Parents are reminded to contact the school to update any contact details e.g. mobile phone numbers, address, emergency contacts, student medicals details etc.

In Mathematics this term, Years 3 to 6 have worked with Miss Druce using the MoneySmart program *How much love can fit into a shoebox?*. This program has guided students to investigate money through concepts including needs and wants of people, and mathematical concepts including equivalent fractions, making connections between fractions and decimal notation and solving problems involving purchases and the calculation of change.

To reinforce this program at home you may like to use some of these ideas:
- Encourage children to work out the change when you are buying items
- Ask children what combinations of money they can use when paying for an item

Some of the concepts learnt in the MoneySmart program mathematics unit were related to *Operation Christmas Child* in which the children donated gifts towards last term. *Operation Christmas Child*, organised by the combined churches in Walcha for Samaritan’s Purse, distributes donated gifts to children in need around the world.

A total of 89 boxes were packed in Walcha. Globally, more than 100 million shoeboxes have been given to children in over 130 countries since 1993. It’s still not too late to contribute, with the final drop-off being Sunday Nov 2 at the Presbyterian, Anglican, Community or Catholic churches. For further information look up the website at www.operationchristmaschild.org.au
Home reading program

Congratulations to Brock James for achieving 75 nights reading!

On Monday 20 October Louise from EnviroMentors visited our school. Students learnt about littering and waste to help keep the environment clean. In relay teams, students enjoyed sorting items for different coloured bins. Using pictures of littering, students were able to participate in a drama activity of these scenes using their bodies and voices.

Did you know Australia is one of the countries with the highest per capita waste generation and plastic litter items contribute the most litter by volume in NSW?

Using the right bin is important.

Remember:
- Soft plastic
- Dirty nappies
- Polystyrene/Foam
- Broken glass and crockery
- Food waste
- Paper
- Cardboard
- Milk cartons/Juice cartons
- Hard plastic containers
- Glass bottles and
- Grass clippings
- Small branches
- Untreated timber
- Weeds and flowers
- Small plants
- Leaves and shrubs

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

CALENDAR TERM 4, 2014

Thu 30 Oct       Assembly
Wed 5 Nov        Canteen
Fri 7 Nov        Science in the Bush, Yr 5 & 6
Wed 12 Nov       Year 6 fundraiser, Pasta Night
Tue 18 Nov       Pete the Sheep, Capitol Theatre
Wed 19 Nov       Canteen
Wed 19 Nov       Visual Arts Camp, Yr 5 & 6
Wed 26 Nov       Presentation Day
Thu 27 Nov       Rural Women’s Pamper Day
Mon 30 Nov –Fri 12 Dec Swimming
Wed 3 Dec        Year 6 Farewell Breakfast
Wed 17 Dec       Last day of term 4
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

With Chaplain Kerry Savory's expertise Niangala students have continued to build on their pasta making skills as part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. This term the students have made and eaten spaghetti and fettuccini with a tomato based sauce and a creamy carbonara sauce for canteen. If you would like to try some of the delicious pasta the students have been making be sure to attend the Niangala Public School Year 6 fundraiser Pasta night on Wednesday November 12. See the last page of this newsletter for more information.

Captain Cook

On Tuesday 21st October, students participated in a Video Conference to develop their knowledge about Captain Cook. Students read and viewed the text Meet… Captain Cook written by Rae Murdie.

During the Video Conference students took on the role of a botanist finding and documenting newfound plants by going into the garden and drawing and labelling plants that they could see through a telescope.

Throughout the Video Conference students learnt about the different roles people had on the voyage and the path that Captain Cook led his crew along to discover and chart parts of New Zealand and Australia.
Niangala P & C

- At the meeting last week a motion was carried that parents would be asked to provide transport for the excursion to *Pete the Sheep* at the Capitol Theatre in Tamworth on Tuesday 18 November and the P&C will cover the cost of the entry at $9 per student.
- If any parents or community members have wood the P & C could access for wood sales and wood raffles please contact the school.
- Thank you to all parents for their support of the P & C during 2014.
- The next meeting will be the AGM and will be held in February 2015.

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Assembly Awards

Four Niangala students, Lane Clarke, Hayden Clarke, Emily Clarke and Chloe Worth received certificates after participating in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) for English and Mathematics. Congratulations!

Jayden Galvin, Sophie Worth and Lane Clarke received merit awards for their enthusiasm and involvement in the Kitchen Garden Program. Well done to all students for their efforts.

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Everyone is invited to Niangala Public School’s Year 6 fundraiser...

**Pasta Night**

Wednesday 12 November 2014
5.30pm Niangala Hall

$15 adults/$8 children

RSVP by 5th Nov with money please