**Opera House**

Many months of rigorous practice culminated with the primary recorder players performing as part of a massed recorder ensemble at the Sydney Opera House last Thursday night. They took part in one of a series of concerts staged by the DET’s Festival of Instrumental Music. All their hard work paid off and we had a wonderful few days in Sydney, exploring The Rocks and Darling Harbour, catching the ferry and of course rehearsing and performing. We were very proud of our students as some of them were singled out at the rehearsal as excellent players who continually watched the conductor. Well done everyone.

A very big thank you to the P&C for supporting this excursion with fuel and travel costs and treating the children to a delicious meal at Pancakes on the Rocks prior to the concert.

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**Mrs Rae’s Class Meets Emily Rodda**

The children were thrilled to meet renowned children’s author Emily Rodda when they attended a session with her at Cudgegong Valley Public School on Thursday. She told the children how she had been writing books for 31 years and how she still got excited when she created new characters and stories. We saw the trailer for her latest book, Star of Rondo, which is to be released this month and learnt why she chose to use a ‘pen’ name rather than her real name—Jennifer Rowe. Thank you to Kim for helping us with transport & to the CLC for making her visit possible.

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**Touch Football Gala Day**

On Tuesday the primary children participated in the David Aldridge Memorial Primary Schools Touch Football Gala Day. The gala day is a round-robin event focusing on participation and sportsmanship. Our students all played brilliantly, displaying great sportsmanship and comradery.

The day is held in memory of David Aldridge, a gentleman who served as a teacher and Deputy Principal in the Mudgee region. He had a love of all sports and in particular, dedicated his time to developing sporting skills in young children.

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**A Week of Tastes**

This week Mrs Rae’s class took part in the “Week of Tastes”, a program designed to encourage students how to recognize and appreciate tastes, develop a rich food vocabulary and expand their knowledge of food and those who produce it. The children learnt how sight and taste are closely linked and how we can be swayed by what food looks like. They tasted lemon, grapefruit, ginger, mint, haloumi, fruit tinges and chocolate whilst blindfolded and had to write a description of the taste and texture of each one. Next Monday the class will be visited by Mudgee apiarist Julie Kenny as a follow up activity.
**RECESS & PLAY LUNCH IDEAS**

**FRUIT**

Fruit can be given to your child in a multitude of ways, including:

- Whole pieces, such as apple, mandarin, kiwi fruit, grapes, berries, nectarine and banana
- Chopped pieces frozen overnight
- Dried fruit, such as a small container of sultanas, dried apple, apricots or raisins
- Tinned fruit in natural juice; decanted into a small reusable container of course😊
- Fruit Kebabs - combine any of the chopped fruits on a wooden skewer or tooth pick: banana, apple, watermelon, grapes, kiwi fruit, rockmelon, peaches, nectarines, pears & mandarin.

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**Book Week**

We will be celebrating Book Week and Education Week together on Thursday 27th August with a dress up day, open classrooms and a very special video conference with an ex student of our school. More information next week but put the date in your diaries now. Every child is asked to dress up as a character from one of their favourite books. It doesn’t need to be anything complicated and can be as simple as wearing a hat, wig or a pair of glasses. Last year the staff dressed as pirates—who will they come dressed as this year?

Right: Ahoy Me Hearties - Miss Miles and Kelvin dressed as pirates in 2014

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**P & C Meeting**—Tuesday 18th August at 2 pm at the school.

Items for discussion will include:

- Organising the upcoming Crazy Hair Disco to be held on Friday 4th September.
- What and how to spend money raised to benefit the children here and now. Everyone is always welcome to attend meetings. Come along and learn how P & C supports your child and our school.

Please see Kim if you have any queries.

**Canteen**—There will be NO Canteen Friday 21st August. Can anyone help on Friday 4th September or Friday 18th September? If you can, please add your name to the list on the whiteboard near the office.

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**Student of the Week**

**Tyler Miller**

For making it to the Opera House and for playing beautifully

**Addison Colley**

For a wonderful week in all subjects

**Kristie Condren**

For a wonderful week’s worth of work