Principal's Report...

**Henry Lawson Festival Short Story Winner**

Congratulations to Karyl Lee Durham for winning her section of the Short Story competition in this year's Henry Lawson Festival. Karyl Lee will be presented with her award at the Festival Awards Presentation on Saturday evening. A fantastic achievement Karyl Lee.

**COWRA EISTEDDFOD**

Our marimbas will be competing at the Cowra Eisteddfod next Wednesday, 4th June. Notes and more information will go out this week.

**District Cross Country**

The District Cross Country will be held next Monday, 2nd June, at Koorawatha. We will be meeting in Warraderry Street and leaving at 8.15am. I will be taking our Cross Country team so please let me know if there are any problems. Regional Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 11th June in Wellington.

**KINGS & QUEENS BALL**

**31st May, 2014, 7:30pm**

GRENFELL BOWLING CLUB

In support of Grenfell Public School Festival Queen Entrant Belinda Day

**FEATURING LOCAL BAND LAWSON SHIRE**

Tickets $35

(Includes Canapés on arrival and finger food later in the evening)

Available from Grenfell Bowling Club & Grenfell Public School Office

**LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS!**

The Kings & Queens Ball in aid of our Festival Queen entrant, Belinda Day, will be held this Saturday night, 31st May.

At this stage we have very few bookings so we have extended the closing date for tickets until tomorrow, Tuesday 27th May.

This should be a great night out with great entertainment, so why not get your friends together and join us.

Tickets can be purchased from the Grenfell Public School office, the Grenfell Bowling Club and at the Caltex.

Please help us make this Festival fundraiser a success.
SRC Day
Our SRC students will be going to The Henry Lawson High School this Friday, 30th May, from 1.30pm to 3.10pm. If you have any questions regarding this please see Miss Hunter.

The Henry Lawson Festival
Our students will be performing at Recitation Day next Thursday, 5th June. When we get a timetable of events we will send it out. Our Marimbas, Primary and Infants Choirs and 1/2H will be performing at the concert on Friday 6th June. We will also be involved in the Street Procession on Saturday 7th June. The theme for the Street Parade is ‘Movies’. We are going to dress our float up as the ‘Wizard of Oz’ and we would like as many students as possible to dress up with that theme or as one of the characters from the movie. If they don’t want to do that they can dress up as their favourite movie star and still walk with us. More details will follow soon.

Year 5 & 6 Science and Engineering Trip to the High School
Last Friday our Year 5 & 6 students went to the High School for a Science and Engineering day. They had a great day and enjoyed the experience.

Visiting Author
Libby Frenshem, a visiting author, worked with our 5/6 students last Monday, helping them with their writing. The students really enjoyed the time.

School Soccer
Our Boys and Girls Soccer teams played against Tottenham in Tottenham last Wednesday. It was a huge trip and Mr Kilby and Mr Cartwright prepared their teams to the minute. Unfortunately the boys lost 4 goals to 3 and the girls scored a 3 all draw but lost on a corner count back. Thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and supported our teams, and to Mr Cartwright and Mr Kilby for training the teams.

Reports and 3 Way Interviews
Semester 1 Reports will go home on Tuesday 24th June, the last week of term. On Wednesday 25th June, teachers will have 3 Way Interviews with you and your child between 3.30pm and 7.30pm. You will be able to book a time on that night to discuss your child’s report and progress. I encourage everyone to be part of this and not book anything else on this evening. Each teacher will send home a booking sheet after the June long weekend.

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SCHOOL BANKING
Tuesday is School Banking day, so make sure you send in your deposit on this day each week. If you make 3 or more deposits during Term 2 you will go into the draw to win some fabulous prizes.

Congratulations to the following students who have earned 10 silver Dollarmites tokens and have redeemed their tokens for a fantastic reward item:
Noah Eppelstun, Amber Taylor, Spencer Mehrton, Hayley Taylor, Kaitlyn Mitton, Chrystal Hucker, Brooke Brandt, Seth Drummond, Caitlyn Milne, Taylor King, Jade Douglass and Dylan King

Rewards will be handed out at the Whole School Assembly this Friday.

