

Mungindi Central School

SEMESTER 2 TERM 4 2014

WEEK 6 - 11 November 2014

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition



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Last Thursday, Year 6 Students began their Transition to High School with a presentation from Ms Gina-Whewell and myself. Through this students were familiarised with the day to day experience of life as a high school student and had the opportunity to ask any questions. The students were all very excited about beginning their new life chapter, and Secondary Teachers are looking forward to teaching their new students. Whole day transitions begin this Thursday to provide students with a real taste of High School.

Miss Tanya Ogg
Stage 4 Year Advisor

UP & COMING EVENTS

-  **AUSTSWIM**
12 November 2014
-  **P & C MEETING - 5:30 pm**
12 November 2014
-  **YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS**
13 November 2014
-  **YR 6 TO YR 7 TRANSITION**
13 November 2014
-  **PRESCHOOL TRANSITION**
14 November 2014

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"We remember then today,
this day, and each day we
are free."*
Anonymous

Kindergarten's Outstanding Literacy Achievement

Most students in Kindergarten are achieving beyond end of year expectations in Reading texts, Comprehension and Aspects of writing. The other students in Kindergarten are on track to achieve end of year expectations by the end of Term 4. Two students in Kindergarten are demonstrating achievement of Year 2 outcomes in reading and two students are demonstrating achievement of Year 1 outcomes in reading. Another two students are already demonstrating end of Kindergarten expectations in reading. The Kindergarten students and Mrs Makila are very proud of these outstanding results.

Mrs Nicole Humphries
Instructional Leader



Mungindi Central School
Transition to Preschool Program

All children who wish to enrol in Mungindi Central School Preschool for 2015 are invited with their parents to attend a Transition to Preschool Program

Children need to turn 4 before 31 January 2015

This program will be held on the following
Fridays in Term 4:

17 October 2014, 24 October 2014, 31 October 2014,
7 November 2014, 14 November 2014 and 21 November, 2014

Please bring: Hat, Water Bottle and morning tea.

Children may attend from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Bookings can be made at the
Mungindi Central School Administration Office
Telephone | 0267 532 207

**Play to Learn
Preschool**

MUNGINDI CENTRAL SCHOOL | TELEPHONE | 0267 532 207

Mungindi Central School
Transition to Kindergarten

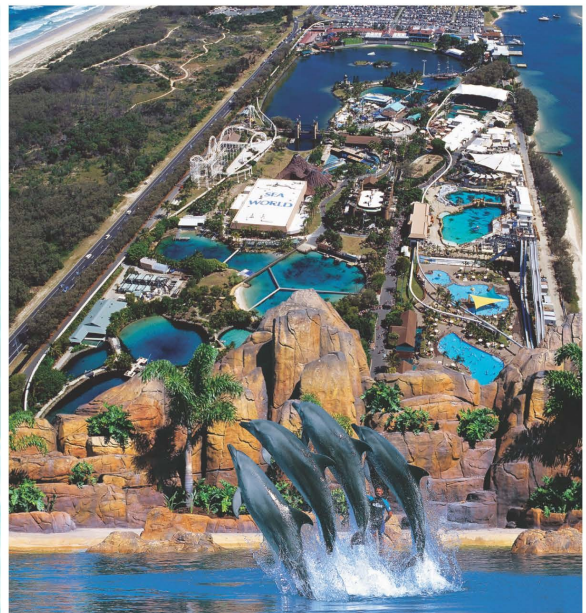
A transition to school program for children starting Kindergarten in 2015.

