PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

The theme for Children’s Book Week this year is: Connect to Reading. Isn’t that a fantastic theme! On a basic level, we want kids to connect by simply participating in the act of reading - whether that reading be a short-listed book, a magazine article about football heroes or a sign saying Wet Paint. We want them to understand the prevalence of reading in their lives, and how important it is to both enjoy reading and develop reading skills. Delving deeper, we encourage children to MAKE connections between what they read, and other things they think, feel and know of. We encourage them to identify connections between what they read and their own lives. We hope they’ll embrace reading and connect books to other activities, other people’s stories, other media. Kids are social beings - encouraging them to share books with their friends and others is a wonderful way to help them love reading.

After all, connection is a basic human need. We all want to connect - with each other, with our families and friends, with other parts of our own experience. Helping kids connect to reading is vital. By connecting what they read to their own experiences, to other books and media, and to what they know of the real world, children can enter further into literature and enrich their own lives. Connections help kids become part of a story and understand characters’ motivations. By taking time to reflect on connections, children move beyond the superficial to gain some awareness of theme and the author’s purpose. When they really connect to reading, kids begin to understand and appreciate. With encouragement, they begin to analyse and respond to literature, and go on to create literature of their own. And it's fun!

Happy Book Week
K Murphy
P.S. Are you starting to save for the Oyster & Fishing Festival or wanting to have your own stall?

CANBERRA EXCURSION

It's not too late to start paying it off, don’t forget if you haven’t handed in your expression of interest note yet it is due now. We need to know you are coming so we can book the entries into everything early so we don’t miss out.

BOOK CLUB:
Book Club is due back on the 26th August, please return order and money in an envelope to the office.

BOOK WEEK/ ASSEMBLY

The Character parade followed by a school assembly starts at 9.30 this Friday in the school hall. The children may dress as their favourite book character or tell us about their favourite story.
P & C NEWS:

BOAT AWARDS

K/1
Jordan Carson

1/2
Tatiana Thorpe & Madison Innes

3/4/5/6
Ayden Rowley

BONUS BOAT AWARD
Charlie Butler

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to:
Raymond Cocking Peninton who turns 11 on Wednesday.

Community News:

Nowra Cricket Club Registration Day—Sunday 24th August at West Street Oval Nets from 10am to 12 noon, Senior players: 1st—4th Grade teams and Juniors will be 10’s, 12’s, & 16’s.
Contact: Seniors—Les Ison 0412 829 157 Juniors—David Schofield 0425 204 276.
Everyone is welcome, will be having a light training session as well.

The Nowra Cricket Club is running MILO “In2Cricket” Program for girls and boys aged 5–9 years. It’s a fun way to learn new cricket skills. The cost this year is only $65.00—this includes Milo Back Pack, Cricket Bat/Ball, Shirt Hat, Water Bottle and other great goodies. Starting October 9th held on a Thursday afternoon 5–6.30 pm at Nowra Showground. Runs for 11 weeks.
Contact David Schofield—0423 204 276

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MEAL DEAL—Wednesday 20th August, 2014

I give permission for ................................................................. to receive a meal deal consisting of
A chicken burger, bag of popcorn and a popper for $5.

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Parent Signature Date

DON’T FORGET YOUR RECESS!