**Term 1, 2015 - Week 5**

**Week 5**

*Wednesday, February 25*
2:40–4:40pm AAAP/HWC

*Thursday, February 26*
2:00pm Leadership Assembly
2:40–4:40pm AAAP/HWC

*Friday, February 27*
Transition to Kindergarten Class

**Week 6**

*Monday, March 2*
School Banking

*Tuesday, March 3*
2:40–4:40pm AAAP/HWC
6:00pm – P&C Meeting. All welcome.

*Wednesday, March 4*
2:40–4:40pm AAAP/HWC

*Friday, March 6*
Transition to Kindergarten Class

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**COMING EVENTS**

*Wednesday, March 18*
Harmony Day Activities

*Thursday, March 26*
Finlayson Cup

*Saturday, March 28*

*Thursday, April 2*
Easter Celebration
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

*Tuesday, April 21*
STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2
Students have been enjoying swimming over the last two weeks. The senior class attended the Guyra Central School swimming carnival. Black Mountain Public School received the award for achieving the highest aggregate points, which means that our level of participation in relation to the number of students we had in attendance was the best, compared with others schools on the day. The positive atmosphere created by the students was electrifying. Students were keen to encourage and support their fellow peers. Graeme Hoade was a wonderful supporter of our school for the day helping with time keeping.

All children participated in the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival last Friday. It was wonderful to see the support students showed their peers in an outstanding display of comradery. Students performed outstandingly well, with some students improving on their times from the previous carnival. Congratulations students who achieved a ribbon at the event and thank you to the many family members who attended the carnivals to encourage the children. Having parents attend makes it very special for the students.

Congratulations to Samuel Savage, Lachlan Savage, William Friend, Izzy Ward and Nathan Nelson for being awarded Sport Monitors for Term One. Students interviewed for the position and have accepted the role with excitement. The students have approached the task with maturity and determination to do their best to meet the targets of the role.

Black Mountain shone once again at the Guyra Show with students presenting beautiful pieces of artwork. Congratulations to Jamerikai Patterson, who was awarded first place for his artwork. Caitlin Bell and Samuel Savage received second place. Laurence Kuchlmayr, Izzy Ward and Harley Ferguson achieved third place and Hollie Hoade received a Highly Commended award. All students should be proud of their achievements. It was wonderful to see so many children entering in the various sections of the show. The achievements students demonstrated through hard work and persistence is remarkable and I couldn't be more impressed of students’ efforts.

I would like to thank parents for ensuring their child/ren arrived at school on time ready for photos last Wednesday. All students looked fabulous in their school uniforms. The photographer commented on the wonderful behaviour of students also, which is lovely to hear.

Miss Lindeman is well underway with her planning for a vegetable garden for the school. All students were involved last week in assembling the gardens. If families could send in any newspapers they have finished with it would be greatly appreciated as these will be used in the base of the garden beds to prevent weeds from growing.

Mrs Hala’api’api has been working with the school for four weeks and her time at Black Mountain will come to an end next Tuesday. I would like to thank her for the wonderful work she has planned and delivered in the senior classroom. The students have enjoyed learning Tongan and will remember their learning for many years to come.

Tomorrow afternoon the school will host its Leadership Assembly. Parents are invited to attend the event. School assemblies are great opportunities for student achievement to be recognised and celebrated. The children are excited about showcasing their learning.

I look forward to seeing many families tomorrow to celebrate student success. Black Mountain Public School is a school that builds confident students who consistently challenge themselves to achieve.
Unfortunately the Music Australia program will not be operating in the school this term, due to difficulties in securing a tutor to run the lessons.

We are keen to establish the program in the school and will continue working with Music Australia to try to ensure the program is ready for a Term 2 start.

I will keep families informed as the term progresses and apologise for the inconvenience this has caused.

Mr Stephen Holt, a Lay Preacher associated with the Anglican Church in Guyra, has again willingly agreed to teach half hour scripture lessons to each of the classes at Black Mountain for the year. Scripture lessons began last Tuesday.

If you would not like your child to participate in these sessions please notify the school in writing.

Please return all forms for Year 7 in 2016.

Primary School Principals are required to arrange for each Year 6 student's designated local secondary school to be entered on the Expression of Interest form.

Once the parent or carer has completed the Expression of Interest form, it should be returned to the primary school NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015.

Guyra Central School is the local secondary school.