Week	Date	Time
2	14 October 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
3	21 October 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
4	28 October 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
5	4 November 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
6	11 November 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
7	18 November 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
8	25 November 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
9	2 December 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am
10	9 December 2014	9:00 am - 11:40 am

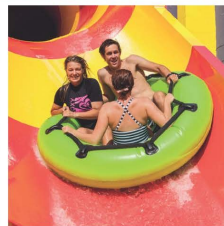
Parent Information Meeting
Tuesday 11 November 2014
- 1:30 pm to 2:40 pm -
Where: Mungindi Central School Kinder/1 Classroom
Please bring with you:
Copies of your Child's Immunisation Record & Birth Certificate

Mungindi Central School
59-67 Wirrah Street
Mungindi NSW 2406
Phone: 0267 532 207

P & C Raffle



Raffle Fundraiser
GOLD COAST HOLIDAY



**Prize
is for 2
Adults,
2 Children*
& includes:**

- Virgin Australia Airfare voucher for **N/A**
- Stay **4** nights at the World Famous 4½★
Sea World Resort & Water Park in a Resort Room
- With Entry to:

	• Sea World	Unlimited	day(s)
	• Warner Bros. Movie World	Unlimited	day(s)
	• Wet'n'Wild Water World	Unlimited	day(s)
	• Caltex Star Cash Card	\$200.00	
	• With a Food and Beverage Credit for Sea World Resort & Water Park	\$200.00	

**Tickets are
only \$2.00 ea**

Ticket sales close:

17 December 2014

Prize drawn:

**17 December 2014
MCS Presentation Night**

Return tickets/monies by:

5 December 2014

Return tickets/monies to:

MCS Office

Group:

Mungindi Central School Parents & Community Association

Terms and Conditions: A certificate for the accommodation and theme parks will be issued to the winner. The certificate must be presented on arrival. A separate Virgin Australia certificate or Caltex Star Cash Card will be issued to the winner, if applicable. The holiday/theme park certificates, the Virgin Australia certificate and the Caltex Star Cash Card are valid for use for up to 12 months from their issue date. The accommodation component includes room accommodation only. Unless stated, the prize does not include airfares, meals, transport, activities or transfers. Accommodation is subject to availability. The holiday can be used over the Australian School Holidays for a small surcharge of \$40 per night for Shoulder Season or \$100 per night for High Season. It cannot be used during special events. It cannot be transferred or redeemed for cash and must be taken intact. * Child age for Theme Park tickets is 3-13 years (14+ years require adult tickets). We or BLC International Pty Ltd do not accept any liability of whatever nature, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, for the acts, omissions or default, whether negligent or otherwise, of third party providers over whom we have no direct control. Under circumstances where liability cannot be excluded, such liability is limited to the value of the purchased travel arrangements. We do not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss (including consequential loss), delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused directly or indirectly by force majeure or any other event which is beyond our control which is not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part.

Book Review

Title: Shrieking Violet

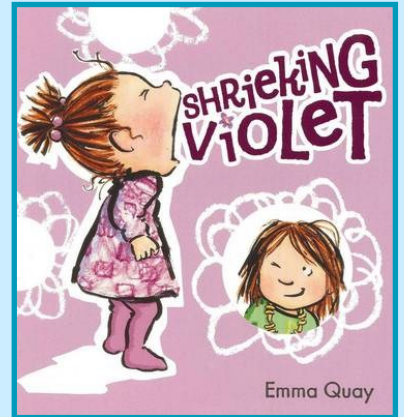
Author/Illustrator: Emma Quay

Publisher: Scholastic

For ages: 2-5 years

Oh, those pesky little baby sisters. And brothers, for that matter. But in this instance, we're talking about a sister. And her name is Violet.

The heroine of this book announces, on the title page, that this book is all about her. And it is. Kind of. Until little sister Violet steals the limelight. She doesn't mean to do it. Make a mess. Make a noise. Make a fuss. She's only little.



But our heroine can almost tie her own laces. Violet can't. She can jump higher than Violet, too. And help mummy in the garden while Violet just slaps her hands in a puddle. She can also finger paint a little better than her baby sister, who prefers to use, er... other bodily parts to do so!

