Principal’s Report

We have had a busy week this week. On Monday Mrs Warnock visited our school and talked to us about her poetry and read some of the poems she has had published in her books, Wanderings of Warleia and Archies Adventures. We are very greatful to be able to have the expertise and experience of a published author visit our school and offer her invaluable inside into writing, with Mrs Warnock’s help we began writing limericks which we will share with you all in next weeks newsletter.

On Monday afternoon, students participated in the CWA International Day at the hall. Students performed an African Song, “DanSina Kuimba” a song sung in English and Swahili languages, and presented their study of this years country of study, Botswana. Our year 6 leaders presented their Botswana research project and our K,1,2,& 3 students had their colouring in competitions judged, well done to everyone who received a place and an highly commended certificate, our entries will be returned after they have been judged in Narrabri. Mrs Noble presented her research on Traditional Botswanan foods and we were treated to an expert chocolate tasting, and a very delicious and generous afternoon tea. Thank you to the wonderful ladies on the CWA for organising this highly valuable experience with us.

On Tuesday we had some specials visitors arrive at our gate, we treated them to a special ‘Monster’ Story time in the library, it was great to meet; Thing One and Thing Two, Mikie the Ninja Turtle, Goldielocks, Velma from Scooby Doo, Sophia the Princess, Rapunzell, A Famous Superstar, a Ninja Master, Elsa the Snow Queen, The Fairy Princess, The Big Bad Bushranger, Little Red Riding Hood, Hiccup the Viking, Woody the cowboy and Where’s Wenda, who visited our school for our book parade. We had all these visitors here but the students were no where to be found. Thank you to all the parents for making our book character a parade a great success.

On Thursday the students travelled with Mr Wood and Mrs Shields to Narrabri for the PICSE Science Challenge. I have heard great feedback from the day, with students presenting their science projects and participating in some very clever and exciting experiemnts and activities. Thank you to Mr Wood and Mrs Shields for their work assisting students with their projects, this is a highly valuable activity, we are all looking to the judges feedback and a visit from Ms Stains, the organiser, early next term. Students were asked to give a recount of their day and these are included in the newsletter today.

Swimming week will be week 9 this term, thank you to those that have returned their transport note. A roster will be sent home next week. We will leave school at 12 pm, to travel to Narrabri where we will eat our lunch and be ready in our swimmers for a 1 pm start in the pool. We will return to school 3pm. We will still be running our Active After School Program this week.

This week I have attended the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Training, I am very enthusiastic about implementing this program for our school. I will have further information in next week’s newsletter about how we will be integrating this program into our curriculum.

I hope you have a great weekend,

Rebecca Smith
**Term 3 – Week 7**

**Friday, 29 August 2014**

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**Active After School Afternoon Tea will be provided by the Smith’s this week.**

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**Calendar**

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PICSE Science Awards

On Thursday the class went to the Crossing Theatre and we had lots of fun. We went to get judged on our science experiment called Melting Ice. We talked to the judges about how we did our experiment, they were nice and said that we did a good job. We got DNA out of a strawberry and we heard about lots of farm plants like barley and oats.

By Dusty & Erin

On Thursday, all the Fairfax students travelled into Narrabri to compete in the Primary Industry Science Education Day. We were judged on the science projects we created. The judges asked us a few questions such as how did you do your project? We also got to participate in other activities such as making towers.
with marshmallows and spaghetti and we also made paper windmills. The University of Sydney also showed us how to take the DNA out of strawberries by crushing the strawberry up and adding soap and salt and then adding ethanol. The DNA was clear with lots of bubbles in it and they also showed us all the different types of crop plants. It was an enjoyable experience.

By Matty & Mia