Principal’s Note

During Terms 1, 2 and 3 our school has been working on a variety of interesting achievements and there has been a wide range of work being conducted across all areas of the school’s operation. This is due to the ongoing effort and commitment of our staff. The dedication, effort, energy and time of teaching and non teaching staff is a very positive feature of Inverell Public School that enables the provision of high quality, relevant educational programs.

As we begin the Spring school holiday, I extend my thanks to staff for their work and look forward to Term 4 as we share the goal of providing an educational opportunity. To students and their families I wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Have fun, take care and I will look forward to learning about holiday adventures when Term 4 resumes.

Warm Regards

Robyn

Pirate Day

Ahoy there maties!! Today kindergarten set sail into a day full of pirate fun. Students and teachers enjoyed reading and writing about pirates, treasure hunts, counting treasure and a jolly good time. Many thanks to the kinder teachers who organised such an exciting day of learning. To all the parents/carers at home who helped to prepare our little pirates for such a great day we say thank you too!!!

Copeton Dam Excursion

Year 3 and 4 have had a fantastic time at Copeton Dam. Year 3 enjoyed bush walking to learn about flora and fauna and had fun participating in team building activities. Year 4 got to go fishing, learnt how to build a shelter and enjoyed the overnight stay.

Early Birds

Enrolment forms for 2016 Kindergarten students are due to the office this week, ensuring your child’s position in our Term 4 Early Birds transition program and 2016 enrollment. If you need any assistance with the enrolment form please contact the school on 67223072 or call in and speak with our office staff who will be happy to assist.

Early Birds sessions will continue in Week 2, Tuesday 13th to Thursday 15th October, 12-1pm.

UP AND COMING

- 18/9 Rewards Day – movies and treats
- 18/9 Last Day Term 3
- 6/10 First Day Term 4
- 12/10 PBL Assembly
- 14/10 EnviroMentors
- 13,14,15/10 Early Birds
- 21/10 High School Transition– Yr 6
- 27,28,28/10 Early Birds
- 28/10 2016 Kindergarten Parent Information Evening
- 10,11,12/11 Early Birds
- 12/11 Early Birds Graduation Ceremony
The summer canteen menu will apply in term four. Don’t forget Tuesday’s and Thursday’s are pastry free days. Look out for Miss Maryanne’s summer specials.

**Walkathon**

A reminder all sponsorship sheets and money are to be returned to school by Friday 18th September. Thank you!

**Number Fact Fun and Games**

Well, the holidays are almost upon us. Classrooms have been buzzing with students engaged in meaningful literacy and numeracy learning. Over the break we are given the opportunity to enjoy family time. Why not consider playing games using cards or dominoes? Enjoy quality time together, while keeping those minds active. Below are some ideas for domino games. Your child may even be able to teach you a game that they have played in class. You may think of creative ways to change the game to make them easier or more challenging.

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### “I have, who has?”

Deal an equal number of dominoes to each player in the group. Place dominoes face up in front of players. The first student reads half of their domino, picks it up and says, “I have 6, who has 3?” Any player with 3, picks theirs up and says, “I have 3, who has (the other side of their domino)?” Play continues at a fast rate in no particular order until one player has picked up all of their dominoes.

### Higher, lower addition sort

Players need a whiteboard or piece of paper with three columns drawn on it. The teacher selects a target number, e.g. 7 and students record this at the top of their white board or paper in the centre. The student flips over a domino and adds the two numbers, e.g. 4 and 5 and places it in the lower, higher or same as column. Once all dominoes have been sorted, the student writes the numerals, ordering them from lowest to highest.

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**Road Safety at Inverell Public School**

During the last few weeks, the K-6 F Support Class at Inverell Public School has been learning about many different aspects of road safety. Students have concentrated on bike safety by making their own road signs, taking practice drivers tests on the computer and building bikes.

On Wednesday the 16th of September students from K-6 F Support Class visited the National Transport Museum. Students enjoyed seeing a wide range of vehicles on display - from Ford and Holden golden oldies to a double decker bus and antique delivery trucks. Certainly food for thought for boys who are very keen on cars, trucks and motor bikes!