The main character is a tolerant young poppet, showing other young readers how important it is to be patient with younger sibs, but of course, even she loses the plot sometimes, finally shouting "Violet ruins everything!" before little tot presents her bigger sister with a bunch of tissue paper flowers and makes everything better again.

Little siblings are sometimes not so bad after all.

Quay's beautiful illustrations are typically charming, gorgeously coloured and full of really effective and smile-worthy emotion. I adore her polka dot backgrounds. She uses really down-to-earth, sweet kid language to write the book and the whole story comes together into a heart-warming tale that's absolutely perfect for kids who may have suffered the recent arrival of a newborn rival...

My only criticism, and it's tiny, would be the title. I honestly expected a lot of hilarity, yelling and screaming from 'Shrieking Violet' inside this book, but that just didn't happen and it was kind of a let-down. In fact, Violet was pretty much well-behaved, if not just mildly annoying. I'm wondering why the author played it a little 'safe' in the end.

Nonetheless, this is a heart-warming book that teaches everyone the importance of tolerance, that little kids don't 'mean it', and that big kids are important, too.

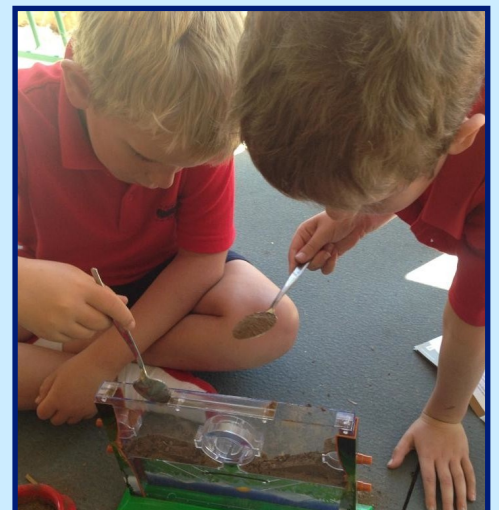
Taken from: <http://www.kids-bookreview.com>

Year 2 Library

Year 2 have been learning about insects. As part of their library lessons they have created ant traps and now have their very own ant farm. Year 2 collected the soil and sand and researched what the best food for ants is. They have done a great job working together as a team to put the ant farm together and trap the ants. A lot of fun was had by the students.

Miss Abby White

Library Teacher



BE SELF-CARE AWARE

Paws... and take a moment
for yourself today!

Tuesday 25 November 2014

Mungindi Central School, 59 - 67 Wirrah Street
Mungindi NSW

3.30pm to 6.30pm



Free community event



The Black
Dog Institute
presents,
Breaking Down
Depression and
Building Resilience
by Peter Langston

Rural Fit
- health
coaching
and support
program

**Dog Show by PawsUP • Food
Photo Booth • Kids Activity Area • Raffle**

1st PRIZE Win BackTrack services
to work on your
property for a day

Take some time out and have a skilled team
assist you with animal handling and general
farm work on your property for the day for free

2nd PRIZE Win 3 months
membership to
the Rural Fit, Farm
Fit Wellness Program

Receive free professional assistance and
support in enhancing your health and
wellbeing

This event forms part of the Australian Government's drought assistance package.



BackTrack

Would you like to be involved?

Please contact the Drought Assistance Officer,
Kayeleen Brown on kayeleenb@carersnsw.org.au
or 04 47 47 11 77



You're Invited

In February 2014, the Federal Government announced a range of drought assistance funding measures and pledged \$10.7 million to drought declared areas to specifically increase social and mental health services to affected regions across Eastern Australia. This funding provides access to free events and professional help; including one on one counselling, family support services and referrals for affected farmers, farming families and rural communities.

Carers NSW is delivering a wide variety of free community events from September to December 2014 across ten Local Government Areas (LGAs). Events will be held in the LGAs of Armidale Dumaresq, Glen Innes Severn, Guyra, Gwydir, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield, Uralla, Walcha and their surrounding villages.

