Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Stage 3 Aussie Bush Camp – This is where we are at the moment and all I can say is that we are having a blast! We all had a marvellous lunch on our arrival at the camp and the teachers’ seafood platter could not be beaten. Everyone is happy and well and sleeping peacefully after our energetic activities. We look forward to telling you all our stories on our return.

Canoeing is great fun! You can tell by the looks on the faces of some of our 56W class children. They are currently having a ball at the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens with Mrs Gilchrist and Mr Barlow. They return to school on Thursday and will probably have lots of stories to tell.
Whole School Swimming Program - the notes have gone home for our swim school which runs over 10 days in weeks 7 and 8, from Monday 17 November to Friday 28 November. The school received a generous donation from the P&C, we have raised some funds and also 35% of our families have paid the voluntary donation which was earmarked for the swim school. Thank you also to bus driver Don Trotter for volunteering his services free. Thanks to all this support the school is offering a much reduced price of $20 for each of our students for the swimming. If you have any financial problems with this price we have also put aside in the school budget an amount of $5 each child which is available for student assistance. Please see details on the permission note.

Week 7 will come up quickly so we would appreciate families returning their swimming permission notes, money and requests for assistance as soon as possible and before Tuesday 11 November so we can finalise our accounts.

Chicken Chat - Our clucky hen has been doing a marvellous job of looking after her eggs. We are hoping that by the end of this week we will have some positive results to report.

Science Show on Wednesday (tomorrow) - Children from Kindergarten to Year 4 will be participating in a wonderful, interactive science show which is being presented by Newcastle University. The show will be in the Double Room of KG and 12B classrooms. Kindergarten to Year 2 will be from 10.00am to 11.00am and Year 3 to Year 4 children from 11.30am to 12.30pm. (We might also have some visitors from Upper Lansdowne Public School to join us.)

There is no cost for families for this exciting event.

Warm regards from Camp, Tania Gilchrist

P&C NEWS
Uniforms – All uniform items, including hats, have now been ordered and we look forward to receiving them in the next couple of weeks.

Christmas Raffle – on Thursday we will send home a special P&C note with raffle tickets attached ready for our Christmas Raffle. The P&C really appreciates the help of our families to sell these tickets.

2014.......TERM 4 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WEEK 4
- Wednesday 29 October  Kindergarten to Year 4 Science Show with Newcastle University
- Thursday 30 October  Whole School Assembly commencing at 2.20pm

WEEK 5
- Monday 3 November  5/6 Resilience Program
- Tuesday 4 November  5/6 Resilience Program

WEEK 6
- Monday 10 November  Rural Fire Service visit for Kindergarten to Year 4 students
- Tuesday 11 November  PLEASE HAVE ALL SWIMMING NOTES TO SCHOOL BY TODAY
- Wednesday 12 November  Whole School Assembly commencing at 2.20pm

WEEK 7
- Monday 17 November  10 day Whole School Swimming Program commences today

COMMUNITY NEWS: Manning Valley Horse Health and Management Expo 2014 is on at the Wingham Showground 8 and 9 November. There is an Equine Art Exhibition at the Expo and children are invited to enter for the cost of $5. Application forms are available at the school office and more information can be found at the website: www.manningvalleyhorseexpo.com