Niangala P&C  Thank you to all who attended our meeting last week.
Small Schools Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 5th May - need cooking and helpers for canteen, please
Street Stall in Walcha - Saturday 16th May - need lots of goods to sell and stall workers, please

Visitors
On Monday 27 April we had two visitors in the school, Dr Matshidiso (Tshidi) Taole and Associate Professor Linley Cornish. Linley Cornish is a member of the Learning & Teaching team within the School of Education at UNE. Tshidi is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Curriculum and Instructional Studies, College of Education, University of South Africa. She specialises in Curriculum Studies and Development and is the Associate Editor for the African Journal of Pedagogy and Curriculum (AJPC). Her wider research interests include Teacher Development, Multi-grade Teaching, Teaching Practice and the Development and Implementation of Curricula.

Tshidi is visiting the University of New England for one month. While she is in Armidale, she is interested in visiting small schools in the area to observe teaching in the multi-grade classes and to investigate the strategies our teachers use to teach the children in these classes. Linley is also interested in multi-grade teaching and the role of a Teaching Principal. This was her third visit to Niangala PS.

Week of Tastes 1st - 9th August, 2015 . . . where children discover taste . . .
This educational experience aims to establish for children, positive associations with food creation, taste and the act of making good food choices. We are looking for someone who:
* works with a food product
* would be willing to spare 1 hour
* would bring in food for the children to taste
* would talk about your work and why taste is important to your work.
Please contact the school if you would like to be involved or know someone who might like to help.

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CROSS COUNTRY
On the last day of term 1 all students joined with students from Woolbrook, Nowendoc and Yarrowitch to participate in the Cross Country at Walcha Central School along side students from Walcha. Students were required to run the following distances:

- 5, 6 years - 400m
- 7 years - 800m
- 8, 9 and 10 years - 2kms
- 11 and 12 years - 3kms

All students ran well and showed good sportsmanship. Congratulations to Jayden Galvin (9 years) and Sophie Worth (12 years) who will now compete at the District Cross Country in Armidale on 8th May.

Thank you to parents/carers for transporting children to this event.
The staff and students at Niangala Public School were thrilled to receive a $600 donation from Walcha IGA via their Community Chest.

The donation will be used to fund an iPad as well as other classroom resources.

IGA Community Chest raises funds to support local schools, charities and communities.

The money is mainly raised through the purchase of products with an IGA Community Chest logo on the label.

For every product sold with the IGA Community Chest logo two cents is donated to IGA Community Chest.

Thank you Walcha IGA!

Principal Annette Brown and School Captain Sophie Worth thrilled to receive the IGA donation

In the Kitchen

“I can’t believe first term is over!” is the refrain I’ve heard many times in the last week from students, teachers and parents at the three different schools where I’m involved. Maybe it’s a sign we’ve all been kept busy. It has been a term of “firsts” for me: first term of high school for my daughter, first time cooking on a weekly basis with students, and first time “commuting” more than 30 minutes for work since I left Sydney 20 years ago! My favourite “first” has been getting to know the students, staff and some of the community at Niangala Public. The children are enthusiastic about our cooking time, adventurous about trying new tastes, and a joy to be around.

In the last week of last term we made hot cross buns as we celebrated Easter. Personally, the remembrance of Jesus’ death and resurrection is significant and a joyous occasion for me and other Christians around the world. However you and your family celebrated it, I hope your Easter and school holidays were a time of recharging, reconnecting and refreshment. I am looking forward to working with you again this term.

Jenni Chiswell

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