WELCOME BACK!

A warm welcome back to a chilly start to the term! The snow today dusting the tops of the playground equipment certainly has made for a special picture or two.

I do hope that families managed to spend some time relaxing and enjoying the holidays. The term ahead looks busy with a continuation of our focus on core literacy and numeracy skills within class. This week the students have already completed their first reading texts for the term, written some excellent holiday recounts and have been studying various aspects of maths including perimeter and area, volume and working with three digit numbers.

We will of course be continuing with our Little Diggers Transition, cooking and when the weather warms up just a little, we will be starting our PE program for the term, leaning skills and games in golf, tennis and cycling!

Attendance
Our school attendance for 2014 remains great and I would like to encourage our families in sending their children to school every day. Children really only get one shot at primary school to develop critical academic skills in literacy and numeracy. Every day that a child misses school is a missed opportunity for them.

Crunch’n’Sip
It’s great to see the children bringing fruit to school every day. This is an ongoing program to encourage and support healthy living practices and will be continuing at the school.

Enjoy the weekend
(This weather reminds me a little of the Southern Ocean, just less ice)
Mr G

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL POSTPONED
The Athletics Carnival which was scheduled for today has been postponed to next Tuesday 22nd. Transport to the carnival is with parents. Mr G will be in attendance on the day. Please ensure children are at Walkers Field Mudgee by 9.00am.

ATTACHED
Bathurst Library Flyer for the Littlies
**IN CLASS THIS WEEK**

Students were happy to return to school on Tuesday. Obviously, they enjoyed their holidays as you can see by some of their recounts! They were very settled and glad to see their school friends. Due to the wintry conditions, students have spent most of the week indoors at recess and lunch.

**HOLIDAY RECOUNTS**

**My Holidays**
I did lots of things in the holidays. Firstly Mum and I had to mind the Hill End shop for a day and Allen and Dad drove to the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days. There were not a lot of customers, my job was to sit down and communicate to mum if there were any customers at the counter. I got to play on mum’s mobile phone, I only timed the customers, how long they stayed at the Hill End shop. We had to close the Hill End shop at 4:00 pm. Also I helped Dad a lot! We fed the cattle with the 4 wheel bike.

I opened a lot of old gates. It was freezing cold! Finally, it was Allen’s birthday in the holidays. One of his presents was a cool big truck that was made of Lego. For lunch we travelled to Aunty Eileen’s and Uncle Jerry’s house. For lunch we had fish and chips and some spring rolls.

Then Allen got to blow the candles out and he got to cut the chocolate cake. The chocolate cake was yummy. I had a really fabulous break but the break was freezing.

**William Year 4**

“Dad & I had a cup of tea, it was sweet”

**IN MY HOLIDAYS**

Firstly, in the first week of the holidays we went to the Near Farm to cut wood. It was hard work. Then we had to put the wood on the truck. The wood was really wet and heavy. I also made a little house out of wood. But then we had to go back to the house.

In the next week of the holidays I helped dad with the fence in the Big Rocks. We took some steel posts and the post basher and the wire spinner. We have nearly finished the fence. It was really hard work.

After that, in the last week of the holidays Hannah, William and my mum and I went up to Queensland for a fun holiday. We stayed at one of my mum friend’s house, her name was Sue. Then we went to a place called Dreamworld. In Dreamworld there was a place called Tiger Island. I got a tiger and a tiger bag. It was amazing. I loved Queensland. I wish there were more holidays. **GRACE YEAR 3**
TERM 2 HOLIDAYS

Over the past two weeks I have been on holidays. In the first few days I stayed at my amazing Nona’s household in Springwood for fun. She spoilt me rotten. My two cousins joined in everything. We ice-skated, went to the movies and the shops. I really loved that part of my holidays. Afterwards I stayed at a pal’s place as a surprise, her name is Lisa. She lives in South Penrith. I played lots of fun games, we went out, I was really glad. My mum got a Movie, it was called ‘Batman Begins’. We all had a good time.

In the concluding days we stayed at my Aunty Ashley’s house in Glenmore Park because mum’s car was mucking up. She has a daughter named Dakota, she’s my best mate. She let me play her DS, we did cool quizzes on it. We giggled at our outcomes. When it was time to go to sleep we listened to Katy Perry. I had the best time. It was the greatest holiday ever but it’s awesome to be back at school.

Cloe Year 6
I had just got into bed and as I was lying there I heard a tapping on the window, so I quickly jumped out of bed and went over to see what it was.

When I got to the window I peered out into the darkness, and there on the window-sill, was a little elf. I opened the window so that he could get in. I asked him what was wrong, he said he had lost his way. Quickly, I shut the window and took him into the kitchen and heated some milk for him. While we were sitting there we heard a jingling noise outside and then a knocking on the window. It was the Fairy Queen and other fairies and elves. I got out a party for us all and we started to eat.

Shortly after, one of the elves took out a little flute and started to play a tune, we all got partners and started to dance. Soon we all said good-bye and just as I was shaking hands with the little elf, everything blurred and there I was in bed with the sun coming in the window.

It was morning, it was only a dream!