The school with a heart of gold

As this will be the final newsletter for the term, Jane and all the staff would like to thank everyone for their support this term. We wish children and their families a happy holiday break and hope the Easter Bunny pays a visit to your house. Please stay safe and well and come back to school ready for a busy and exciting term.

We will see ALL children back at school on Tuesday 29th April.

This Friday we will be holding our School Cross Country at 11.45 am in the school grounds and the recreation ground.

Children will be running from one to three kilometres depending on their age.

All children will need to wear shorts and suitable shoes for running.

Small Schools Public Speaking Competition

Every student from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in the Small Schools Public Speaking competition at the Town Hall Theatre on Friday 4th April. Everyone is to be congratulated on the way in which they presented their speeches, making all that practice worthwhile! We were particularly proud of our Kindergarten students who stood up on the stage and spoke with confidence. Well done! To see the improvement in every child from year to year is wonderful. Thank you to Glen Alice Public School for organising the day.

Special mention must be made of Gemma Colley who placed 2nd in the K-2 section with her speech “If I Could Have Any Pet in the World...” with a very polished performance and Abbie Condren who received a Highly Commended in the Years 3-4 section convincing the audience that “Being a Kid is Better Than Being an Adult...” Well done girls.

An ANZAC Day service will be held Friday 25th April

Assemble for the March prior to 8am at the Recreation Reserve opposite the Memorial. March commences at 8am and ends at the Hargraves memorial in front of the Court House. Students are encouraged to attend and must be in full school uniform please. The service will then commence at 8.15am—The Progress Association will provide breakfast following the service.

People or groups wishing to be involved should contact Jeff on 6373 8481 or jeff@divinebranding.com.au for details. The school will also be holding an ANZAC service on Wednesday 30th April at 11 am at the school. Everyone is most welcome to attend and are invited to join us for morning tea following the service.

P & C Mothers Day Stall

Friday 9th May at school

Children will be able to choose a gift for Mum from $2 to $5

P & C Disco

Saturday 12th April from 6.00 pm at the Hall

Gold coin donation—please bring a plate

Music and chocolate wheel

Active After Schools—Lawn Bowls

The school will be travelling to Mudgee Bowling Club on Wednesday 9th April for a final activity. This will be followed by lunch in town and a visit to the library. Children will need to bring their morning tea and lunch and wear joggers or other flat soled shoes—no boots please.
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#### Girls Softball

Ebony Roach, Siobhan Bastow and Bronte O’Brien participated in the Zone Softball Trials in Mudgee last week as part of the combined small schools team. The girls had a great day playing three games, winning one and coming very close in the others. Well done.

#### Student of the Week

**Jessica Simpson**
For a fantastic week at school

**Michael Hurney-Butcher**
For an amazing change in attitude and working extra hard

**Ebony Roach**
For a fantastic week’s work in all subjects

**Lauchlan Miller**
For a fantastic first term

**Brandon Terbizan**
For trying hard in QuickSmart Maths

**Jaiden Roach**
For a consistent effort in all subjects

### Have realistic expectations

Children aren’t all the same. They’re individuals with their own personalities. Even kids of the same age develop at different rates. So it’s important that you, as a parent, don’t expect more - or less - of your child than he or she is capable of doing.

It’s also important to remember that nobody’s perfect. Not your kids and not you. If you expect your child will always be polite, happy or cooperative, you will be disappointed. Kids do make mistakes, but most mistakes aren’t intentional. It’s okay to let your child try and fail.

And don’t forget to go easy on yourself, too. You probably want to be the very best parent ever to have children. But that’s not realistic. You are human. You will make mistakes. Don’t get too frustrated or upset. Everyone learns through experience. From Triple P “positive parenting program”

If you would like more information please contact Barnardos on 63721422