Harmony Day is here again and our school celebration will be taking place on Wednesday, March 18. Ben Lomond Public School will be joining us for the event.
Soccer Registration Day

Ex-Services Westside Soccer Club will be holding a registration day for the 2015 season on the following day:

**Date:** 8th March 2015  
**Where:** Jack Vallance Oval, Dumaresq Street  
**Time:** 11am-1pm

Or register online at myfootballclub.com.au

**Fees:** 5-7 year olds = $90, 8-11 year olds = $105, 12-17 year olds = $130  
Contact Samantha on 0401654340 for more details

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**Armidale Junior Cricket**

will hold selection trials for representative teams for next season  

**Tuesday 17th March @ 4pm** and **Sunday 22nd March @ 10am**

Registration begins 30 mins prior to commencement

Trials will be held at the following venues:

*Under 12s to 14s: Harris Park  
*Under 15s & 16s: Sportsground nets

Age is taken at 31 August 2015

Interested players must attend at least one trial day

**Rep Cricket Trials**

For further information contact Michael Dennis Ph: 0402 339 095 or email michael.and.helen13@gmail.com
The P&C are keen to fundraise to support the students of Black Mountain Public School. Set out below is a copy of a note asking parents to assist the P&C by providing their contact details, so as members might be able to contact families when support is required.

Also attached is information about the P&C running a stall at the upcoming State Election on March 28. Cakes and other items to sell at the stall would be greatly appreciated. All items can be delivered to the school by 3:00pm on Friday, March 27.

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**BLACK MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P AND C**

How does the P & C help the children at the school?

In 2014 the P and C donated a total of $8768 dollars which is $350 per child at the school.

- We did this by subsidising the senior excursion to Canberra.
- Paying for the bus to swim school and gymnastics.
- Donating books for a new literacy program.
- Buying a new compost bin for the school.
- We also pay for student injury insurance, which cover the children if they have an accident or are injured at school.
- And NSW P & C Federation Affiliation. This covers P & C volunteers with insurance when working at P and C fundraising activities. It also enables the P & C Executive to contact the NSW Federation for administration and legal advice in relation to fundraising activities.

P & C Membership only costs $5.00 per family. We would love for you to come and join us. Please fill out the form below and return it as soon as possible to the school.

**Election Day Stall**

There is an Election on **Saturday, March 28, 2015**. The P&C will be holding a Stall and Raffle at the School on that Saturday. The P&C are asking for volunteers to sit at the stall, we would like to have two people sitting at the stall in each time slot. Volunteers will need to sign the Sign-On Book at the beginning and end of their shift and sell Tea, Coffee, Slice, Cakes, Raffle Tickets and anything else that is there to sell. If you are able to help for an hour or possibly two hours, please fill in the roster below and return it to the school as soon as possible, thank you. The P&C would also like to ask parents if they could please donate goods for sale (e.g. cooked items, plants, jams, honey, craft items etc). Cooked items need to be wrapped securely and labelled with the ingredients and price. Cooking and donated items to be delivered to the School on the morning of the Election or contact Vicki Bell on 67750105 to arrange collection. Thank you.

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**Election Day Stall Roster for Saturday, March 28, 2015**

(Two people per time slot please)

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Please fill in the roster and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Thank you very much to those who are able to help!

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**P&C Funded After School Activities Program**

I hereby give permission for my child/ren ____________________________

to attend the After School Activities Program on the following dates:

**February**

11 12 17 18 25 26

**March**

3 4 11 12 17 18 25 26

I enclose $________________ to cover payment.

I will collect my child from the school by no later than 4.40pm.

Signed: ___________________ Phone Contact: ___________________

(merchant/guardian)
Dear Black Mountain Public School,

Nuts are a nutritious food we highly recommend are included in the diets of children. We understand however that for some nut allergy is a real concern. It’s estimated that around 3 in 100 children have a peanut allergy¹, and another 1 in 500 are allergic to tree nuts².

While schools and families implement important allergy awareness policies and protocols, there can still be confusion about nuts and the role of nuts in a balanced diet among parents and school staff.

That’s why Nutrition Australia has teamed up with Nuts for Life (an education initiative of the Australian tree nut industry) to develop some handy information for schools and parents, to clear up some misunderstandings about nuts and nut products, and promote a healthy handful every day to those who are not nut allergic.

- Nuts, health and kids (for parents)
- Nuts in schools (for schools)
- Frequently asked questions: Nuts in schools
- Newsletter insert (with recipe)

If you would like to stay up to date with the latest news, events and resources from Nutrition Australia, subscribe to our mailing list. And for all things nuts visit www.nutsforlife.com.au.

Yours in good health,

Nutrition Australia


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118 Cardigan Street
Carlton, Vic 3053
CHANDLER FINLAYSON CUP

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015

Payment Due: Bus $8.00 each person

Bus will leave Black Mountain Public School at 8:00am and return to School by 3:45pm

Please return all notes and bus money by Friday, March 13

I hereby give permission for my child/ren _________________________________ to attend the Finlayson Cup to be held on Thursday, March 26, at Chandler Public School.

The cost for the bus is $8.00 each person. There are some spare seats on the bus if parents would like to attend. It will be “first in best dressed”.

I would like_________ seats on the bus and enclose $_______________ to cover payment of the bus.

Signed: ____________________________________________________________

(parent/guardian)

Phone Contact: __________________________________________________________