Well Done!

Battery Drive
Our Battery Drive for our Festival Queen entrant fundraising is still ongoing. If you have any old batteries to donate you can drop them off to the school or phone John Gorman on 0447431965.

Head Lice
We have had a few cases of head lice reported this term. The weather has not helped our situation with this. It is very important that everyone works together to eradicate this, otherwise it is very hard to control. You need to make sure all lice and eggs are removed before your child comes back to school. You need to continually check and complete any treatment that you are using. You also need to clean all clothes and bedding that your child has used. For chemical treatments please talk to our local chemist or community health.

P & C News...

P & C Meeting
Our next P & C Meeting is on Tuesday 10th June in the school staffroom starting at 7.30pm.

Battery Drive
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WANTED!
Wanted to Purchase - Cubby House Furniture
If anyone has any Cubby House furniture (eg. Kitchen, table & chairs etc.) that they would like to sell for use in our school Cubby House, please contact John Gorman on 0447431965.

WOOD RAFFLE
Attached to this newsletter are tickets for a Wood Raffle we are running on behalf of our Festival Queen Entrant, Belinda Day. Tickets are $1.00 each and the prize is a Trailer load of Split Wood. Please return tickets to school by this Friday, 30th May. The raffle will be drawn at our King & Queens Ball this Saturday night, 31st May.

Free community education seminar
Navigating teenage DEPRESSION

About this presentation:
This one-hour presentation is delivered by a Black Dog Institute presenter who has a personal experience of a mood disorder or caring for a loved one. It is suitable for parents, teachers and people who work with young people and provides a quick introduction to the subject.

Venue: School Library
Date: Tuesday, 3rd June
Duration: 1 hour

For more information, please contact the school.
Lost and Found - By Karyl Lee Durham  5/6J

As the sun shone, the birds tweeted and the laughter of playful children echoed along Summer St, best friends, Eleanor and Jade hung out at the park on the last day of the spring holidays. Since Eleanor went to Tashilen Bron for a holiday, which is far away from their small town of Harkrest, they wanted to catch up with each other. Jade had also been away, she went to Berry. This in fact, is also far away. They gossiped and laughed about Aunt Beatrice’s farthing! She did this every time she got angry at Adam. The girls were making the most of the day.

School started and Eleanor and Jade made their way down to their first class. The girls were both in Year Eight. While walking down the steps, they spot a new face,

“She looks like you!” Jade whispers.

“Impossible!” Eleanor whispers back. All of a sudden, the new girl walks up to them

“Hello! I’m Emily. I’m new and lost. Could you help me?” She asks desperately.

“Hi, I’m Jade. Sure, what class are you doing?” Jade greets her warmly.

“I’m in Mr Scott’s history class. Uh, room zero two four!”

Jade beams at her.

“Yes! Yes, um, go up those stairs, turn right and then turn left. It’s the fourth door down on the left side.” As Jade explains the directions to Emily, Eleanor looks at her. Same eye colour. Same colour hair. Same skin colour. Same every little detail; including the beauty spot that’s placed on her rosy, pinkish cheek. After a while, Emily notices that Eleanor has been staring.

“Is something wrong? Am I wearing the wrong uniform?” Emily asks nervously. Eleanor snaps out of it.

“Sorry! Oh my goodness! How long was I staring for?” Eleanor laughs, trying to make the moment less embarrassing.

“Um, I’m not sure. But thank you so much! I better be off, otherwise I’ll see my first day in detention. Ha ha! Bye!” Emily walks off with a gigantic smile on her face. She gives them a thumbs up as she walks into the room. Wrong day for a first impression. Well done me! thought Eleanor. Not that she needed to feel awkward at all.

The day wasn’t done. It was only lunch time; Eleanor invited Emily to sit with them.

“Yeah! Sure!” She agrees brightly. They walked down by their favourite tree and sat underneath the big branches of the hollow tree. As they sat, they formed a wonky triangle position, so they were all facing each other.

