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

Niangala students competed against Wallabadah in the Small Schools Touch Knock Out competition on August 26th. It was a closely fought match with Wallabadah just edging ahead 4 points to 3. Congratulations to all students for their efforts! After the match the children headed to Bunnings to cook (and eat) pizzas and make trees painted in seasonal colours.

Harry: My Mum, Dad and Noah came to Tamworth to watch Lillie and I play Touch Footy. Then we went to Bunnings. I like the bacon on the pizza but not the cheese!!

Lucia: I played in the Touch Football team and I got tipped as I was going to the try line. We went to Bunnings and we had some pizza for lunch and then we made autumn trees with wood and paint and cut out leaves.

Noah: Mum and Dad came to watch my friends play Touch Football and they played well. It was a shame that they lost.

Tahlia: Nan, Jayden, Brock and I went to Bunnings and we had pizza and we painted leaves on trees in Autumn colours. We went on the play gym and we bought Jayden and Brock a shovel and hooks for the back of my door and we went to Touch Football. We lost but we all played well and had lots of fun.

Jayden: We went to Touch Footy in Tamworth and we lost 4-3. When we had finished playing we went to Bunnings and we had pizzas and we made a tree. We went home to use our shovel that Nan bought us. We went digging for treasure in our sandpit.

Hayden: We went on an excursion to Tamworth. We went to Touch Football firstly and played against Wallabadah. It was a close game but we lost 4-3. After that we went to the park and then onto Bunnings. At Bunnings we got to make pizzas and we made seasonal trees. Nan got me a lamington with cream layers. It was yummy.
Niangala student Chloe Worth recently participated in the Tamworth Regional Dance festival at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre. Over 1200 students from Kindergarten to Year 12 were involved in this year’s event. Chloe performed three dances in three different styles. *Party* in a hip hop/jazz style, *Copacabana* in a musical theatre style and *Water* in a contemporary style. Chloe has been dancing on and off since she was 5 years old and hopes to continue dancing in the future. Her favourite dance style is jazz.

**Jokes for Tiddalik**

K/1/2/3 have put together a book of jokes they would read to Tiddalik to make him laugh so the drought would break. It looks like the jokes worked with some good rain recently!

*Why did the banana go to the doctor? Because he wasn’t peeling well!*

**Assembly Awards**

**SAS Staff Recognition Week**

School Administrative and Support Staff, whether they work in the office, the library, on the school grounds or in a classroom setting, are important contributors to the success of the school and children’s education.

SAS Staff Recognition Week is an opportunity for the school community to acknowledge the vital role that SAS Staff play in education.

Thank you to all the SAS Staff at Niangala Public School (*Pam Miller, John Innes, Lisa Kirton, Kerry Savory, Rebecca Onslow, Sarah Ranger*) for your valued contribution throughout the year.

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Principal, Annette Brown and Chaplain, Kerry Savoury recently attended a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program Workshop at Gunnedah South Public School. The program aims to inspire children to embrace and enjoy healthier food by being involved in growing and preparing it. The children dig, plant and shovel in the garden; water and watch their plants grow and chop, dice and sauté in the kitchen to create delicious, fresh and nutritious food. Gunnedah South has implemented the program very successfully with extensive vegetable gardening and cooking programs. All children involved at Gunnedah South have tried something new that they haven’t tasted before. Niangala students have been busy in the vegetable patch planting strawberries, they are looking forward to watching them grow and eventually eating them!

The children enjoyed preparing nachos for canteen with Chaplain, Kerry Savory last Wednesday as part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Students were each allocated a task including preparing, cooking, laying the table and serving lunch for the whole school. In keeping with the Mexican lunch theme students and staff enjoyed a lovely sit down meal of nachos complete with Mexican background music!
Students at Niangala were very excited to have a visit from the Responsible Pet Ownership Program. The children learned about identifying pets, how to keep pets healthy and what is a good environment for a pet. Dog bite prevention is the main focus of the program so the children were told how to approach a dog, what to do if confronted by an angry or scared dog and situations where they shouldn’t touch a dog. The children were thrilled to meet Indie, the German Shepherd who came along to demonstrate some typical dog behaviour.

Framed NEGS Art Show
On Friday 5 September, Chloe Worth was awarded first prize in the Framed SerVies Primary Student Visual Arts Competition. She received $100 with her entry in the category titled Seasons.

The entries were judged by Armidale artist, Pat Chaffey, who commended Chloe on her work, encouraging her to do more dot paintings in the future. Chloe thought it was a good experience and felt excited and proud to win first prize. Congratulations Chloe!