRISTIE - State Small Schools’ Touch Knockout

POET’S CORNER
A CHANGE OF SEASONS
High up on the mountain edge
The softness of a white cloud
The glistening sun grows as the morning comes closer
The gently blowing wind wakes up all the animals
For a great day to be had
The crisp gum tree leaves make a crunch as they hit the ground
Summer is coming

By Charlotte Ramsden and Charlotte Kesby
**CAPERS - THIS WEEK**
The CAPERS performances are Friday, 6th November at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm and Saturday, 7th November at 7.00 pm. Students will need to arrive at 6.00 pm on both nights meeting Mr McDonald at the hockey car park. Student pick-up after the performance will also be from the hockey car park at 10.15-10.30 pm.

**FULL DRESS REHEARSAL**
There will be a full dress rehearsal tomorrow, Thursday, 5th November commencing at 9.30 am finishing at 1.00 pm after photos have been taken. The twelve students involved are Charlotte Kesby, Isabell Kesby, Charlotte Poole, Charlotte Ramsden, Jacob Umback, Matthew Dawe, Phoebe Reynolds, Breanna Barron, Sarah Frazer, Bonnie Bielefeld, Tyson Cox and Molly Ison. They will be travelling to the practise by bus. Parents are responsible for transport to the two night performances. Our item is the last one before interval and then we have to be there for the grand finale.

Tickets will be available by:-
**Phone** 02-6767 5300
**Online** www.entertainmentvenues.com.au
**In Person** from Capital Theatre Tamworth, the Big Golden Guitar or Ray Walsh House. Ticket prices are:-
- Adult $27.00
- Child 2-17 $22.00
- Child under 2 Free (no allocated seat)
- Aged Pensioner $22.00
- Family Ticket $76.00 (2 adults/2 children

**P & C NEWS**
**Bunnings BBQ - Sunday, 8th November**
Thank you to the parents who have indicated they can help at the barbeque this Sunday. If there is anyone who can spare an hour or two, please contact Natalie Crittle or Delphi Ramsden.

**Boat Races and Family Fair at the Duri Sportsground.**
**Sunday, 15th November** - At the Family Fair we are running a bottle stall. It is similar to a lucky dip and we are asking for donations of bottles and items to go inside the bottles. Examples of items include pencils, rubbers, bag tags, small toys, kids jewellery, chocolates, matchbox cars, pegs, hair accessories, items from Big W drop zone - loom bands, key rings, small toys, kitchen utensils, anything small enough to fit into the bottles.

We also need volunteers for this day. If you can help out on the day in the canteen, or at the craft corner or running the bottle stall, please let us know.

It would be great if everyone could be involved with this fundraiser.

**Intensive Swimming Lessons**
THERE WILL BE NO SWIMMING THIS WEEK DUE TO CAPERS AND THE JUNIOR EXCURSION. Swimming is on again on Friday, 13th November travelling to 360 Fitness Centre on our school buses.

Savannah Sheridan-Major
Saturday, 7th November
Tyson Cox
Sunday, 8th November

Shadrach with his winning snail “Kevin”, trophy and prize
Bronwyn Bishop (Molly)

Gina Rinhart (Phoebe)

Caroline Chisholm (Isabell)

Matthew Flinders (Brodie)

John McDouall Stuart (Matthew)

Jessica Watson (Charlotte)

Sir John Forrester (Alex)

Gregory Blaxland (Angus)

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