Welcome to Term 4 and the lovely warm weather this time of year brings.

During the first half of this term we will be doing a few activities around preparing for the bushfire season. We will of course be conducting our bushfire evacuation drill and talking to children about what they need to do in this situation. Please remember to update your mobile contact if it has changed. This is extremely important as we use a SMS service to bulk send messages to all families (as we did during 2013). If there are any questions regarding the bushfire season then please let me know.

Finally, this time of year also brings heightened activity among the local snake population. We have already had a couple of sightings of snakes and teachers have given their classes the “snake talk”. Please re-confirm the messages of what your child should do if they were to see a snake on the playground.

Mr Giles

Congratulations to:

- All students, staff and parents involved in the Commonwealth Games-A-Thon for helping make the day a fantastic experience for everyone.
- All students currently going to the swimming program on their behaviour whilst at the pool.
- Matthew, Bailey and Olivia for their participation in the regional oral reading and public speaking competition. You represented yourself and the school proudly.

Thank you to:

- Mrs Sowter and Mrs Dwyer for their organisation of the Commonwealth Games-a-thon.
- Miss McFarlane and Mrs Sowter for organising of the school swimming program.

What’s Happening At Our School ……

TERM 4 – WEEK 2
13th – 17th October School Swimming Scheme
14th – 16th October World Education Games
Monday 13th October Gymnastics – Day 1
Tuesday 14th October P&C Meeting – 8pm
Thursday 16th October AECG Meeting – Hazelbrook PS

TERM 4 – WEEK 3
Monday 20th October Gymnastics – Day 2
Tuesday 21st October Blaxland High Yr7 Testing
Wednesday 22nd October Blue Mountains Chess Tournament
Thursday 24th October Grandparents Day
Friday 24th October Summer Games

TERM 4 – WEEK 4
27th – 31st October Yr5 Sport & Recreation Camp
Wednesday 29th October 2015 Kinder Parents Info Evening
Friday 31st October Yr6 Car Wash Fundraiser

TERM 4 – WEEK 5
Monday 3rd November Gymnastics – Day 3
Thursday 6th November Kinder Orientation – Day 1
Friday 7th November Primary Assembly – 2:00pm

TERM 4 – WEEK 6
Monday 10th November Gymnastics – Day 4
Yr5 School Leader Poster due
Tuesday 11th November P&C Meeting
Wednesday 12th Nov. T20 Milo Challenge – Yr 3&4
Thursday 13th Nov. Kinder Orientation – Day 2
Friday 14th November Infants Assembly – 2:00pm

TERM 4 – WEEK 7
Monday 17th November Gymnastics – Day 5
Wednesday 19th Nov. Yr5 School Leaders Speeches
Thursday 20th November Kinder Orientation – Day 3
**Year 5 Camp – Narrabeen Sport & Recreation Centre**

We require a female parent helper to assist Mr Simone in supervising the students for the upcoming Year 5 Camp from Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October, 2014. If you able to assist could you please ring the school office by Friday 17th October, 2014.

Mr Simone

**Library News**

Bookclub will go out this week. This is our last Bookclub for 2014. Many thanks to Mrs Wood for her wonderful job as Co-ordinator this year. Orders are due back Friday, 24th October, Week 3.

Borrowing will finish in Week 7. Please start looking for and returning all Library books.

**Sun Smart Research Project**

As a “SunSmart school” we have been accepted into a research project that is looking into what impact being a SunSmart school has on the school community, specifically students, teachers and parent/caregivers.

The project is being conducted by Macquarie University, Charles Sturt University, University of Sydney and the Cancer Council NSW. The project will commence in Term 4, 2014 and end in Term 1, 2016. The research project is being conducted to help determine the future direction of the SunSmart program (over 75% of primary schools in NSW are nor part of the SunSmart program).

Throughout the project our school will continue to operate as per our current sun smart policy. During this time researchers will visit the school on three random days to observe student, staff and parent behaviour in our playgrounds in regards to sun safe practices.

A smaller group of randomly selected schools from within the project will become part of an “intervention” group. If chosen, this group will also participate in interviews/focus groups to help design a SunSmart policy support intervention. This will then be implemented in the school.

Regardless of which group our school will be in during this project, no student, staff or community member will be identified at any stage.

If there are any questions regarding our involvement in the project please contact Mr Giles.

**School Banking**

The school banking coordinators are in desperate need for someone to give them a hand. School banking is currently done every Thursday so if you believe you might be able to help them out please talk to them. Unfortunately, if there is no additional help then school banking will have to change to a fortnightly program.