To deliver these events, Carers NSW has partnered with The Ascent Group, Anglicare Northern Inland, Centacare New England North West, Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW, Challenge and RichmondPRA.

Mungindi will hold its event Tuesday 25 November 2014 from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Mungindi Central School.

Activities will include the PawsUp Dog Show by Back Track, Introduction and Presentations by Carers NSW/Rural Fit and Service Providers, Black Dog Institute Peter Langston Presentation, a Kids Activity Area hosted by Carers NSW or other services, free BBQ by Mungindi Central School and Raffle supported by Backtrack Services, Rural Fit and Coles Myer.

APP of the Week

Word Creativity Kit

Price: \$2.99



Overview

The Word Creativity Kit offers users a playground to make creations with words, colours, designs and pictures. Limited only by their imaginations and vision, users make virtual books that can serve as journals, notebooks, or canvases to be shared with others.

Features include:

- 7 categories of words or add your own
- Manipulate fonts, colours, backgrounds, designs and pictures
- Place words anywhere on the page, change the angle, or resize
- Includes over 4500 words
- Save as many books as you wish

Quality

The Word Creativity Kit is a phenomenal app that is very intuitive to use. Designers have incorporated clear directions about the app's features, accessible from the home screen or the main book page by tapping the question mark. A menu of the app's functions appears, and when each item is pressed, there is a short animated screen shot showing exactly how to use the feature. Users have a lot of control over the look and feel of each page, and can create very attractive composite pieces. One improvement for developers to consider would be a system to make creations private to specific users. Since one use for the app would be to journal, the content could get quite personal and some may limit themselves if they feel others could view their work without permission. Parents/teachers should be aware that inexperienced users, at least, may need some additional assistance getting started.

Education

This app goes far beyond a simple creative writing system because it combines the visual appeal of an art program with the fun of finding just the right words for poetry, stories, or other text. The app "jumpstarts" the creative process by offering a selection of randomly-chosen words on the blank page. Users can add, remove, modify, or rearrange to their hearts' content. Change the background, add pictures or stickers, change the tense or form of the words, and more to create just the right look and feel for the project. It's a perfect opportunity for self-expression that will encourage and nurture literacy, writing skills, and vocabulary. The app's designers say it is appropriate for children ages 8 and up, and it would likely be just as popular with middle and high schoolers as well as middle and upper elementary users. Even adults will enjoy letting their imaginations wander and seeing what they can create.

Teachers will think of many uses, but one big one would be experimenting with poetry. Many students find writing poetry to be one of the most intimidating activities in English class, and this app takes the pain and frustration out of the process, even for the most insecure writers. It eliminates the need to erase, crumple paper in frustration and start over and over again. The app also will lend itself to story-telling, with the included array of backgrounds and stickers, as well as access to your device's camera roll.

Entertainment

This app isn't really designed for entertainment, but the sheer joy of creating will make it a favourite for many users. Stickers range from the cute to the sublime, concrete to symbolic. It would be very possible to create an entire story without words using the characters, props and backgrounds, but even the least verbal students are likely to be tempted to add a word or two to their creations as caption or description, since they can control font, angle, size, colour, and placement.

Value

The Word Creativity Kit is an excellent value. With an extensive built-in vocabulary as well as the option to add words to any page, the app can grow with the user. The stickers and backgrounds offer a lot of options for visual creativity, and access to the camera roll means that users can take their own pictures, as well. Together, these features mean the app can be very personalized, which is very nice.

Child Friendliness

This app includes no outside advertisements or in-app purchases. A Parents' Area that contains information about the developers is protected by a challenging mental addition problem requiring regrouping. In this area, parents and teachers can see other apps by the same developer in the App Store or open a web browser to interact with social media, view the privacy policy or visit the developers' web site.



Taken from: <http://bestappsforkids.com>

Good for Kids good for life

Healthy Drinks

Did you know that a 250ml glass of apple juice or cola contains not one but 6 teaspoons of sugar?

