Wednesday, 10th April 2013
Dear Families,

NEWSLETTER – Week 11, Term 1

Importance of child play
Play is children’s language, children’s work and children’s relaxation. Children need to play for healthy development. Children’s play belongs to children. It is for all children, all ages from babyhood on, and all abilities.

Adults can join in if they are invited, in fact younger children often love best to play with parents, but children should make the rules (except rules for safety).

All children have a right to play. In our busy world, where parents and children are rushing from one thing to another, it is essential to make time for children to play.

Reconciliation art workshop
Last Friday, we had members from the NSW Reconciliation Council (NSWRC) visit the school to work with the secondary aged students. Pictured from left are Lucy Simpson (Aboriginal artist) and her assistants Ella, Leanne, Emma and Les (not pictured).

The students learned about reconciliation (through art) which helps them become active and socially aware citizens, passionate about creating respectful communities based on equality. We thank the NSWRC for providing such a wonderful opportunity to our students.

Visit to Tambar Springs School
Last Friday the primary school aged students visited Tambar Springs PS to join them for a day of integration, community awareness, BBQ lunch and games. The students had a great time and we look forward to accommodating their students at our school next term.
Autism awareness month
Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that typically lasts throughout a person’s lifetime. People with ASD have problems with social and communication skills.

Many people with ASD also have unusual ways of learning, paying attention, or reacting to sensations. It is part of a group of disorders known as Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). In most cases its causes are unknown. Today, 1 in 110 individuals is diagnosed with autism.

On Monday, Karen Roberts spoke to Kate and Ben from Prime News about the challenges and highlights for families living with children with autism. Cameron and Alex are pictured below being filmed for the Monday night news segment.

Gunnedah show
We will be participating in the grand parade again this year which will start at 2:30pm on Saturday afternoon. If you would like your child to be part of the parade, please bring them to meet us outside the animal nursery at 2pm.

Anzac Day march
Please have your child dressed in full school uniform to meet staff at Mitre10, on Thursday 25th April at 10am.

DATES
Active after school – last session for term 1, 11th April
P&C Bullimbal SSP excursion – Monday 13th May, 2:30pm
School resumes – Monday 29th April (staff development day 10th May)

Happy and safe holidays everyone!