Welcome back to a new term! The students are excited to be starting off the new term with our excursions, which will be undertaken next week. Some students will be travelling to Lake Keepit and others will be travelling to Canberra. There are many interesting activities planned at both venues and new experiences planned for students. We will ensure to take many photographs and I’m sure the students will be keen to report on their experiences on their return. The school will be open on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th for those students who have returned from Lake Keepit; Miss O’Toole will be teaching. Miss O’Toole will be filling in for Mrs Reid for the whole of Term 3.

In the Classroom

HSIE (Human Society and It’s Environment)
This term, Stage 2 and 3 children will be completing a unit of work titled “Canberra- Our National Capital” (HSIE). Students will be learning about the different levels of government, changes and events that led to democracy and federation and also relating their experiences of the various places they have visited in Canberra. Kindergarten and Year 1 students will be exploring the customs and practices associated with celebrations.

Science
Kindergarten and Year 1 students will be attending “Collie’s Garden Party”. This is an online unit about “mini beasts” (insects). Students are given online clues to follow and will also be involved in many hands on activities in the classroom. Miss O’Toole will be working with the students on this project and will also be teaching science to the Year 3’s and Year 6 on a project that is yet to be advised!

English
Kindergarten and Year 1’s will be doing a book study on the author “Margaret Wild”. Ms Wild has written many engaging texts for younger readers and won many awards. Year 3’s and Year 6 will be completing a unit of work on the novel “Dragonkeeper” by Carole Wilkinson. The novel is set in Ancient China and is about a slave girl and a dragon who have many adventures together. Students will be challenged with many social and philosophical concepts and involved in varied reading and writing activities.

Personal Development and Health
It is a requirement that “Child Protection Education” is undertaken at each stage of students’ development. I will be teaching this to all students this term. If there are any queries please see me to discuss any concerns.

Anita Moore
Principal.

Guitar Lessons
Guitar lessons with Phil Gresham will commence in Week 3. For primary school students the lessons will be in the mornings from 8.30am to 9am. Please let Anita or Phil know which morning/s you prefer. Please note that Phil is also available to teach beginner guitar to adults at times that can be arranged.

Vegetable Garden
The school was fortunate to receive a grant from the Central West CMA to help establish a raised garden bed system.
On Monday 19th July, the parents and children of our school held a working bee to complete the work. We now have 2 raised vegetable beds fully planted with leeks, silver beet, parsley, beetroot, lettuce and strawberries. The beds have sprinkler system attached to help ensure the success of the beds. We now await the return of the shed builders before we can complete the planting of some citrus trees on the eastern side of the playground equipment.

The working bee also coincided with a visit from Paul Loxley (School Education Director – Bourke) and Carole McDiarmid Western Region Director, who were both suitably impressed by the activities of the day. Thanks to everyone who helped out both on the day and in preparations beforehand.

- Lake Keepit Excursion to depart Quambone @ 7.30am, Monday 26th.
- Canberra Excursion to depart Marra @ 7am, Monday 26th.
- Infants return to Quambone @ 4.30pm, Wednesday 28th.
- Bogan Bush Mobile – Tuesday, 3rd August.
- Athletics Carnival @ Nyngan, Friday 13th August.

Cheers for now,
Heather