It’s hard to believe, but we are already in the final week of term 1! What a busy term we have had!

What has been happening?

For Active After School Care, the students have been travelling to Georgetown once a week, on a Monday afternoon, to participate in swimming lessons. These lessons have been wonderfully successful and I’d like to extend a huge thank-you to our dedicated team of community coaches: Irene Dempsey, Tania McFarlane and Claire Ballment. This term marks the end of swimming until term 4 and as part of the celebrations of success, the Etheridge Shire Swimming Club provided each student with a prize for participation. They also provided two awards: one for encouragement, which went to April Mooka, for her dedication and persistence when mastering new swimming skills and techniques; and another for improvement, which went to Ella Heathwood whose swimming technique, particularly in diving, has shown great progress. Congratulations to these two well-deserving students!

AASC will begin again in week 2 of term 2, focusing on cross-country and tennis. These sessions will be run twice weekly on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 3:00pm – 4:30pm.

In 2013, several community members and school staff participated in ‘swimming coach’ training provided by the Etheridge Shire Swimming Club. I’m pleased to announce that Irene Dempsey, Tania McFarlane, Chappy Joe and myself all finished our final assessments on Tuesday the 25th of March and are now qualified swimming coaches. Thank-you very much to everyone for your dedication and support! I always feel proud to be part of the Forsayth community as there are always people willing to step forward and try something new to ensure that our children are provided with extra opportunities!

On Friday the 4th of April, the students and interested community members, travelled to Georgetown to march in the Easter Bonnet Parade. The children had a festive time and I’m sure you would agree, that their Bonnets were remarkable! Thanks a lot to Claire and Tania for providing the inspiration and craftiness that enabled these Easter Bonnets to be created! What an exciting way to end the term!

What is coming up?

ANZAC Day is to be held on the 25th of April. The school students will be performing their march as well as some poems that are dedicated to the ANZACs.

Term 2 begins on Tuesday the 22nd of April.

I’d like to finish off by wishing everyone a happy, safe holiday and Easter!

Kind regards,

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