Welcome to week 3!

We have had a very busy start to term four and the calendar is filling up quickly. Last week our students participated in the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza Education Day. This exciting day was held at St Josephs in Aberdeen. The senior students led the workshops for the day and our children were able to actively work with the steers. They were able to lead, junior judge, wash and dry. A big thank you for the efforts the St Josephs students put into the day and teacher Lisa Bright for organising this event for our cattle program. Thank you to Sheena and Camilla for driving on the day.

Jock and Darcy grooming one lucky steer.

Little Mermaid
All students went on an exciting day excursion to see the live show The Little Mermaid in week one. I was amazed with the level of talent from young students at the Hunter Drama Academy. Their acting was exceptional and the costumes were absolutely amazing. We topped off the day with a great lunch and home.

Small Schools Public Speaking
This Wednesday 22nd October. We will be hosting our first Small Schools Public Speaking Competition. Students from Ellerston, Rouchel and Blandford will come along to participate in this integral skill of Public Speaking. Beginning at 9:30am, students will present their speech to students, teachers and adjudicators. We are fortunate to have Mrs Cheryl Pringle and Mrs Pattie Molyneux adjudicate our students. This competition is open for all parents and community members to watch. Morning tea is provided for parents and lunch can be purchased for $5.00 per person.
Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza
This Friday, students from Belltrees school will participate at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza. Supervised by Camilla. Eddie will lead our steer ET and will participate in the junior judging. We wish Eddie all the best.

Grandparents Day
Next week is a wonderful week. The community will celebrate Grandparents. Here at school we will be hosting a Grandparents Day on Tuesday 28th October at 11:00. All Grandparents or close family friends (who are like Grandparents) are welcome to attend. We will be providing morning tea for our Grandparents and the students would like to take them through the classroom, show them their work and we will be participating in some old fashioned games. An invitation will be sent home with students today. If you require any more please see me.

Sydney Excursion Update
I have been very busy organising, investigating and booking activities for our Sydney excursion held in week 7. Dates are Tuesday 18th-Friday 21st November, 2014. Some exciting activities include an archelogical dig, Australian Museum, Madame Tussauds wax factory, surfing and much, much more. I know I will be absolutely exhausted, but I am very excited.

Hats. Hats, Hats!
Term four is here and that means warmer weather. Please ensure your child has their bucket hat at school every day. Maybe also add some suncream at the beginning of the day.

Pesky critters are back!
Could all parents please check their children’s hair for lice. The warmer weather has seen an increase of them this year and to break the cycle we need you to treat your child’s hair before they come to school. If you need any information about treating please see the office.

School Banking Reminder
Please ensure that your students deposit slip is filled in. If in complete bank books are sent to school they will be returned home without banking. This is to ensure that parents are aware of exactly what is being banked.

Dates for Your Diary
22nd Oct 2014 – Public Speaking Competition
24th Oct 2014 – Beef Bonanza
30th Oct 2014 – School Photos
7th Nov 2014 – Belltrees P & C Horse Sports
18th-21st Nov – Sydney Excursion
28th Nov 2014 – Presentation Night
13th Dec 2014 – Community Carols Night
17th Dec 2014 – Last Day Term 4