The term and the year are racing away and we still have a number of exciting things happening. Years 5 and 6 are visiting Canberra next week, Jindera Juniors starts tomorrow for four weeks and the Fathers’ Day stall is also happening next week.

I have been seconded to Sydney for 10 school weeks to assist with the implementation of the Australian Curriculum across NSW. It is a great privilege to have been asked to work on this project and it will allow me to visit many schools and principals to both assist with implementation and to learn how other schools operate. Mr Hill will relieve as Principal for the first five weeks and Mr Knight will relieve for the second five weeks. Mr Clayton will again relieve as Assistant Principal, continuing to support the school and the Principals.

I expect to be back at school in Week 7 of next term but will still be around Albury/Jindera in Week 7 of next term but will still be around Albury/Jindera at times during the 10 weeks.

Silver awards were presented to Ron Kohlhagen, Tia Callanan and Amani Mitsch at this week’s assembly. Well done, a fabulous effort from three of our younger students. Star award winners were: Noah Walkenden (Kindergarten); Ron Kohlhagen (Year 1); Emma Reid and Jessie Holmes (Year 2); Nick Knight (Year 4); Harry Stewart and Amy Kelly (Year 5). Well done.

Jindera Juniors
Jindera Juniors starts tomorrow, Friday, from 9:30 – 12:30. Parents and children are asked to meet in the hall. Children can also be picked up from the hall at 12:30. Please ensure that all paperwork has been completed and returned to the school office before children start on Friday.

Public speaking
On Wednesday, Loni Moss and Sharri Howlett represented the school in the Durakar Public Speaking competition at Lavington East PS. This annual event is always well represented with very competent speakers competing for the inter-school trophies. Both girls spoke very well and were excellent competition for the winners. Well done, girls, a fine effort.

Fathers’ day stall
This will be held on Thursday 29 August for students to purchase a $5.00 gift for Dad (or Pop). A selection of gifts will be available for purchase.

Years 5 and 6 major excursion to Canberra
Students and parents are reminded to be at school between 6:00 and 6:15am to ensure a casual uniform is to be worn during the day with a casual clothes for the activities at night. A final reminder of what to bring will be sent home this week but if you have any other questions please call the school.

Author / narrator visit – Thursday 22 August
Greater Hume Shire organised for Stig Wemyss to visit the school and narrate Andy Griffith stories for our students in Years 2 – 6. This was a great addition to Book Week 2013.

Fathers’ Day Family Night
Thursday 29 August 6-8pm
Kids Fathers’ Day craft activities, face painting, jumping castle, handball comp and billy cart races. Food and drinks provided.

Fathers Day stall
The P&C is selling a Fathers Day stall on Saturday 7 September.
Dale Cropper and Aldi are also donating a large number of items for our election day barbeque on Saturday 7 September. A huge thank you to Dale Cropper and Aldi for their generous offers.

Handy hint: cut this box out and stick on your fridge so you never forget an important date again.

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End of year fundraising event
Following a meeting of the P&C fundraising committee on Tuesday afternoon it was agreed that the focus would be on the raffle and (possibly) a family disco at the end of the year. Tickets for the raffle will be available soon and first prize is a family holiday to Hamilton Island.

Learning for Life
Mrs Berndt, our Learning and Support Teacher, has secured funding for an exciting reading program called ‘Reading for Life’. This program is run by trained volunteers and will provide additional reading support for up to 12 identified students, for 12 weeks this year. We currently have a few volunteers but really need more so that we can ensure that this program is a huge success. If you are available for one x 3 hour training session (which will give you tips for use with your own child everyday) and 1x 45 minute session each week for 12 weeks to work with a child, please let us know. Together, we can make a difference.

PJ Day
On Wednesday, our students and many of our staff, forgot to get dressed when they came to school. PJ day was a fundraiser initiative of the Year 6 girls and Mrs Godde to raise money for the aged concern at Jindera, where they will visit later in the year. All students looked fabulous and very comfortable and the personal goods for the residents of the Jindera Nursing Home. A fabulous and fun display of PJ’s turned up on Wednesday and a total of $218 was raised for this great project. Well done to all who participated.

Mrs East, Miss Blair and Mr Clayton also wore their PJ’s to join the children on Pyjama Day

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at our last assembly

KE - Layla Mitsch, Aiden Wright, Jade Campbell-Smith, Ashlee Oakman
K/1C - Isabella Lade, Regan Brown, Talesha Calvert, Thomas Delahunty
1/2K - Jordie Allen, Digby Howlett, Brodie Lloyd, Ashton Talbot
2/3S - Karsha Butler, Matthew Denton, Thomas Nock
3T - Samantha Kelly, Logan Manwaring, Chloe Brown, Tyler Brackley-Ifadfield, Amani Mitsch, Kallee Dubenko
4H - Jake Fitzpatrick, Matthew Keating, Clorinda Warren, Lachlan Stanning, Sophie O’Connor, Hayley Martin
5/6B - Jed Hodgson, Ethyn Kane, Olivia Bird, Tayah Vandersluys-Quayle, Blair Heather
5/6K - Jeremy Denton, Olivia Onley, Riley Hamilton-Cronin, Bailey Kane

Some handy information for you……..

Staying private on Facebook
Do you know how to untag photos and keep your Facebook page private? Read this and share with your kids.

Benefits of under-scheduling your child
With the very best of intentions, when you’re rushing to fit in soccer training, swimming and music lessons, it can be hard to keep hold of the magic stare-into-space, muss-about moments in children’s lives.

Pyjama Day at JPS
The Year 6 girls organised a PJ Day to raise funds to purchase hand creams and personal goods for the residents of the Jindera Nursing Home. A fabulous and fun display of PJS turned up on Wednesday and a total of $218 was raised for this great project. Well done to all who participated.