**School Gymnastics Program – Term 4**

Our school gymnastics program commenced yesterday and will run for 8 weeks during Term 4. Coaches from the Activated Group School Gymnastics conduct the program and we are very fortunate to have access to skilled and trained specialists to work with children for this part of the PE curriculum.

Students are unable to participate in the program without permission. Thank you to the vast majority of families who have returned their notes. For the few families who haven’t you are still able to participate by ensuring your permission notes are returned before Monday 20th November. Students not participating in the program from next week will be given work to do in another class.

The cost of the program is $25 with final payment due by Wednesday 12th November.

Students are allowed to wear their sports uniform during the gymnastics program. If there are any questions about the program then please contact the office.

**Mt Riverview Public School P&C**

The P&C sent out order forms for a Supa Slice Drive last week. The orders and money need to be returned to the office by Friday 7th November there can be no late orders. If you need more order forms please contact the school office.

Jean Martin
School P&C
Roza Sage MP – Christmas Card Competition
Roza Sage MP is once again running her Christmas Card design competition for interested students.
This year’s theme, for the Christmas card competition, is “My Christmas wish is ………”
There will be two categories for the competition:
- Kindergarten to Year 3
- Year 4 to Year 6.
To participate students should send their completed artworks (on A4 paper) to Roza Sage at 132 Macquarie Road, Springwood, NSW, 2777. Entries are due by 21st November 2014. On the back of the entry students should put their name, school and grade. If there are any questions then please contact the office.

Student Assistance, We Can Help
During the course of the school year there are many financial demands upon parents. Excursions, uniforms, shows and textbooks are just a few. As a parent I understand the constant pressure that these costs can bring to a family budget and that as parents we want to provide our children with all opportunities made available to them. Each year the school is provided with a small budget to help any parents who may require some financial assistance for school related expenses. If parents require any assistance with school related expenses please contact Mr Giles or your child’s teacher. All enquiries are confidential.

Lost A Copy Of A Past Educom Issue??

The Educom Is On the Internet
Our bi-weekly Educom can be accessed from the internet on our web site –

www.mtrivervie-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
If you are not receiving your fortnightly issue of the Educom please contact the office and update your email contact.

School Security, You Can Help
If parents or community members observe any destructive or suspicious behaviour in the school grounds please ring the School Security phone number listed below. All reports are treated discreetly; names do not have to be left with the operator.

School Security - 1300 880 021

Do you want to be an Aboriginal Foster Carer?
Community Services is looking for Aboriginal people willing to become a foster carer. You can be single, married, in a de facto or in a same sex relationship. You can be renting, buying or you may own your home. You can be working or not working.
As an authorised carer of a child or young person, you will receive ongoing support and you may be entitled to a carer allowance to assist you with providing care. Standard Care Allowances are detailed below:

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For more information on becoming a foster carer please don’t hesitate to contact a staff member in the Aboriginal Foster Care Recruitment Team based at the Mt Druitt Community Services Centre on (02) 8887 7400 or you can email to:

james.conaty@facs.nsw.gov.au

Anaphylaxis – a shared responsibility
Being the start of a new school year it is just the right time to remind everyone about this issue. We now have a couple of students at our school who have a severe allergic reaction to peanuts. This anaphylactic reaction is likely to be life-threatening. For this reason we ask that peanuts are not brought to school. This includes peanut butter, nut spreads (nutella), and nut bars.

The inconvenience to some children is recognised and appreciated, but the consequences to children with this severe allergy are extremely serious.

All members of our school community are asked to be aware of the dangers of even the slightest contact with peanuts or tree nuts for these children.
To help minimise the risk, simply washing hands and cleaning teeth before coming to school would really help.
Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th
October 2014
9:30am - 4pm
Adults $5 • Concession $4 • Children $2

26th Annual
Doll, Bear & Craft Show

FEATURING:
• Unique Handmade Products
• Dolls and Accessories
• Wooden Toys and Furniture
• Doll’s Houses and Supplies
• Teddy Bear and Making Supplies
• Aromatherapy • Jewellery, Craft

For more information call 4731 3000
or visit www.museumoffire.com.au

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GATEWAY FAMILY SERVICES
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FAMILY LINKS PROJECT and
WERRIANDA CHILDREN’S CENTRE present......

1-2-3 Magic!

