Welcome back to school!
We are looking to an exciting term
Our major excursion to Sydney is taking place next week and the children are looking forward to it.
Towards the end of term we will be holding swimming lessons, our presentation night and fun Christmas activities.

Reminders for next week
We will depart from the school on Tuesday 14th October at 8.00 am sharp and return to school on Friday 17th October at approx. 5.00 pm. **Terry’s bus will not be running on Tuesday morning**, so children will need to be at school by 7.45 am.

If there is to be any change to our time of arrival back at school on Friday we will ring two parents who will then contact everyone.

Accommodation will be at Lands Edge, Chowder Bay. Travel will be by Chapman’s Coaches Gulgong.

Accompanying staff will be Mrs. Rae, Miss Wakely and Mr Harding. Please use the contact phone numbers only in the case of an emergency.

- Mrs. Rae – 0421 317 120
- Miss Wakely – 0403 652 122
- Lands Edge – 9969 0038

Children will need to take:
- Morning tea, lunch and water bottle for Tuesday
- Sturdy enclosed shoes for walking
- School uniform with school hat for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- Parker or coat
- Three sets of clean underwear, socks
- Pyjamas
- Towel for showering
- Toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, comb or brush
- Single bed sheet, pillow case, sleeping bag

Children may wear clean and tidy casual clothes for travelling on Tuesday. Children will NOT need any spending money.

If your child wets the bed, please supply some pull-ups and notify Mrs. Rae.

If your child requires medication, please hand the medication to Mrs. Rae on the morning of the excursion, clearly marked with the child’s name and clear instructions.

Each family is asked to provide some biscuits, cake or slice to help with morning and afternoon teas for the three days.

Vision Screening Program
The Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) program will take place at our school on:
- **Tuesday 28th October.**

Screening is offered to all children from 4 years of age to children in Year 2.
Consent forms for children in this age group are attached to this newsletter.

Galloping Gumnuts Playgroup
and the Pre-schooler program with Hannah
will be taking place next Wednesday 15th October.

T20 Cricket Blast
Children in Years 3 to 6 will be participating in the T20 Cricket Blast day in Mudgee on Friday 24th October.
Sympathy is extended to the family of Sue Cockerell who passed away during the holidays. Sue was our school cleaner for twenty years. She was an active member of the P & C, first as a parent, then later as a grandparent. A gentle lady who will be missed.

Tricks for encouraging kids to read
Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they've enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at http://bit.ly/HLPmB9

How much water does your child really need?
Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don’t feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child’s school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child’s age at http://bit.ly/ZiwUjo

‘My Country Photo’ Competition 2014 – Great Prize Money!
Under 8’s 1st prize $35.00, $10.00, $5.00—entry 50c per print
Under 16’s 1st prize $75.00, $25.00, $10.00—entry $1.00 per print
Open 1st prize $100.00, $50.00, $20.00—entry $2.00 per print
Special Award $100.00. Best in show $250 plus trophy

Entry open 1st October and the final date for entry is on or prior to midnight 20th November. No late entries will be accepted. Limit of 4 photos per exhibitor. All entries must be identified with exhibitors name and section on back of print.
All entries and correspondence to be posted to “My Country Photo Competition” Hargraves General Store, Hargraves, NSW 2850 or may be dropped into the Hargraves Shop. Entry fee to be included with prints.
Full list of terms and conditions located on website Hargravesnsw.com or may be picked up from the Hargraves Shop.
Information about the Photo Competition – Marg Colley 6373 8634

This event will be run in conjunction with the Annual Hargraves Community Market Day on Sunday 23rd November from 9 am to 3 pm in the Hargraves Park.
You can book a market site for $10.00, payable on the day. Tables are available if needed.
Information about the Markets—Jenny Eade 6373 8682 or Gai Rayner—6363 8518