We learnt how to paint with different materials such as mud, chocolate icing, 100s & 1000s, and water. Ann James used different strategies to apply these materials. One of them was toothbrush. We got to do some mud painting which was very fun. She showed us some of the books she has illustrated - Lucy Goosey, The Midnight Feast and Bird and Bear. She did a painting for us of her two dogs. One of them had a teacup and saucer on its head and the other one had glasses on. Kyauna Grieves 4H

Visit from Illustrator Ann James

We learnt how to draw with the back of a paintbrush and use different techniques. One drawing she did was of her two dogs and a birthday cake with candles. She used chocolate icing and splattered 100s and 1000s on the cake. On one of her dogs she drew a teacup on its head and glasses on the other one. At the end Kyauna and I got Ms James’s autograph.

Ami Post 4H

Week 7 Special
Pizza Rounda and Drink
$5.00
WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY

TERM 4 2015 CALENDAR

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Welcome to Week 7 Term 4

Congratulations and Thank you
- To the students and teachers in Year 6 for presenting such an entertaining performance last week. “Never Grow Up” was very well attended and the student performances were wonderful. Students always remember the Year 6 play/musical and when I run into them in later years they always remember two things - the Year 6 Camp and the play they were in. Thank you to all the other teachers at the school who assisted backstage with costumes, make up etc to ensure that things ran smoothly.
- To the students who performed at the launch of the Wishing Tree on Saturday. You sang beautifully and looked very festive. Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Townsend were very proud.
- To the students who were selected to go to the Milo cricket on Friday. Miss Trotter reported exemplary behaviour and students being great ambassadors for Ben Venue. Well done!

Georgia Donoghue was selected to speak at the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition Awards ceremony in Coffs Harbour last Monday. I received a phone call from the Education Director in the area, Robyn O’Neill, who praised the delivery as a polished competent representation. Georgia won a Major Award for 1st place in the Northern Region for Year 6 and Zenden Grieves and Aiden Swick were awarded prizes in the Northern Tablelands District for achieving a High Distinction in Year 6 and Year 5 respectively. Unfortunately Zenden was unable to attend the presentation. Thank you to Marion McCormack who worked with the students to prepare them for this competition.

Dates to remember
- 24-29 November Korean Visit
- 1 December Scripture Assembly
- 3 December 1.30 – 2.30pm Kindergarten 2016 – Play visit
- 4 December You Can Do It Rainbow Day
- 7 December 11.00am Parent Helpers Morning Tea
- 9 December 11.30 – 1.00pm K-2 Celebration of Learning
- 10 December 11.30 – 1.00pm Years 3-6 Presentation Day

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Socials in the evening

*** CHICKENPOX ***

There have been a number of cases of chickenpox in the school. The recommended time to keep children at home is five days from the appearance of the first spots or until cleared by a doctor.

Judy Graham
Principal
**From the Deputy’s desk**

What an amazing performance by Year 6 last week! “Never Grow Up” was a great achievement for all of those involved. Year 6 students were spectacular on stage, the costumes, make-up and set were amazing and the music arrangement by Richard Smith was fun and entertaining. Thank you to everyone who was involved in putting the performance together, especially the Year 6 teachers who spent many hours ensuring the play ran smoothly.

This week teachers are continuing with assessment and reporting as well as planning for excursions. Today Year 1 headed off to the Armidale Folk Museum to support the History unit of work on Past and Present Family Life. On Friday Year 6 will travel to Dorrigo National Park and on Monday November 23, Year 3 students will go on their excursion to Point Lookout and the Dutton Trout Hatchery.

We also have 3and 35 going to the Gymnastics Centre on Wednesday and 2/3 E and 2W going to the Gym on Friday.

**Coming Up…..**

- November 23, Year 3 to Point Lookout
- December 4, YCDI day
- December 7, Volunteer/Parent Helper morning tea
- December 14, Year 6 Formal Assembly and Morning tea 10:00am
- December 15, K-2 Disco
- December 16, Year 6 Lunch

**Selective School**

Applications for selective class placement in 2017 close today. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday, 10 March 2016.

**Found**

A watch was found on Bruce Browning oval late last week. If you have lost this watch please see me.