- Managing unwanted behaviour – helping your children to stop doing what you don’t want them to do
- Encouraging good behaviour – helping your children to start doing what you want them to do
- Emotion coaching – helping children to identify and manage emotions that drive behaviour
- Strengthening your relationship – reinforcing the bond between you and your child – having fun!

WHERE: Blue Emu Children’s Centre
38A Wedmore Road, Emu Heights

WHEN: Monday evenings 3/11, 10/11 & 17/11/14

TIME: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

CHILDCARE: Available (must be booked)

COST: Gold Coin Donation

REGISTRATION: Gateway Family Services - 1300 316 746 (free call)

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WHERE: Warrimoo Public School
16-30 Florabella St, Warrimoo

WHEN: Wednesday evenings 6/11, 13/11 & 20/11/14

TIME: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

COST: Gold Coin Donation

REGISTRATION: Gateway Family Services - 4739 5963
- 1300 316 746 (free call)

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What is the Family energy rebate?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

• A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
• A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

Am I eligible for the rebate?
To be eligible you MUST:

• Be a NSW resident; and
• Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
• Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

What do I need to do before I apply?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

• Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
• Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

How to apply

• ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
• PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

For more information & assistance

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate
Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

$150* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

Apply online now!
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Expressions of Interest
AUNTY EDNA WATSON
ART PRIZE EXHIBITION

The Exhibition theme is ‘CULTURAL SEASONS’

Muru Mittigar would like to invite Aboriginal artists of all genres to enter into the Aunty Edna Watson Art prize exhibition. The theme of the exhibition is the Cultural Seasons.

The exhibition opening will also celebrate the opening of the Ngarra Aboriginal Knowledge Centre at Muru Mittigar on the 21ST OF NOVEMBER 2014.

The Cultural Seasons are chosen as we live by the land and the seasons, all elements are part of our people. The Darug Calendar follows the elements, temperature, winds, wet, dry, sun, moon, stars, storms, plant growth cycles, animal breeding and water life movements.

All Darug stories had a meaning, stories would teach culture, respect, morals, survival and how to live. All of the cycles in culture continue, the stories teach us our culture and the land holds our stories, our Calendar is life and our continuation. Many indicators would prepare people for the upcoming seasons and the resources that would be needed to survive the changing elements and to recognise certain indicators in the land that would tell the people what they should be doing or where they should be moving to.

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Please return this form via email or post to Erin Wilkins to express interest in participation of exhibition of all genre of art. Once registered, an information package will be sent out. Please phone Erin for all further enquiries on 0417218722.

Erin@murumittigar.com.au
Muru Mittigar
ATT: Erin Wilkins
PO Box 135,
Cranebrook NSW 2749

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE COB TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2014

The exhibition is open to all ages, especially school aged children. There will be two categories of the displayed exhibition consisting of an Open Category and School Category.

Open Category:
First prize: Recognition certificate and $1000
Highly Commended: Recognition certificate and Art supply package

School Category (High School and Primary School):
School - Recognition certificate & cultural awareness package voucher.
Child - Recognition certificate, Art supplies and Art lesson with resident artist

First and Highly Commended prize values in this category are still being negotiated

Closing date for artwork to arrive at Muru Mittigar is Friday 14th November 2014
GATEWAY FAMILY SERVICES
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FAMILY LINKS PROJECT and PENRITH CITY COUNCIL present

THE “STRONG WILLED” and
THE “SENSITIVE” CHILD

facilitated by Barry Palm

- To understand and respond to children’s range of behaviours
- The meaning of secure boundaries for a child
- How to maintain family relationships while addressing behaviours
- Nurturing and sustaining communication with your child/partner/support person

Barry Palm is an Educational and Communication Consultant. For 35 years he has been supporting parents, carers and teachers to appreciate and enjoy their roles in nurturing and guiding children to be confident and competent people.

WHERE: Werrington County Children’s Centre
Cnr John Batman & Henry Lawson Ave, Werrington

WHEN: Wednesday evenings 22/10, 29/10 & 5/11/14

TIME: 6.15pm – 8.15pm (supper/handouts provided)

CHILDCARE: Available and must be booked

COST: Gold Coin

REGISTRATION: Bookings essential – Phone Gateway 1300 316 746 (free call)

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WHERE: East Blaxland Public School
Old Bathurst Road, East Blaxland

WHEN: Friday mornings 24/10, 31/10 & 7/11/14
TIME: 9.30am – 11.30am (morning tea/handouts provided)

CHILDCARE: Mountain Mobile Minders (must be booked)

COST: Donation

REGISTRATION: Bookings essential – Phone Gateway 4739 5963

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