School Leaders 2014

School Captains
Emily Clarke, Lane Clarke, Chloe Worth

Student Representative Council (SRC) Members
Sophie Worth, Darcy Burge, Natalie Dale
(Absent: Braith Dalton)

Attachments:
Student Accident Insurance
Merryl Chaffey, Primary Health Care Nurse, visited our school recently and spoke to the students about Healthy Hands. Discussion included:

- what we use our hands for
- when we should wash our hands
- how to wash our hands

Global Handwashing Day
October 15

CALENDAR   TERM 1, 2014

Mon 10 March  Regional Swimming Carnival, Armidale
              AASC 3-4pm
 Tues 11 March  PSC Learn to Lead Workshop Years 5 & 6 Walcha
 Wed 12 March  Robyn Adolphs (author) visit
              **P&C AGM 6.30pm - all welcome**
 Fri 14 March  Walcha Show
 Mon 17 March  AASC 3-4pm
**Taster Day**
Last Monday Year 5 and 6 students went to Walcha Central School for a Taster Day as part of the Transition to High School program.

**Emily:** We did history with Mrs Power. We talked about medieval history and punishments - it was horrible. We watched a video.

**Chloe:** My favourite part was visual arts. We made a collage about farming.

**Natalie:** My favourite lesson was English with Mrs Newton. We did tongue twisters - the thirty three thieves thought that they thrilled the throne throughout Thursday.

**Sophie:** Watching videos about medieval history and punishments was my favourite part of the day.

**District Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to the following students who represented our school at the District Swimming Carnival in Armidale:

- **Emily Clarke** - 12 yrs 50m freestyle, P6 mixed relay
- **Jack Burge** - 9 yrs 50m freestyle, P6 mixed relay
- **Lane Clarke** - 12 yrs 50m freestyle, P6 mixed relay
- **Darcy Burge** - 11 yrs 50m freestyle
- **Natalie Dale** - 11 yrs 50m freestyle, P6 mixed relay

The relay team came second and so they will be part of the North West team to compete in Armidale at the Regional Swimming carnival next Monday. We wish them well.

**Niangala Hall Prawn & Chicken Night**
Thank you to all who again supported Niangala Hall’s annual Prawn & Chicken Night last weekend. We hope you enjoyed the night in our freshly painted hall.

An amount of $2882.00 was raised to assist with hall maintenance and running costs.

**Newsletter**
Niangala School is very happy to distribute the school newsletter to members of our community. If you prefer to receive your newsletter by email, or you do not wish to receive further newsletters, please phone the school. If you know of others who may like to receive our newsletter, please let us know.

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Niangala P&C

- Another attempt will be made to hold The Annual General Meeting of Niangala P&C on Wednesday 12 March at 6.30pm - followed by a general meeting. Please support your children and their school by attending this meeting.

- Niangala P&C Recipe Books are still available from the school for $12 each.

What is Kik and why is it popular?
Kik is a free texting app popular with younger teens who generally have a limited texting plan or use an iPod Touch. Find out more about Kik messenger: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger)


School weeks
Q: Why does the school use "week 6" instead of dates? A: We find it useful for planning each term.
Here are the actual dates for the rest of this term for most of NSW.

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Helping with homework
How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it?


Back to school

Homework help
Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments?
The free School A to Z app has been created by the Department of Education and Communities to help parents and their school-aged children, wherever and whenever they have homework and study questions. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z)

Homework and multi-tasking
Somewhere along the line we seemed to have absorbed the idea that teenagers can multi-task perfectly because they're digital natives. Can kids really do their homework and multi-task? Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/homework-and-multitasking-can-it-be-done](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/homework-and-multitasking-can-it-be-done)

When lunch comes home again – uneaten
Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds.
But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain)

Help with English

Maths