Water has no added flavours, colours, sugar or energy so it's the best way for kids to quench their thirst.

Drinking water instead of sweetened drinks may also prevent dental problems, while the fluoride found in tap water can help strengthen teeth and bones.

Tips to help children drink more water:

- Offer water when children are thirsty
- Have a jug of water on the table at mealtimes
- Keep water in the fridge so it's cold
- Freeze half a water bottle the night before and fill the remainder with cold water before packing the lunchbox
- Send a water bottle to school for Crunch&Sip®

Milk is also a nutritious drink that children should consume, as it's important for strong bones and teeth.

Reference:

Adapted from Healthy Kids: "Choose water as a drink" fact sheet accessed from www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

PHONE 1300 657 197

CANTEEN MENU 2014 WEEK 6

STANDARD MENU

Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Pizza	\$4.00
Salad Bowl	\$3.50
Ham	
Sandwich	\$3.50
Ham & Salad	
Chicken Nuggets (each)	\$0.50

FIXED PRICE PACK

\$ 8.00

Quiche & Salad



OR



DRINKS & EXTRAS

Water	\$2.00
LOL	\$2.50
Juice Popper	\$2.50
Milk	\$2.50
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.00
Paddle Pop	\$2.50
(Rainbow, Choc, Banana)	
Small Packet Chips	\$1.00
1 Piece of Fruit	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Jelly or Fruit Cup	\$1.00

Centrelink Mobile Service Centre

Australian Government Mobile Service Centres travel to rural and regional locations. The Mobile Service Centres provide an opportunity for personalised service to community members who may not have easy access to a Department of Human Services office. Staff who travel with the Service Centres can assist with a range of Program services such as Centrelink, Child Support, Medicare and Australian Hearing. A unique feature is the Australian Hearing touch screen that enables customers to perform hearing assessments.

A **Social Worker & Indigenous Services Officer** will also be available.

The Mobile Service Centres are equipped with:

- a soundproof interview room
- a soundproof Australian Hearing testing room
- service/assistance desks
- a waiting area
- a publication display area
- self-service computer access
- LCD display screens
- disabled access
- wireless IT connectivity for greater servicing flexibility.

For more information on Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit the Department of Human Services website.

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/mobile-service-centres>

Australian Government
Mobile Service Centre
Assistance



medicare
child support

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle

offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre:

In front of the RTC, St George Street

MUNGINDI

15 December 2014

11 am to 2.30 pm

Experienced specialist staff travel with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. Our staff can assist you with Centrelink, Medicare, Australian Hearing and Child Support payment and service options. They are specialists in rural servicing and live and work in the communities they serve. If the assistance you're after is not available, arrangements will be made for someone from the relevant organisation to contact you.

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.



Australian Government
Department of Human Services

Austswim

Primary students will commence their second day of Austswim instruction on Wednesday 12 November 2014. Please ensure that you have returned a signed permission note for your child to attend.

Also, make sure that your child packs their swimsuit, towel, sunshirt, water bottle, hat and sunscreen.



No Hat No Play Policy

Please ensure that you send your child to school with a hat. It is Mungindi Central School Policy that all student must wear a hat, preferably a wide brim or bucket hat, to participate in outdoor activities. Hats are available for purchase from the Administration Office.

If you require more information, please phone the Administration Office on 02 6753 2207.



Eggs for Sale

Mungindi Central School has been collecting eggs from the flock of hens on campus. There is currently a surplus. If you would like to buy a dozen or two please see the staff at Mungindi Central School Administration Office.



Principal's Message

Welcome back to Week 6 Term 4. This will prove to be another exciting week for everyone. In Secondary Year 7 to 10 students are doing their examinations this week. That also includes the ESSA test for Year 8. This week will also see the Year 6 students start the formal part of their transition program on Thursday. So in every way it's all excitement for so many students.

