I would like to thank Mrs Brett and Miss Gibson for their outstanding coordination of Market Madness in the last week of Term 2. They stayed back at school well after 6pm on many occasions to ensure that everything was in order. This did not go unnoticed!

The Year 6 students and their parents are also to be congratulated for their fantastic organisation and preparation of foods, stalls, raffles, guessing competitions and many other activities. Great leadership skills were demonstrated by the students and we are very proud of their effort.

Of course the event was successful due to the support of the whole school community: the parents and students who donated food and prizes, the students who purchased food, lucky dips, books, bought raffle tickets and took part in the fun activities; and of course the staff who supported the event by assisting with supervision, set up and pack up. A HUGE thank you to all!

Special mention to the queen (Mrs Preston) who was in her counting house, counting all the money! Year 6 raised $1961.20.
Term 3 already! I hope that everyone had a great break and look forward to hearing holiday stories from staff and students alike. Term 3 promises to be yet another busy and exciting school term.

During the holidays vandals caused damage to some of our buildings and graffiti had to be removed from several buildings. It makes me extremely sad to think that members of our community would vandalise this great place.

**Teachers are Learners Too**

Today teachers at our school spent the day participating in another Focus on Reading professional learning session to further strengthen their knowledge of effective reading instruction in the middle years.

The staff also continued to evaluate the school’s implementation of Positive Behaviour for Success and learnt more about the Live Life Well initiative which will see the introduction of a formalised whole school crunch and sip policy.

This Friday all teachers from Stage 1 will attend Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) professional learning. This promises to be yet another great opportunity for our teachers to refine their understanding of the theory of literacy acquisition and match the theory with practice within the early years’ classrooms.

Refining and reflecting on teacher practice provides opportunities for rigorous professional discussions aimed at improving the educational outcomes of the students at our school. We are fortunate to have such a motivated and dedicated staff at this great school!

Giselle Coltman
Principal
**P & C**
The next meeting is on: **Wednesday 16 July**
Meetings are held in the school staffroom and begin at 7pm. New members are always welcome.

Juliana Stanojvce
P & C President

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Opening of the Time Capsule
On Friday 1 August we will hold open day for Education week. This will coincide with our P and C Art Show and the main event – the opening of the time capsule that was buried in the school playground in 1988. We would be grateful if you could let all past parents, teachers and students know of this special event.

Positive Behaviour for Success
This week we will be focussing on all our values at the Canteen.

RESPECT. Wait in correct line. Buy only for yourself.

RESPONSIBILITY. Use good manners. Wait quietly.

RESILIENCE. Be patient. Wait your turn.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the students who completed the challenge over the holidays.

Count down to closing date 22 August - 6 weeks to go!

ISER Performing Ensemble
On Wednesday 23 July the ISER Performing Ensemble will perform for our school at 9:15 am. Parents are welcome to attend free of charge. The ensemble show cases talented musicians, vocalists and dancers from across our network and is an inspiring musical performance. The cost is $4 per student or $6 per family.

If you would like your child to attend please send money in a green and white envelope clearly marked with your child/children’s name, class and labelled ISER ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE. Unfortunately students who do not pay will not be permitted to attend.

Students who are in the Stage 2 Choral Festival will not be able to attend due to Choral Festival rehearsals being held on the same day.

We have hosted the Ensemble before and I highly recommend it as a wonderful experience for our students.

Book Week - Week 6 2014 theme is Connect to Reading – Reading to connect.

Tiddalik the frog
Visiting performance – Monday 18 August presented by Longyard Sideshow Co. Cost $5.00 per student. This performance is described as funny, playful and entertaining. The story is told through life size Australian animal puppets and a gigantic 3D popup story book. Conservation issues are introduced through this well known indigenous story. This activity is suitable for K-6 and we encourage all students to attend. Please pay by envelope in the silver box.

Book Fair
Tuesday 19 August, Wednesday 20 August and Thursday 21 August in the school library.

Book Week and Grandparents Day combined assembly - Wednesday 20th August.
THE BEST BOY’S WEEKEND – YOUNGSTARS FATHER-SON ADVENTURE CAMPS - The first YoungStars camp will take place at Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre on September 6-7. The second and third will be held at Berry Sport and Recreation Centre on October 19-20 and November 15-16. The camp is open to primary school boys aged seven and over and their dads.

For more information or to book your place visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars or call Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02.

Term 3 soccer skill development program
Starting 25th July 2014
Develop your skills and game play.
8 week program - $144
Location Tafe Wollongong
4.30pm to 5.30pm

Ph: 0459 532 223
nswscah@coerver.com.au

Local Foster Carers needed

We are looking for local people to provide care for children and young people who are unable to live with their own families. FACS is seeking Foster Carers who can provide short term/crisis care and/or respite care (e.g. one weekend a month).

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds, cultural groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All carers receive training, support and financial assistance.

INTERESTED?
Call Gabi Taylor or Carolyn Lardner at FACS on 4222-8400 during business hours.