**Principal’s Report**

We have had a busy week this week with our Cricket clinic on Wednesday and our Clean-up day today. As the weather was a little damp early this morning we waited until this afternoon before heading out to do our little bit to clean up Australia.

This week we were lucky enough to have Kathy Baber from NSW Cricket come to Fairfax and share her passion and skills in cricket with us. This program has kick started our Active After School Program, that will begin next Wednesday 5th March. The program will run until the end of the term, from 3 pm – 4 pm each Wednesday afternoon. We will again be providing a healthy afternoon tea, to enjoy and reenergise us all before we play cricket for the afternoon. Please check the roster for your turn to supply the afternoon tea, if this day does not suit please don’t hesitate to contact me in the office. Please also remember that the Active After School Program will fund your afternoon tea contribution up to $15, all you need to do is bring the receipts from what you have spent and we will reimburse you with a school cheque. Dave will be our cricket instructor for this term.

Hunter New England Health will be again conducting the StEPS, State wide Eyesight Preschooler Screening program. This program is for Kindergarten students. Monique Wynter from Inverell Community Health will be here at Fairfax next Tuesday to conduct this screening assessment.

A huge thank you to Mrs Shields and Dave for their work they have done in our vegie garden this week, they are well on the way to having shaded covers on our garden beds, this should protect our plants from the hot weather and later on in the year the cold frosts.

We have been busy in the classroom preparing our entry for the ICPA Art Competition. We are creating a story of our unique school through a paper quilt, the paper quilt will be on display at the Narrabri Golf Club during the ICPA annual Conference on the 18th and 19th March. This is a great opportunity for us to promote our beautiful little school and share our story with others.

As discussed at our last P&C meeting, our bin roster will follow on from last year, we will continue in alphabetical order. As the tip now only open on Wednesday mornings from 8am – 12pm and Saturday mornings from 8 am – 12 pm we will aim to have our rubbish removed each fortnight, this will avoid our bins overflowing and give the rostered family a week to empty the bins. I would like to thank those who have already had a turn at the bin run this year and thank those in advance who are coming up, this support for our school is greatly appreciated. I will put the rostered family in the newsletter each fortnight, keep an eye out for your turn!

As we are getting further into the term, the calendar is quickly filling up, please ensure you check the calendar on the newsletter and website regularly for upcoming events at school.

Have a great week,

*Rebecca Smith*

**Calendar**

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Cricket
By Matty and Mia

On Wednesday Kathy Barber came from Cricket NSW to show the students and Dave some tips for Cricket. It was lots of fun and here are some of the things that we did. We played diamond cricket, we learnt how to bowl and we did lots of catching and batting drills. This term we are doing Cricket for Active After School. We thank Kathy and we also thank Dave for putting his hand up for Active After School Cricket. We are all looking forward to doing cricket on Wednesdays.
Thank you

Thank you to all students, parents, teachers and other school supporters for participating in the 2013 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

More than 6800 different types of products were selected by participating school which just goes to show that every school needs something different.

We hope this new equipment will help inspire your students to learn. Thank you again for your support.
Our new shade covers! Thank you Mrs Shields and Dave

Cleaning Up Australia!