Student of the Week
Jasper Hardy

Reader of the Week
Jessica Walker

Merit Awards
Jayden Fernance – Good leadership in the garden.
Shania Nichols - Good leadership in the garden.
Tristan Cross – Excellent work in Maths, working with bundles of 10.
Daley Jennens – Great independent work on “at” words.
Tahlia Cox – Improved handwriting.
Jessica Walker
Deegan Allen
Tristan Cross
Seth Allen
Tristan Cross
Bronze Award
Silver Award

Comming Events for Term 4

Week 3
Oct 21 – Tues Power outage
Oct 22 - Wed Firewise program

Week 4
Oct 27 – Mon P&C meeting – 6:00pm Library
Oct 29 – Wed Whizzy the Waterdrop
Oct 30 – Thurs Music ‘Count Us In’
Oct 31 – Fri Teachers’ Day NSW

Week 7 & 8
Nov 17 – 28 Whole school Intensive Swimming Program
Nov 21 – Fri Kindy orientation 9:00am – 11:00am

Firewise for Kids
The Rural Fire Service will be visiting our school this Wednesday afternoon. Their program is described on the attached information sheet. They will be bringing one of their fire trucks for the students to inspect, and weather permitting, may turn on a hose or two. We suggest that your child brings a towel to school, as last year, many of the students were quite wet at the end of the presentation.

Alert program
During Term 4 the junior class will be participating in the Alert program. The Alert program aims to teach children about self-regulation, in order to help them feel calm and ready to learn. It uses the analogy of an engine and teaches the children that sometimes our engines run on high, sometimes our engines run on low and sometimes our engines run just right. The program teaches them about how they can change their engine to feel “just right” and why this is important. These strategies will need to be facilitated by teachers at first, but in the future we hope that they will be able to
take some responsibility for using these strategies independently. The program is being run by Melissa Sherlock who is an Occupational Therapist from Intalink Therapy Solutions in Taree.

Intalink Therapy Solutions provides Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Psychology services. There is also Paediatrician and Child Psychiatrist available. Intalink can be contacted on 6551 0771.

**Intensive Swimming Program**
All of our students will be participating in swimming lessons at the Manning Aquatic Centre during Weeks 7 and 8 this term (17 – 28 November). The lessons will take place between 1:30 and 2:30 every day for the two weeks. Our P & C will be providing the funds to pay for a bus to transport the children from the school to the pool (at a cost of over $2000), and we will be asking parents/carers to arrange pickup of their children from the pool at 2:30 daily.

**Conference**
I will be attending the National Primary Principals’ Conference being held in Sydney this week; it’s a great opportunity to acquire the most up to date information on the educational front. Ms Knight will be taking my class Tuesday to Friday.

**Chicken Pen**
We are presently in the planning stages of building a chicken pen. The students are keen to care and learn all about chickens. We would like parent input in design and materials required for this project. The project is planned for next year. We have already had offers of materials for the project. If you have any suggestions or materials you may have available for the school to use, please see Jenn.

**Orange Bags**
The school is collecting orange bags for a gardening project. If you have any bags, the mesh ones that hold 1 – 3 kilograms of fruit or vegetables, please send in to the school.

Yours in education
Sheila Capperauld