Education Week!

"It’s a week where schools invite families and communities into classrooms and to special events to witness the depth and breadth of student learning, the excellent teaching and the wonderful support provided by our school administrative and support staff who work in offices, classrooms, libraries and on school grounds," director-general Dr Michele Bruniges.

Education Week in our local area will be celebrated tomorrow evening at Aberdeen Public school. The Education Week assembly will begin at 5pm and is open to all. It will showcase local student’s talent and acknowledge the hard work and efforts of various school staff, students, parents and community members.

Next week I will congratulate the recipients from Belltrees Public School.

Tomorrow we will be welcoming Mr Mark Young along with a Finnish Director and Principals to our school. The children will hear a brief talk about school in Finland and then they will have a presentation of songs and a quick note titled; I like Belltrees Public School because...

Our guests will stay for morning tea before heading into Scone.

Belltrees students and staff will continue to celebrate Education week and participate in a range of culturally diverse activities, literacy and numeracy sessions and some fantastic sports and games.

As part of Education Week we would like to invite any parent or community member to come and visit our school. Come and watch our lessons take place, listen to a student read, or talk about you own school experiences. So if you have a spare 10-15 minutes, come and sign in, take a look around and join us in celebrating Education Week in NSW Public Schools.

This week the students will be learning about Vicki verb and Pete the pronoun. They will be exploring speech marks and commas, along with descriptions. We have just finished reading Esio Trot by Roald Dahl and the students will integrate tortoises in their informative writing.

We are learning about East Timor, and how different the cultures and communities are. We are preparing some posters and drawings to send to the children of Uma Tolu village in East Timor.

One thing we would like to do as a class is to send some knitted blankets or toys to the children. If you are a parent or community member who has any of these items and you wish to donate please contact the school.

Enjoy your week!

Johanna Teague
Education Week/Literacy and Numeracy Week/Book Week

These important events are all held within term three, and we have decided to combine the three and celebrate in one fun filled day. The day is 21st August, Thursday week 6. The day will consist of a variety of literacy and numeracy based activities and fun outside games.

The theme for this year is Catch the Reading Bug and I would like all children to dress up for our special day. Some possible choices are to come as insects, or bugs, bug catchers or flowers. The more creative the better!

What’s on?

1. This Friday 1st, I will be in Quirindi at the Wollemi Principals network meeting. This is a great opportunity for Principals to meet together and have a day of Professional Collegial Development. Mr Turnbull will be here on Friday.
2. Wednesday 6th August, staff will be completing a First Aid course in Scone.

General Information:
Farm Household Allowance


The Farm Household Allowance (FHA) provides eligible farmers and their partners who are experiencing financial hardship with assistance and support to improve their long-term financial situation.

The FHA replaced the Interim Farm Household Allowance (Interim FHA) on 1 July 2014. To support farmers and their partners during the transition from Interim FHA to FHA and ensure that farm families are not left out-of-pocket during this period, Interim FHA recipients wishing to claim FHA now have until 14 August 2014 to lodge their application. Interim FHA recipients who lodge their application by 14 August 2014 will be back paid to 1 July 2014.

Some people who applied for Interim FHA before 30 June are still waiting for their information to be fully assessed. People in this situation have two options: they can either lodge their FHA application before the outcome of their Interim FHA is known; or they can wait until the outcome of the Interim FHA application is known and then apply for FHA — generally the new application will need to be lodged within two weeks.

The allowance will be paid fortnightly at a rate equivalent to Newstart Allowance (or Youth Allowance for those under 22 years). A Health Care Card will be provided to recipients. Support will also be provided through a dedicated case manager to help recipients assess their situation and develop a plan for the future.

Eligible farmers and their partners will be able to access up to three years of payment. This is designed to give farm families time to get back on their feet and the opportunity to take steps to improve their circumstances.

The Farm Household Allowance is delivered by the Department of Human Services. More information and application forms are available on the [Department of Human Services website](http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought/assistance/income-support-for-farmers/farm-household-allowance).