**Reports - Additional Copy Required**

New students or families whose circumstances have changed are asked to complete the Distribution of School Reports form below and return to class teachers.

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**Distribution of School Reports**

Name of parent: ______________________________

Name of student: _____________________________

Class/es: ________________________________

☐ I am happy for my child to deliver the additional report.

OR

☐ I would prefer the additional report to be mailed to the following address:

Mailing address: _____________________________

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Signed: _____________________________

Date: _____________________________

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**Around the Classrooms**

K/1K The students have had a very busy term and have been working very hard in class every day. In English students have been looking at Aboriginal Dreamtime stories and have even had a go at retelling some themselves. They had a great time performing at the Kindergarten Orientation assembly in Week 5 and last week had a wonderful time at the Fire Training Centre with the Kindergarten Bilbies. The students learnt a lot about being safe around fires and how to be safe in case of a fire emergency. In Science the students are studying animal habitats and have made models of habitats for various animals. In Mathematics they have been doing a lot of work improving their multiplication and division skills and have been completing lots of activities requiring them to share objects evenly into groups. I would like to encourage all students to regularly return their home readers and to inform parents that we have a sizeable pile of unlabelled school jumpers for collection from the classroom.

The Fire Training Centre

On Monday we went to the Fire Station. We did drawings with chalk of our homes. When we went into the classroom we met Lindsay. He told us to get down low and go, go, go. At the end we did squirting with the hose. We went on the bus back to Ben Venue. By Scarlett Aiken - Kindergarten Dolphins

On Monday we went to the Fire Training Centre and on the bus I sat next to Grace. We had to draw our homes in case our homes ever catch on fire. We drew our escape plan. We met Chris and Lindsay and I saw a big building and cars that were smashed. We got to have a go of the hoses and it was fun. By Chelsea Grigas - Kindergarten Dolphins

On Monday our class and KB went to the Fire Training Centre. When we got there we met Chris. The Bilbies went into the classroom. We stayed outside. We drew our fire escape plans on the concrete. Then Chris said, “Put your chalk on the table”, and he showed us the stand pipe. Then he squirited a lot of water. Next we went for a walk around the Fire Training Centre. We saw the jaws of Life. There was lots and lots of glass under the broken cars. Then we went into the classroom. We saw Lindsay. We watched some videos. One was ‘Get down low and go, go, go’ and the other one was ‘Stop, Drop, Cover and Roll’. Lindsay told us, “Don’t go running around if your clothes catch on fire.” Matt showed us firemen clothes. First your put on the overalls, then the coat, then the boots and then the helmet. When the bus came we went back to school. I sat next to Matthew and James. By Regan Ovenden - 1K

How the Kangaroos Got Their Tails

Once in the Dreaming there were two kangaroos. The short‐armed kangaroo lived in the hills. The long‐armed kangaroo went to get sugarbag. He found bees so he followed the bees. Then he found some sugarbag in a pile of rocks. He got his arm and he ate it. Then the big kangaroo found him. “Can I join you?” he said.

“Yes. Put your arm deep inside the hole.” The big kangaroo pulled out red back spiders. Yuck! “I do not want spiders. I will try again.” He tried and tried. He noticed that he was tricked so he pulled a stick off a tree. Little Kangaroo got a red bloodwood stick and started to fight. Big Kangaroo ran away.

Little Kangaroo threw his stick at him. So the big kangaroo did it back. Then they went back to their own countries. The big kangaroo said, “I am a sugargrass man. I will live here forever.” And the little kangaroo said, “I will live here forever. I will stay under the big heavy boulders.” And that’s how the kangaroos got their tails.

Retold by James Everett - 1K

Kellie Divall

4H has been very busy working on the unit ‘Australia: You’re Standing in It’. The students have completed a research project on a significant historic, religious, natural or created site within Australia. This week the students will present their findings to the class to show others what they have discovered. Years 4 have finished their unit on Dance and they have enjoyed learning partner and individual dances. Some of the students are really very good dancers and dancing can be fun! Who knew? There is still work to be done in class to revise and polish the skills learnt this year but everyone is starting to look forward to the end of year activities.

Robyn Hegney