Musica Viva

The whole school attended a Musica Viva concert at Mudgee Public School on Wednesday. They were treated to a performance by jazz quartet "The World According to James". This group has recorded two CD's, the latest being ARIA nominated and they perform widely in Australia and at numerous festivals overseas. Their aim is to share the joy of music-making with future generations.

During the concert the students were introduced to the basic concepts of melody, harmony, beat and rhythm and encouraged to have a go at music making.

The children were engaged throughout the concert and many of them had the opportunity to join the quartet on stage, playing a variety of instruments.

A big thank you to Diane, Sarah, Sharon, Wendy, Renee, Chontelle, Tiffany and Barry for helping us with transport and to all the children for their beautiful concert manners.

Debating Competition

This semester Mrs Rae’s class are learning the art of debating. We have joined the Small Schools VC Debating Competition—"Small Talk" hosted by Mr Grossett from Hill End. Each fortnight we will be debating another small school in the region by VC and developing our confidence and skills in debating and the use of persuasive language. Our first debate was against Sofala Public School last Wednesday and three brave students put up their hands to be the first to have a go. They were the ‘affirmative’ team, arguing that “Reading books is more fun than watching television.” They did a wonderful job and were declared the winners on the day. What a fantastic effort for their first attempt. We are now all busy working on arguments for next Monday’s debate where we will try to convince the adjudicator that “The world was better in 1915 than today.”

Last Minute Reminders for the Opera House Trip

The Primary recorder players will perform at the DET’s Festival of Instrumental Music “Mimosa” concert at the Sydney Opera House next Thursday 6th August 2015.

They will be leaving school at 9.00 am on Wednesday 5th August and returning to school on Friday 7th August 2015 in time for the afternoon bus run. Accommodation will be at the Rocks YHA, 110 Cumberland Street. Travel will be by private car. Mrs Rae and Miss Wakely will be accompanying the children. Medication is to be handed to Mrs Rae prior to the excursion. Medication should be in a sealed plastic bag with directions for administering clearly written.

Children may wear casual clothes to school on Wednesday. They will need clean school clothes in their bag for Thursday.

Children will need to take:

- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for Wednesday and a plastic screw-top water bottle, clearly marked;
- Clean underwear, socks, pyjamas, towel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb;
- School uniform for Wednesday - navy track pants and school sloppy joe, dark shoes and dark socks - an Opera House t-shirt will be provided;
- Neat casual clothes for travelling home on Friday (Wednesday’s clothes would be suitable)

Please keep luggage to a minimum. We will not be taking a trailer. One small bag only per child. Children do not need to take bedding.
Banana, Date & Bran Loaf
16 Serves
• 2 cups (500g) self-raising, wholemeal flour
• 1/2 cup (125g) brown sugar
• 1 teaspoon (5g) bi-carb soda
• 1 teaspoon (5g) nutmeg, ground
• 1/2 cup (125g) pitted dates, chopped
• 1/2 cup (125g) wheat bran sticks
• 1 ¼ cups (315mL) skim milk
• 2 whole (140g) eggs
• 2 large (200g) bananas, ripe & mashed
1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a medium loaf tin (24cm x 13.5cm) with baking paper and set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl place wholemeal flour, brown sugar, bi-carb soda & nutmeg. Combine well. Mix through dates & bran sticks.
3. Place skim milk, eggs and banana in a food processor & pulse until well combined.
4. Pour wet mixture into dry mixture and gently fold through until combined, being careful not to overwork the batter.
5. Pour loaf batter into loaf tin. Bake in oven for 50 minutes, or until a skewer placed through the centre of the loaf comes out clean.
6. Allow the loaf to cool for 20 minutes before removing from tin & cutting

**Student of the Week**

**Abbie Condren**
For consistent effort in all subjects

**Lauchlan Miller**
For a wonderful week of work in all subjects

**Lochlan Shoemark**
For a great effort in Reading, both at home and at school