On Friday 12 September Niangala students attended Multicultural Day at Woolbrook Public School. There were four stations set up, each with activities from different countries. The countries were Australia and its neighbours. For Australia the senior girls ran Indigenous games on the oval, in New Zealand students learnt the Haka dance, in Papua New Guinea Mrs Laurie taught students the art of basket weaving & making hessian placemats. In Indonesia Mrs Smith taught students how to count from 1 to 10 in Indonesian as well as some common phrases.

### Indonesian phrases

- Sampai Jumpa – see you later
- selamat siang – good day
- selamat malam – good evening
- selamat pagi – good morning
- selamat sore – good afternoon

Students learnt how to count from 1 to 10 in Indonesian.
For scripture on Thursday Mrs Blake and Mr and Mrs Shave, the locum Anglican Minister and his wife, visited the school. Mrs Shave played the guitar and the students learned the song *Naaman was the Captain of the Army* to the tune *Skip to my Lou my Darling*, along with *I am so glad Jesus loves me*. Mr Shave told us the story about Elisha and Naaman. Students were engaged in watching a video showing Naaman washing himself seven times so he would be cured from leprosy. They demonstrated their understanding by answering questions about the story. Today, though there are still people who suffer from leprosy, modern medicine and an understanding of how the disease is transmitted means it is not as feared as in the past. In January, Ben France will be inducted as the new Anglican minister in Walcha, we look forward to meeting Ben along with his wife Ruth.

The last day of Term 3 was spent at Nowendoc, with all the small schools coming together once again for Author Day. This year it was an illustrator, Craig Smith, who attended. The schools were split into two groups, infants and primary. Craig showed the students many examples of his illustrations from books, how he roughs out a drawing using shape and then turns it into a detailed illustration. Mrs Worth completed an artwork with the primary section based on the book *Billy the Punk*, which Craig illustrated. Craig then had each group decide upon a new way Billy the Punk got to school, which he then drew in front of the students. The infants group had Billy riding a horse, while the primary group had him riding a pushbike while bouncing a ball. Both drawings were extremely impressive. Craig then got the students to draw a section of the book *Frankenstein*, a recent book he had illustrated. First he read the page out without showing them his original drawing, then he drew on the whiteboard whilst planning out loud with the students, they also drew what Craig drew on the board. The student’s drawings were very creative. A great day was had by everyone, thankyou to the families who attended for transporting their children, all the children agreed Craig Smith was very talented and they had had a great day with all their ‘small school’ friends.

**CAALENDAR TERM 4, 2014**

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Niangala students donned their new Kitchen Garden aprons and became master pasta makers during a kitchen program unit recently. They enjoyed making pasta from scratch and even more enjoyable was eating it. Importantly, the children then wrote about what they had learnt to reinforce ideas and concepts introduced whilst cooking. Students showed they understood the recipe and methods used by writing down the steps correctly.

**Lane:** I liked cutting with the knife because we were doing something and learning how to use a knife properly.
Niangala P & C
A reminder that our next meeting will be held next Wednesday 22 October from 1.30pm in the library. Please make an effort to attend as we only have a small number of families in our school. This will be the last meeting for 2014. The agenda will include:
♦ Presentation Day
♦ Street stall dates for 2015
♦ Term deposit
♦ Swimming School transport
We also need to start thinking about office bearers for 2015.

Niangala Hall Committee
A huge thank you to all the community member who so generously donated lots of yummy cooking, purchased raffle tickets or helped cut and load firewood for the Halls cakestall last term. $2104.40 was raised which will go towards further improvements.

Gail Brazel, Hall Committee

SAVE THE DATE!
Rural Women’s Community Pamper Day
Thursday 27 November 10-12pm
at Niangala Hall
Tea, coffee and morning tea
Hosted by:
Centacare New England North West
More details in next newsletter...

INVITATION
to
Parents, Caregivers, Relatives and Friends
Niangala Public School
PRESENTATION DAY
Wednesday 26 November 1.30pm
at Niangala Hall
followed by afternoon tea.

Save the date!
Year 6 fundraiser Pasta Night
November 12, 5.30pm.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive starting soon

For more information or to make a booking, phone 131302 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive

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