THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
"You can complain because roses have thorns, or you can be grateful that thorn bushes have roses."

-Tom Wilson

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
ZONE ATHLETICS
Congratulations to our athletics team who attended the Zone Athletics Carnival last Thursday. All of our students performed well with pleasing personal results in their events. As well, a number of our students were successful in gaining selection to compete at the Regional Carnival in Tamworth. A special congratulation to Josiah, Ella-rose, Braith, Amelia, Taju and William. We wish you all the best. Our Sandon Public School Age Champions will receive their medallions at next week’s assembly.

AN EVENING WITH ACOS
Yesterday our drama group and K – 2 dance group auditioned for the Creative Arts Concert. Of course they passed with flying colours and will definitely be part of the concert on the 2nd September. The combined community of Schools Choir and Orchestra will also be performing and we have a number of students in those groups.
A note went home yesterday with the performers outlining costume requirements and rehearsal dates and times.
Tickets will be available at Readers Companion from 17th August - $15:00 for adults and $10:00 for children (cash only). If you would like to be a part of the audience I suggest you get in early to purchase your tickets.

SANDON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Friday 7th August 2015

CALENDAR – 2015
General School Contributions are now due: $45.00 per family
Art & Craft fee $10.00 per student (maximum $30.00 per family)
August
Monday 10th August
✉️ Last day for note & money for 4/5/6H & 5/6R Gold excursion
School Council meeting 6:00pm
Tuesday 11th August
Community of Schools Choir rehearsal – Ben Venue Public School
Wednesday 12th August
✉️ 4/5/6H & 5/6R Gold excursion
Friday 14th August
3 – 6 Assembly at 2:20pm
Sandon Public School Age Champions will receive their medallions
Thursday 20th August
✉️ Last day for note & money for 5/6R Creative Arts day
Friday 21st August
✉️ Last day for note & money for Years 3 & 4 Point Lookout excursion
Tuesday 25th August
5/6R Thalgarrah Creative Arts day
Wednesday 26th August
Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition
Thursday 27th August
Years 3 & 4 Point Lookout excursion
Friday 28th August
Book Week character parade 9:30am
September
Wednesday 2nd September
Armidale Community of Schools Creative Arts extravaganza
4/5/6H CREATIVE ARTS DAY
On Tuesday, 4/5/6H went to Thalgarrah for a ‘Creative Arts Day’. When we arrived we met Matt and Nikki. Nikki is a well-known local artist. First we made an artwork with special paper that is sun-sensitive. We put sticks, leaves and other things from nature on the paper and then some people put glass on top so it would press down better. After two minutes, we put the paper in water for two minutes while we ‘rocked it’.

Then we did a watercolour painting of a real life flower (lily). First we made petals then we drew either a face on image or a side on image. After that we made pots with air-drying clay. We put some patterns on the pots and some turned out great. We tried to draw shadows of things around the bush. We sat around the bonfire to draw but sadly we didn’t light the fire. We all had a great time and we can’t wait till we go again.

Samantha, Paige and Maddison.
2015 BOOK WEEK – WEEK 7 (24th – 28th AUGUST)

It’s that exciting time of year again when we celebrate this special week with our Book Week Parade and Book Fair. The theme of the week is ‘Books light up our world’. The Book Fair will be in the Library and open to students, parents and grandparents at these times:

Thursday 27th August and Friday 28th August 8.30am – 12noon

The Book Week parade will be in the Hall on Friday 28th August commencing at 9:30am. Students are invited to dress up as their favourite character.

Family and friends are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

SAUSAGE SIZZLE SUCCESS!!
Thank you all for your support of our sausage sizzle fundraiser. We even had some children who were going to be away on the day, but paid for a sausage anyway as a donation.

What a great community of families we have at Sandon. I am pleased to say, that due to the donation of sausages from IGA, and the support of our Sandon families, we have raised $659 towards Susan Pancaldi’s fundraising efforts for the Leukaemia Foundation!!! What a great effort for such a small school.

I would especially like to thank the Year 6 members of the fundraising committee, Jessica, Bailey, Ella-rose, Lizzie, Samantha and Bridget who gave up both their recess and lunch to serve the students and support this fundraiser. Thank you parents for your support and making this fundraiser a great success.

Darlene Erieau

WELL DONE TO OUR GYMNASTS!!

Last week Bridget, Bethan, Caleb and Amelia competed at the PSSA gymnastic gala day. They all achieved very highly. Bridget, Caleb and Amelia took out first place in their divisions. Bethan received a 2nd place. Fantastic results!!!
FACT SHEET #38

Winter Fire Safety Checklist

FACT

Each year, the Fire and Rescue NSW attends approximately 4,500 residential fires in NSW with approximately 30% of them occurring in winter months, and 47% of fires starting in the kitchen.

IS YOUR HOME WINTER FIRE SAFE?

We recommend this simple safety checklist to help keep homes fire safe this winter. Make sure you and everyone in your household follows the following safety advice:

- Never ever leave cooking unattended. “Keep Looking When Cooking”
- Most importantly, have an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms installed throughout your home and make sure that you test them regularly.
- Make sure you and all your family know two safe ways out of every room in your home.
- Have a written home escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.
- If you have a fireplace in your home make sure the chimney is clean, and its properly vented.
- If you have a fireplace always place a screen in front of it when in use.
- Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before placing on the bed.
- Take care to keep curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters.
- Keep wet clothing at least 1 metre from heaters or fireplaces and never leave unattended.
- If you use a clothes dryer make sure you clean the lint filter each and every time you use it.
- Only use one appliance per power point and switch off when not in use.
- Always extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed.
- Always handle candles or any other open flame with care.
- Store matches or lighters in a secure place not accessible to young children.
- Avoid the use of outdoor heating and cooking equipment inside your home. The use of this type of equipment indoors could lead to the build-up of carbon Monoxide which could be fatal.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Use only authorised installers of fixed heating appliances.
- If possible, in the kitchen keep a fire extinguisher and fire blanket placed near the exit.
- In Case of an Emergency Get out, Stay Out and Call Triple Zero (000)