What a busy term! We are already half way through the term and the final five weeks will be very busy for the children and teachers.

- The whole school will be attending a Music Viva concert at Mudgee Public School on Wednesday 26th November. The concert will start at 10am for approximately one hour. We will be asking for help with transport for this outing.

- Swimming lessons for all children will take place from Monday 1st December to Friday 5th December at Mudgee pool. Each day we will leave the school at 11.15am and return in time for the afternoon bus run. We will be taking Terry's bus each day and will be asking for help from parents with transport and assistance with lessons. Children will be grouped according to their swimming ability.

- On Thursday 11th December a Christmas Church service for the children will be held at 10am in the little church across the road from the school. The service will be conducted by Father David from the Mudgee Anglican church.

- All children will begin rehearsing for their performances for the End of Year Presentation evening. This will take place on Friday 12th December at 7pm at the hall. Children will be presented with their 2014 report folder and book prize on the night. School families and the community are invited to attend.

- On Monday 15th December we will hold our Life Skills Auction. Throughout the year children have been performing jobs for which they have been paid "Golden Dollars". "Golden Dollars" are similar to Monopoly money. The children will be able to use their money to bid on items in the auction. This is a great opportunity for the children to buy Christmas presents for their family.

- On Tuesday 16th December we will be holding a picnic for all children and their families on the school grounds. Our new 2015 families are also invited to attend.

- The P & C will hold their Village Christmas Tree on Saturday 20th December at the Recreation Ground. Santa will be there to give out gifts to the children.

November is Picture Book Month!

Picture book month is an international initiative that celebrates the print picture book during the month of November. In this digital age where people are predicting the coming death of print books, picture books (the print kind) need love: and the world needs picture books. There's nothing like the physical page turn of a beautifully crafted picture book. Each day during November, teachers will be reading a picture book to their class. Why not join in the celebrations and read a picture book together as a family each night. At Hargraves Public School we believe you are never too old to enjoy a picture book!

In celebration of Picture Book Month the staff thought they would share their favourites.

Sally......

Sally's favourite picture book as a child was "The Wish Cat" by Jean Chapman with black and white photographs taken by Dean Hay. It was first published in 1966 and was given to Sally by her Grandmother. It is a story about a little girl called Margaret who wishes for a cat of her very own.

Her wish comes true when Lisa, a Siamese cat comes into her life; but then the fun begins. She is not very well mannered and gets into lots of mischief.

Sally still has a collection of books from when she was younger.

Nerida....

One of Nerida's favourite picture books is "The Christmas Day Kitten" written by James Herriot and illustrated by Ruth Brown.

It is not a book from Nerida's childhood, but was awarded to her son as a school book prize. It is the story of Debbie, a stray cat who visits the house of Mrs Pickering, a client of Mr Herriot the local vet.

One Christmas morning Debbie comes to the house carrying a new-born kitten named Buster and then things get interesting!

It is a touching story and while it can bring the reader to tears, it has a happy ending.
## TERM 4, 2014 CALENDAR

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### P & C News

P & C are asking for donations of non-perishable grocery items which will be used for a Hamper Basket raffle. The raffle will be drawn on the night of the village Christmas Tree, to be held on Saturday 20th December. Donations may be left at school.

Small books of raffle tickets are attached to this newsletter.

Our P & C held a very successful Halloween Disco last Friday night. There were plenty of scary characters who danced the night away.

### Music Count Us In

Last Thursday the primary children joined with schools from across Australia to simultaneously sing together “Paint You a Song” as part of Music Count Us In. This initiative aims to raise awareness of the importance of teaching music in the classroom. The students thoroughly enjoyed the song with the actions.

### NSW Public School terms and holidays

Here’s a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.


### Jargon explained

If your child’s teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she’s actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.


### Student of the Week

**Kelvin Thomlinson**

For trying hard

**Thomas Roach**

For assistance and effort during morning fitness