Welcome to Week 8 of Term 3. The last day of term will be Friday the 18th September and our first day back for Term 4 will be Tuesday the 6th October.

Thank you to all of our parents, carers and extended family members for making sure that they move straight to the Front Office when they enter the school during the day. This is vitally important if we are to keep your kids safe as we have to know who is in the school and why at any given time.

Our extended car park took another step towards completion last week. We have done some more clearing and the rubbish will be burnt over the holidays. We will be doing a little more earth works and then laying gravel so that visitors to our school have access to safe and appropriate parking that will allow for safe pick up and drop off of students.

What a wonderful Book Fair Parade on Wednesday. Staff and students looked great in their costumes! It was great to see so many parents and carers in attendance. A big thank you to Mrs Robin Coulter for all of her hard work pulling this together. How lucky are we to have such involved and enthusiastic staff who are willing to do anything for these kids!

Macksville Touch Footy Association put on a great day for our touch footy players on Thursday. Boys and girls teams from both Stage 2 and Stage 3 participated. This involved over 40 students! Our teams had a great day and enjoyed the non-competitive aspect of the gala day. Thank you to all of the teachers who gave up their lunch and recess times to help coach and organise the teams.

Our Education Week Open Day was once again a wonderful success. We had parents, carers and extended family in all of our open classrooms. This was followed by a peer support session and a very special Education Week Assembly. There were over 40 visitors at our assembly, which made it a really special occasion for our kids. Congratulations to all award winners. Your enthusiasm and work ethic in regard to all aspects of your schooling is a credit to you!

In the coming weeks we will be releasing a parent/carer survey linked directly to our school. The survey has to be done on-line using a unique username and password. We would ask that all parents who have internet access take the time to fill in the survey as soon as possible. The website and your username and password will be delivered some time before the holidays.

School community members who do not have access to the internet are encouraged to contact the school for a time when they can possibly pop in and complete the survey using our internet and computers. There are lots of questions about our school and what you as parents and carers want for your child at school. This is a great opportunity for you to have a direct input into our school directions in the coming years. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about the survey, its completion and your participation.

Have a great week.

Todd.
Special Education Week Awards


Congratulations!
Book Week Parade
### Community News

**SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS DON’T MISS OUT**

**New friendships Fun Great value Safe**

Our popular Spring Kids’ and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular Cooking 4 Kids, Adventurer, Kids’ Club and Duke of Edinburgh camps plus lots more.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids’ Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 and over and range from 1 to 5 days.

Residential Kids’ Camps include: 24 hour supervision , Instructor led activities, Accommodation, Meals, Supervised transport.

Family Camps include: Instructor led activities, Meals, Accommodation, Use of all facilities i.e. BBQ area, pool, tennis courts etc.

Contact us at sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/familycamps or fb.com/nswsportandrecreation 13 13 02

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**BUSH DANCE, Valla Hall, Saturday 12th September, 7pm.** A great night for all, in the lovely rural setting of Valla. Bring along your family and friends. Dancing will include ‘Strip the Willow’ and ‘Heel Toe Polka’ and lots more that they will teach on the night. Please bring a plate of supper to share. Cost is $10 per person, $25 family.

Further information 6569 5121.

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**Get off your screen - try Joeys!**

Parents – do you want opportunities for your kids to get away from a tv or computer screen, to learn new skills and make new friends? If this sounds like you, then the new ‘Joeys’ section of the Nambucca Valley Scout Group could be just what you are looking for.

‘Joeys’ is for girls and boys aged between 6 and 8 years of age. Typical activities include indoor and outdoor games, learning traditional scout skills, and taking part in civic activities such as Anzac ceremonies and other community events, along with the older members of the Scout Group.

If you would like to know more about ‘Joeys’, then please come along to our Information Session at the Scout Hall in Partridge Street, Macksville, on Thursday 3 September at 6pm, to learn more.

It is proposed that Joeys will meet between 5.15pm and 6.15pm each Thursday during term time, and that the section will be operational by the beginning of Term 4. At the information night you will be offered the opportunity to sign up your child, with an initial deposit of $30 being required. Full details will be available on the night. If you are unable to attend, but would like more information, please contact the Group Leader Anissa Ruitenberg on 6569 6157 (ah) or 0417 448 204.