Welcome to week 4!

Firstly I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the students from Belltrees, Ellerston, Rouchel and Blandford who participated in our first Small Schools Public Speaking Competition held here at school last week. We had a wide variety of topics and presentation tactics. Mrs Cheryl Pringle and Mrs Pattie Molyneux were the expert adjudicators for the day and were super impressed with the standard of competition, especially considering it was the first public speaking event for many.

Results are as follows:

Winners:
Kindergarten: Lachlan Carter (Belltrees)
Stage 1: Samantha Roche – (Blandford)
Stage Two: Harry Mamone – (Ellerston)
Stage Three Oliver Andrews – (Rouchel)

The weather was also perfect for the day and the students enjoyed a lovely morning tea and lunch mixing with all the students from the other schools. Many thanks to Mrs Ruth Hoye and Mr Colin Leayr for organising activities for the day. I know the adjudicators and I are looking forward to this wonderful program continuing in 2015.

Stage One Winners: Daniel Payne, Samantha Roche, Eddie Maxwell, Camilla Teague and Emily Taylor.

Stage Two Winners: Jack Teague, Skye Singleton, Jack Grimes, James Caspers and Harry Mamone
Early Stage One Winners: Jock Maxwell, Ben Baker, Darcy Taylor and Lachlan Carter.

Mixing schools and making friends.
Skye, Camilla and Jessica!

Grandparents Day!
Tomorrow we will be celebrating this special day here at school. Grandparents are invited to come along at 11:00am and share morning tea with us and then participate in some lovely stories and games with their grandchildren. If there are any grandparents in the community who would like to come and celebrate with us, please feel free. And for all the grandparents out there who are unable to make tomorrow, enjoy your day!

Sign In/Sign Out:
If you arrive to school after assembly is over could you please sign your child in using the register in the front office. Alternatively if you are leaving school earlier than 3pm please sign as well. It is a DEC policy that this be carried out and I thank you for your co-operation.

Snakes! Snakes! Snakes!
Tis the season for slimy slithering snakes and we would ask that when you arrive at school you keep your eyes peeled. We have had two snakes already this season here at school and we certainly take thorough precautions with the children in the playground. If you can also have a chat to your children about the dangers and run through with them what to do if they see a snake it will reinforce at home what we are doing here. Many thanks!

Warmer weather!
As the temperature has been climbing higher this week and last I ask it is not only a broad brimmed hat you remember to pack in your child’s bag. Please ensure your child has enough fluids for the day. Water is the best hydrating frink and the only one we recommend here at school. If your child would like to leave their water in the school fridge we are happy to accommodate.