Book Fair
Last week's book fair was a great success, with Mingoola and Bonshaw PS students combining with children from our community to celebrate and share an appreciation for literature. Thank you to all those who were able to join us on the day and to everyone who made purchases at the fair. Thanks to your purchases, our school has been able to select $90 worth of books for our library and give $90 worth of books to our young people.

Oracles of the Bush
This Friday, our students will perform the poems they have been rehearsing at the Oracles of the Bush in Tenterfield. This is always a great morning and I encourage parents to come along to support our students where possible. All students have been working hard on their presentation to ensure that our school is strongly represented yet again this year.

We are very lucky to have renowned bush poet Murray Hartin visiting our school in Week 2 of next term. The poem that Monique is performing at the Oracles is one of Hartin's, so it will be exciting to see Monique recite the poem to him.

Rewards Excursion
I am pleased to report that all students have maintained effort, attendance, behaviour and citizenship at levels that entitle them to attend the Principal's Reward Excursion. This term, we will travel to Girraween National Park on Wednesday 1 April. A picnic lunch will be provided to students, however they should bring crunch and recess. Well done to all students!

Cross Country
The Small Schools Cross Country carnival will be held at Mingoola on Friday of Week 1 next term. This is an open event and parents and community are invited to attend to support all runners.

Assembly
Our end of term assembly will be held on the final day of term on Thursday 2 April. Parents and community are invited to attend.

Further Developing Students’ Social Networks
Next term we will continue to further develop the strategies introduced this year to ensure the social development of our students.

Calendar

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students; as identified as a priority in the school plan.
We have an agreement with SHPMPMS to accommodate our Year 6, who will become part of one of the larger school’s classes one Friday per fortnight on alternate weeks to our work at Bonshaw PS. This will provide the opportunity to socialise and make connections with future Year 7 peers.

Our collaboration with Bonshaw PS, and separate project with Niangala PS continue to benefit the learning and social outcomes of all students.

**Mingoola PS in the SMH**
It is not often a school of our size achieves a mention in the Sydney Morning Herald, so even though we are only mentioned in passing, I thought the link below was worth passing on.

The article discusses the policy of some public schools – Mingoola PS included – to allow negotiated homework expectations with parents. It is an interesting discussion and demonstrates our school’s leadership in another area, as well as the evidence-based approach to all of the school’s policies.

This is a shortened url that links to the article: [http://goo.gl/DEGI4Z](http://goo.gl/DEGI4Z)

**School Zone Signs**
The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights at all schools by the end of this year. Installing these flashing lights in school zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to travel at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area.

RMS plans to install signs outside Mingoola PS in week beginning 13 April.

**Principal time out of school**
Due to a combination of mandatory training and valuable collaborative learning opportunities this week and last, I will continue to be in and out of school this week.

Today I have been at THS leading instructional rounds in our community of schools. As I have discussed in previous newsletters, this is a highly valuable collaborative practice of lesson observation and analysis that will deliver improvements in teaching and learning in all our schools. Miss Brown is also involved in this learning.

On Wednesday, I am required to attend training to fulfil my role as our school’s Anti-Racism Contact Officer. It is both mandatory and important that all schools have a teacher working in this role.

The Armidale area Primary Principals’ Association meeting will be held this Friday. I am very disappointed that I will be unable to see our students perform at the Oracles of the Bush. However the information that is shared at PPA meetings is essential to ensuring that we have the information to position our school to make the most of the many changes currently occurring in public education.

I apologise that I will be less available than usual during this period. Please remember that I can be contacted via mobile or through the school for urgent matters.

**Happy and Safe Holidays**
As this is our final newsletter for the term, I wish you all a safe and happy school holiday period.

I also take this opportunity to thank parents and community for their support of our school. The work we undertake together and relationships we build are key to maintaining a vibrant school now and into the future.

Mr Cam Pryce
Principal
TORRINGTON
Easter Fun Day
Saturday 4th April 2015
Market Stalls with Local Produce
Gem Stones, Art & Craft
Great Country Cooking
BBQ, Sandwiches, Cakes & Scones
Cold Drinks, Tea & Real Coffee
Raffles, Lucky Envelopes, Ham Wheel
Kids Fossicking, Face Painting
Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt
Live Music, Yabby Races
Phone Joyce for stall bookings on 67346204

MINGOOLA BREKKY BRUNCH & BUSH POETRY
FREE EVENT
MINGOOLA COMMUNITY HALL
TUESDAY 28TH APRIL
MEN’S
BBQ BREKKY
8:30am - 9:00am

LADIES
BRUNCH AND RELAXATION
TUESDAY 28TH APRIL
From 9:30am
Free Manicures and Facials!
Rock’n Roll Live Dancing!
Massage Tips and Tricks!
Free Brunch! Introduction by Maze Harton
FREE FOOD & DRINKS

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