The Transition Programs continue to happen with Preschool on Fridays & Kindergarten on Tuesdays. These always generate a real excitement for our younger students. So it is action stations across the whole school. This will not diminish in the next few weeks with the start of Primary Excursions for all classes.

For our Senior Students there will be the Graduation of Year 12 Students from all the four schools in NBSA. There is now almost no time to build up the suspense as this will be on Friday 14 November in Moree at the Max Centre. It promises to be a social highlight in the lives of all our Senior Students.

The Preschool will be undergoing an Assessment and Rating Process on Tuesday and Wednesday with Tracey Gordon from Lismore doing a series of observations and meetings with crucial staff. This is a very important milestone in the life of the Preschool. While it has undergone some reviews this is its first rating process. So quite understandably there are some nervous staff managing this activity. It is important to keep in mind that this is part of an improvement cycle where we can identify where we would like to see the service to be in the future and what actions need to be done to reach our intended goal. I anticipate that there will be lots of opportunities for parents, the community and the AECG to have an input into this ongoing process. Please feel free to provide feedback on any aspects of the Preschool service so that we can incorporate these into revised practices that better meet the needs of our young students.

On behalf of the P & C I would like to encourage everyone to support the end of year raffle. Quite apart from the fantastic prizes that would be enough to entice almost everyone, this is their last fund raiser for the year. In order to provide the best outcomes for our students the P & C support our children with funds for excursions and other activities. So let's all get in and do the very best for our students and help the P & C in their major function for the school.

Next week see's Storm Co visit the town and the school once again. There is already quite an imposing list of tasks for them to take on. It would be a fantastic opportunity to help them help the school and students. Let's all get in and make these things happen.

Our Preschool and Kindergarten Transitions continue with increased enthusiasm from all participants. They are proving to be quite the highlight of the school. If you visit the front office there are photos of our kids in action having a great time learning and doing new activities. If you get the chance ask them about the activities they are experiencing while at school. Many will be able to show you that they are reading, trying new things with numeracy and creating sentences as well. It is very much a complete immersion into skills they will need to have for next year.

All the best.

Mr Erich Riesinger
Principal

Kindergarten Transition

Please note that Mungindi Central School Kindergarten Transition will not be occurring Tuesday 18 November due to unforeseen circumstances.

If you require more information, please phone the Administration Office on 02 6753 2207.

CALENDAR

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

TERM 4- NOV 10

SECONDARY
HOMEWORK CENTRE

11

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION
&
PARENT INFORMATION MEETING
- 1:30 PM
Secondary ESSA

12

AUSTSWIM - PRIMARY
P & C Meeting - 5:30 pm

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YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS
YEAR 6 TO 7
TRANSITION

14

PRESCHOOL
TRANSITION

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SECONDARY
HOMEWORK CENTRE
STORM CO VISIT

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KINDERGARTEN AND
YEAR 1 TRIP TO MOREE
STORM CO VISIT

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AUSTSWIM - PRIMARY
STORM CO VISIT

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STORM CO VISIT

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PRESCHOOL
TRANSITION
STORM CO VISIT

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SECONDARY
HOMEWORK CENTRE

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KINDERGARTEN
TRANSITION
BE SELF-CARE AWARE

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AUSTSWIM - PRIMARY

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DECEMBER 1

SECONDARY
HOMEWORK CENTRE
YEAR 3-6 CASCADE

2

KINDERGARTEN
TRANSITION
YEAR 3-6 CASCADE

3

AUSTSWIM - PRIMARY
YEAR 3-6 CASCADE

4

YEAR 3-6 CASCADE

5

RETURN RAFFLE
TICKETS TO SCHOOL
YEAR 3-6 CASCADE

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2014 - AUSTSWIM - PRIMARY

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2014 - P & C MEETING - 5:30 pm

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2014 - YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2014 - YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2014 - PRESCHOOL TRANSITION



Motivation, Commitment, Success

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