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

Could all parents/carers please check their children’s sports jacket as Grant Carpenter’s is missing.

Thank you!

Marimbas at the Opera House!

Niangala students Chloe Worth, Sophie Worth, Lane Clarke and Emily Clarke recently had the wonderful opportunity to perform the Marimbas at the Opera House at the Festival of Choral Music in the Small Schools Marimba Ensemble. The ensemble included students from Bonshaw, Bedgerabong, Boomi, Stuart’s Point, Dunoon, Kentucky, Mingoola, Woolbrook and Yarrowitch. Months of hard work paid off with fantastic performances of *La Bamba*, *The lion sleeps tonight*, *Cannon* and *Boris* amongst others. As Emily noted: *the crowds went crazy yelling.*

Prior to the concert, the students **busked** at Bondi Junction. Judging from the amazing $500 raised busking the students’ efforts were much appreciated by the Bondi Junction shoppers. Students also visited Parliament House and met with the local member, Adam Marshall.

The visit was not all about hard work with the students very excited to visit the SCG and Allianz stadium and catch a ferry to Manly.
Dumela! Students at Niangala have been learning all things *Botswana* as part of their country of study in conjunction with Niangala CWA, who visited the school on Tuesday 12th August to see what the children have been learning. Lucia, Harry, Grant, Tahlia, Isabell, Noah and Brock presented the African folk tale *Clever jackal gets away* using illustrations they had drawn in class. Students in years 3-6 compared Australia and Botswana with a PowerPoint presentation *The same but different*, using pictures and information highlighting the similarities and contrasts between the countries. This was a great opportunity for the students to practise public speaking skills in front of an audience.

The students were very lucky to hear from our guest speaker, Mr Kevin Squires. Mr Squires is a former pupil of Niangala Public School who is now the Assistant Principal of Tamworth City Public School. He has travelled throughout Botswana and was able to give some first hand accounts of close encounters with the wildlife, and show the children some African crafts and artefacts. Mr Squires also talked about a school he visited which held classes only throughout the dry winter months. The lessons were held in a tin shed without walls, just a roof.

Mrs Doreen Squires, President of Niangala CWA presented a cheque to Niangala School Captains, Emily, Lane and Chloe. To wrap up the children and CWA members enjoyed a delicious morning tea of home baked cakes and slices.

Thank you to Niangala CWA members for an enjoyable morning!

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**Welcome Zita!**

Niangala welcomes prac teacher Zita Druce from Armidale. Zita is completing third year of teaching training at UNE. She is really enjoying the experience of teaching at a small school and is finding the Niangala School Community very friendly and welcoming.

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**CALENDAR  TERM 3, 2014**

- 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
- Mon 6 Oct  Last day Term 3
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- Students return for Term 4
As part of National Science Week Niangala, Nowendoc and Woolbrook Public Schools visited Yarrowitch for a science day. The students talked about what it means to be a scientist, and were shown experiments demonstrating how to create a fair test. Then it was time for the students to experiment!

Kindergarten, Year One and Two students found out which loom bands stretched the farthest and created nests to protect eggs from breaking. Year three made lava lamps, bouncy balls and goo. Year four, five and six made electric circuits and watched solar panel crickets move with the sun.

National Science Week aims to encourage young people to become fascinated by the world we live in.
Niangala P&C

- Thank you to the small number of school families and loyal community supporters who assisted with our street stall and raffle in Walcha last week. Thanks to your generosity and the support of the Walcha community, we raised $857. The wood raffle was won by Cynthia Morris.
- The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 September at 1.30pm in the school library. All welcome.

SALE! SALE! SALE!
SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS! IN GOOD CONDITION!

- Items from Niangala P&C Clothing Pool have been sorted and priced and will be available for sale from 1pm before the next meeting on Wed 3 Sept. We are happy to accept donations of current second hand uniforms if your child has grown out of them.

High School Taster Day

Years 5/6 students Sophie Worth, Chloe Worth, Lane Clarke and Emily Clarke recently had a taster day at Walcha Central to get an idea of what high school will be like.

Along with students from all the primary schools in the Walcha area, they attended classes in Visual Arts, Agriculture, Science and Food Technology, and participated in an assembly. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and were excited about the opportunities awaiting them.

Sophie: I might be able to lead cattle when I get to high school!

Lane: Science was fun. We got to mix up stuff and then it would turn a different colour and would either smell bad or really good.

Emily: After science we had food tech. We made a star pastry with chocolate and yummy stuff.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes will be collected from school on Thurs 11 September, so this is the last day for items to be brought to school. You do not need to spend a lot on gifts for the boxes. If you have any questions, or are unsure of what to donate, please contact Bec Blake on 6777 9145.

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge:

Year 6  Chloe Worth, Emily Clarke
Year 5  Sophie Worth
Year 4  Lillie Chenoweth
Year 3  Jayden Galvin
Year 2  Lucia Partridge, Tahlia Galvin, Harrison Chenoweth, Grant Carpenter
Year 1  Isabell Young
Kindergarten  Brock James, Noah Chenoweth

These students will receive certificates in Term 4.

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