State Cross Country
Last Friday, Sarah Sciffmann competed in the State Cross Country in Sydney. She came 7th out of 80 competitors in her 3km race. Leading to the event, Sarah had some health issues but she remained focused and did her very best to prepare herself for the event. Well done Sarah! You are a credit to your school, your family and yourself. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful support that Sarah’s mum and dad give to her so that she can travel to and compete in events like the State Championships.

Upcoming Dates For Your Diary
TERM 3 2015

Thursday, 23rd July
World Vision Morning Tea

Tuesday, 28th July
P&C meeting @ 6pm

Thursday, 30th July
Education Week Ceremony @ Scone High School
Lunch Order Day
Book Club - orders due back to school

Friday, 31st July
Zone Athletics Carnival @ Bill Rose Complex in Scone

Tuesday, 4th August
Small Schools Public Speaking Competition @ Belltree PS

Thursday, 13th August
Lunch Order Day

Friday, 14th August
SMART Science Fun Day @ Murrurundi Public School

Thursday, 20th August
World Vision Morning Tea

Thursday, 27th August – Friday, 28th August
Principal’s Conference in Tamworth

New Pump Installed
Last Friday, Transfield installed our new pressure pump. What a huge difference a properly working pump makes. Mr Leayr is truly thankful that he no longer has to manually prime the old pump to get water flowing to the taps and bubblers.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held in the Year 3-6 room on Tuesday, 28th July at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

“A man who has committed a mistake and doesn’t correct it, is committing another mistake.” - CONFUCIUS
From the Little Room.......Week 2

Welcome back to Term 3! Wow the year is flying and so are our K-1-2ers.

I am very pleased with the progress of all our students and hope you find your child’s report positive and informative.

If anyone would like a get-together to discuss any matters then please see me to arrange a time.

Stay warm everyone!

Much ❤️ Mrs Campbell

A Peek at the Week:-

Leader: Katelyn

Sounds:
K - m, a (revise)
1 - ut, us
2 - ow, ee

Sight Words: K - there, use, an, each, which
1 - self paced
2 - self paced

Maths Focus: Place Value

3,4,5,6 STUDENT AWARDS – WEEK 2

Student of the Week:

Emily Grainger – A kind and compassionate class member.

Achievement Award:

Archie Mamone – Fabulous work ethic.

OFFICE NOTICEBARD:

Update of Student Information Forms (attached):
Please check this information carefully and make any necessary changes. It is important that we have up to date details for all of our students Return to school by Friday 24th July.

Reminder of Routine:
Student Banking – each Wednesday
Library Borrowing & Returns – each Friday

3,4,5,6 STUDENT AWARDS – WEEK 2

Student of the Week:

Harry Mamone – For working well in public speaking.

Achievement Award:

Ned Foley – For valuable contributions in Maths.
Education Week
The 2015 Education Week Ceremony will be held at Scone High School on Thursday, 30th July commencing at 5pm. Afternoon Tea will be served before the reception at 4.30pm. Congratulations to Sarah Schiffmann, Mr John Henley and Mr Ben and Mrs Kylee Foley who will be receiving awards for their commitment and service to Ellerston Public School. This year, Sarah Schiffmann has been invited to represent Ellerston Public School as one of the compares. This is a huge honour. I am sure Sarah will do an outstanding job.

A combined Small Schools Choir consisting of students from Ellerston, Belltrees and Blandford have been invited to perform Waltzing Matilda as part of the entertainment. This is a tremendous opportunity to showcase the talent of our students and highlight the quality of Public Education across our Small Schools. Scone Public School have kindly allowed us the use their facilities next Wednesday 29th July, starting at 9.30am, so Mr Leayr and all the small school students can have a combined rehearsal prior to the Education Week Ceremony. An information/travel/permission note will be sent home soon.

All the Ellerston students from Year 3 – 6 have been practicing Waltzing Matilda since the beginning of the term so they are ready for their big moment on stage. Thank you to Mr Leayr’s class for trying their best. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Education Week Activities at Ellerston Public School
Education Week will be celebrated in week 3 of this term (27th July – 31st July). This year’s theme is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’. The following are some of the possible activities that the children and staff are considering as part of our local school celebrations:

- family picnic in the playground (pray for fine weather);
- children paint a picture of their hero and write an explanation for why that person is their hero;
- community verses the school cricket/softball match;
- students design a poster of their favourite aspect of learning to show visitors;
- open classroom – children show parents, extended family and friends their work;
- young writers’ story and poetry writing competition; and
- paper plane competition where parents and family can help students make, decorate and fly their creations.

Zone Athletics Carnival
This year, the Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at Bill Rose Complex in Scone on Friday, 31st July starting at 9.00am sharp.

The following students from our school will be competing on the day: Ned Foley, Sarah Schiffmann, Jack Grimes, Jordyn Melville, Cody Grimes, Sophie Baker and Blake Grimes. We wish these athletes the best of luck in their events. The Convenor is Vicky Schofield from Scone Public School.

Small Schools Public Speaking Competition
The Small Schools Public Speaking Competition is fast approaching. It will be held at Belltrees Public School on Tuesday, 4th August and will start at 10am. This year, students from Ellerston, Belltrees, Blandford and Murrurundi will be taking part in the competition.

The best way for your child to prepare for the competition is for them to:

- speak about something that really interests them; and
- practice! practice! practice!

All the Ellerston students have been working really hard in class since coming back to school. We wish them all the best as they prepare and rehearse their speeches at school and at home.

Regards
Colin Leayr