Term One is all but over - where did it go? We hope all our families have a wonderful holiday, and enjoy the Easter break safely. Remember Anzac Day is at the end of the holidays, and there are many Anzac Day ceremonies around the region should you wish to take part.

NAPLAN:
The NAPLAN testing will take place early in Term 2. Please refer to the attached letter.

Our Small Schools Athletics Carnival was a great success, despite the threat of rain. Our students behaviour was excellent and their competitive spirit was well balanced with sportsmanship. Having our name again on the ‘Handicap’ Trophy (winning on percentages) was a wonderful bonus.

As Easter falls in the middle of the holidays, the Easter Bunny will need to visit our school on Friday. Any help you can give towards our Easter Egg hunt would be appreciated.

As we near the end of term it becomes more difficult to keep focussed on school work. This week we were very proud to present a merit certificate to Flynn for staying on task all day! Congratulations.

Friday will be our last gymnastics session for the term. You are very welcome to come at 2.30pm and watch the children go through their paces.

Students return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 29th April, and we will hit the ground running, with our first session of Active School Communities that afternoon. We are excitedly looking forward to the return of Mitch from Maitland Mustangs Basketball, who will put us through our paces.

We were pleased to be presented with the trophy by the Dungog Mayor, Mr Harold Johnston, who visited our school with his wife Elaine last week.
Chris shows the students the fruit of his gardening labours – a very impressive pumpkin—soup anyone?

A couple of messages from 'outside' our school:


- Gresford Billy Cart Derby is on Saturday 19th April (Easter Saturday). Races start at 9am—no helmet, no race! More information at www.gresfordbillycartderby.wordpress.com

- School Holiday Workshops at Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery

  These half-day workshops allow primary school aged children the opportunity to create their own artworks using a variety of materials and techniques.

  April 15–24

  Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

  visit the gallery website for details
  www.artgallery.lakemac.com.au

- As part of the 2014 Tocal Field Days we are holding a Bush Poetry Competition. The aim of the competition is to encourage children to use their imagination to write bush poetry.

  The theme of the competition is ‘Australiana’

  There will be two sections in the competition.

  Section 1 is open to children up to and including Year 4

  Section 2 is open to children in Years 5 and 6

  More information on the event is available on the website:
  www.tocalfielddays.com