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

Students at Niangala celebrated Education Week with a visit from lecturers from the University of New England to learn about the conditions experienced by Australian soldiers during the Gallipoli campaign. They bought with them a Memorial Box from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

To give some perspective of when Gallipoli occurred the students took a quick walk through history via a timeline. It was interesting to hear that Sophie, Chloe and Lucia’s great grandfather Cecil Stackman was born in 1920 – 5 years after Gallipoli.

The children then got “into the shoes” of the soldiers. They were shown a day’s ration: 350g preserved meat, 500g hard biscuits, 112g bacon, 85g cheese, 220g onions, 18g tea, 112g jam, 85g sugar, 14g salt, 1.4g mustard, 0.9g pepper plus 4 litres of water.

The children tried on an original soldier’s helmet, jacket, puttees and looked at a mess tin, they commented how heavy the helmet was. The students were very interested to see photos and read diary extracts about the battle conditions experienced by soldiers.
Your Dream Seminar

Through the school chaplaincy program and as part of our Education Week program the students had a visit from Darren McMahon, the founder of “Your Dream”.

This inspirational program aims to help children dream their dreams and believe that they can make them happen. Darren involved the students as he guided them to make good choices as they follow their dreams.

How to ‘Dream your Dream’
1. Write it down
2. Tell someone
3. Identify challenges and look for solutions

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Mon 18 Aug    Taster Day, Walcha Central
Tues 19 Aug    Touch Football game with Wallabadah,
                Gipps St Oval Tarnworth
Thu 21 Aug    Science Day, Yarrowitch
Wed 3 Sept    P&C Meeting 1.30pm
Thu 4 Sept    Responsible Pet Visit
Fri 12 Sept    Multicultural Day, Woolbrook
Fri 19 Sept    Author Day, Nowendoc

Service Medal for Mrs Miller

Pam Miller was recently presented with a service medal from the Department of Education to commemorate her 35 year’s service to Public education.

Congratulations Pam!
Jeans for Genes Day

On Wednesday 30th July Niangala Public School children and teachers wore Jeans to school for Jeans for Genes Day. To participate each person had to bring in a gold coin to support Jeans for Genes Day.

Braith: Genes are like a recipe to make people. They are also little bits of DNA. Some of us are different in the world and we are made like a bike because we all have parts.

Lillie: Jeans for Genes Day supports CMRI which means Children’s Medical Research Institute. 1 in 20 kids get genetic diseases. Our gold coin donation supports scientists for researching genetic diseases.

Sophie: As an SRC member we organised a Jeans for Genes Day with our school captains and our school chaplain Mrs Savory.

Emily: I learnt that we are like cupcakes because we are made up of a recipe, just like cupcakes we are all unique and special in a way.

Lane: Donating for Jeans for Genes Day is very important because you could help children get better and get fit and healthy.

Chloe: If you put salt instead of sugar in a cupcake it wouldn’t be right. It’s like if we didn’t have the body parts we need to have we are not right.

Assembly awards

Operation Christmas Child

Here are some ideas for things to bring for our ‘Operation Christmas Child ’ shoebox.

SOMETHING TO LOVE - Teddy, soft toy, doll, etc.
SOME THINGS FOR SCHOOL - Exercise book, pencil case, pencils, pens, rubber, sharpener, colouring pencils, etc.
SOMETHING TO WEAR - T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, thongs, sandals, etc.
SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH - Tennis ball, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, finger puppets, etc.
SOME THINGS FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE - Soap and face washer, hairbrush, comb, hairclips, scrunchies, etc.
SOMETHING SPECIAL - Carry bag, sunglasses, bracelets, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself or your class.

If you need more information, brochures are available from the school, or you can contact local team member Bec Blake on 6777 9145.
Niangala P&C
- Our next Street Stall in Walcha will be held this Saturday 16th August — need lots of goods to sell please!
- The next P&C Meeting will be held in the library on Wed 3rd September at 1.30pm.

Let’s Hang It! NERAM

This year the University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize (UNESAP) celebrated the past 10 years of the prize, in a mini-retrospective of works from previous years. These were the best of the past 10 years finalists, including past Niangala Public School student Bryce Keating who was the Year 3 Primary Winner in 2007.

Artworks by Niangala Public School’s Lillie Chenoweth, Year 4 and Isabell Young, Year 1 were amongst the 60 young artists from local and regional schools (K-12) chosen from over 500 entries.
Well done girls!

“Hot tin roof” by Bryce Keating

“Landscape” by Lillie Chenoweth

“Patchy Hat” by Isabell Young

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