“So Emily, where are you from? Wait no, scrap that. Tell us a little about yourself.” Eleanor asks.

“Well I was born in Northshire. I lived there for a couple of years. Went to Quendon for my mum’s job. My brother is a football player, so I wouldn’t have a clue what else he does. Me, I am, well thank God, I am, normal!” They all laugh. Eleanor was surprised.


“Oh, she works with the models, to do photo shoots for the magazine, Teen Pop.” As she explains her mum’s business, Jade is sitting there with her mouth wide open, as if she was about to un-hinge her jaw, to eat a chocolate elephant.

“TEEN POP!!! I LOVE TEEN POP!!! O. M. G!!! TEEN POP!!!” Eleanor and Jade shout. Lunch finished and then Eleanor says, “Well, it was nice meeting you Emily…” Waiting for her to mention her last name.

“Oh, Emily Robins.” They smile at each other and walk off. Also at lunch, Jade and Eleanor managed to score Emily’s phone number.

Home time and the three new friends caught up with each other at the gates, but decided to catch up at the park. So, they did!

“Hey guys I have to, uh-no worry…” Emily forces a smile.

“Are you sure you don’t want to tell us? I guess we should all get to know each other a little better.” So Jade and I decided to reveal some, small little secrets.

“Would you like to join?” Eleanor asked. Jade and Eleanor stare at Emily, hoping she will give a positive answer to Eleanor’s request.

“Okay!” Emily smiles.

“Okay, I shall go first. I, Eleanor Rebecca Squires, was born in Cistrell North. Lived there for two weeks! Money started to be a problem so we left to the furthest town which is Harkrest. Mum and dad didn’t want my baby brother to be born in this town, because of the lack of nurses, so he was born in Launcheston. Oh, and my dad was born in Launcheston as well.” Eleanor smiles, waiting for someone to say something.

“What? No way, I was born in Cistrell North. Too!” Emily quickly adds and everyone laughs.

“What time? My mum told me, 2:00 in the afternoon…” Eleanor blurs.

“Same…” Emily says slowly. Everyone starts to look at each other.

All of a sudden, Jade decides to take out Eleanor and Emily’s blonde ponytail out. Jade stands in the middle of them, shocked.

“You guys, are twins!!!” Jade was a professional jaw-un-hinger. Yes, once again, Jade’s mouth was left hanging. Then out of nowhere, Eleanor’s mum comes around the corner. She stops. Both Emily and Eleanor look at Eleanor’s mum, Julia.

“Did you know about this?” Eleanor starts to cry. She walks up to her mum, shakes her head and runs off, crying her eyes out.

“Eleanor!!” Julia turns around. “I’m sorry…” She bows her head and whispers.

Then Emily walks up.

“Mum? Tell me…” Emily stands strong. Determined to find out for her sister.

“I had twins. Yes, I think that you should know that the name I gave you was not Emily. It was Rebecca. Rebecca Squires. I left you, because I needed to keep you safe. Your uncle is evil and tried to kidnap you. His name is Jemestris. Rebecca, you have the key to what he needs. You’re father and I have no idea, what he needs you for. You have to stay away from Eleanor. You have to have this chain for you to be near her, but you have to put energy in it. It’s easy, don’t worry. But you two have to stay safe.” Julia explains. Everything made sense now.

The tingling feeling when Emily was around Eleanor. The buzz that buzzes around.

“Thank you…Ummmm, mum?” Emily or, now Rebecca. They hug and Rebecca went to lie down.


“It’s alright, MUM told me everything…” They laugh at Rebecca’s attempt to get used to saying ‘mum’ to a person she never even knew. “I shall tell you everything. Since you are my TWIN sister…” Rebecca explains.

Eleanor gets shocked every time something new and horrible comes up, she jumps.

“Well, now I have a sister. Yay!” Eleanor laughs and Rebecca joins in.

As the sun shone, the birds tweeted and the voices of twin sisters echoed across the room, they were still having a conversation through their minds; getting used to being... Twins....