A huge congratulations goes to Mrs Fay Paris and her team of volunteers upon receiving the Harris Award FOR A SIGNIFICANT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM from the Australian College of Educators. This award is for a program that shows innovation, has longevity and has had a significant impact on the intended recipients and beyond. It is open to any public or independent school or any community educational organisation, at any level of education within the North West Region in NSW. The award is made for a program with emphasis on innovative thinking, planning and action. This is the second award given to the Homework Centre this year, it certainly shows that hard work pays off.

The ladies from the Armidale Road to Paris group collected the banner that was created by the Year 5/6 students and their teachers this morning. They both commented that it was “A bit spectacular” and that “It was a wonderful contribution” to the overall banner that will hopefully be presented to the Australian Government in Canberra to gain commitment to act in the best interests of the Australian people and the broader global community by working towards limiting global warming to less than 2 degrees and protecting our future. This banner will hopefully make its way to Paris in December. The banner will also be on display at the Black Gully Festival which is on Sunday October 25th from 11am-9pm at NERAM, 106-114 Kentucky Street. Well done everyone involved.

HABITS OF THE MIND

The Habits of the Mind that go along with Persistence are:-

1. I can Do It Thinking
2. Giving Effort
3. Working Tough

I will be going over these in the next couple of weeks. Firstly though I would like to talk about what a Habit of the Mind is. A Habit of the Mind is a way of thinking when things go wrong. Not allowing your negative thinking to bring you down and if they do, not for too long.

Have a great week and remember that you are in charge of the way you think and the way you feel.

Mrs Vanessa Harwood

This year Drummond Memorial Public School will be holding Grandparents Day on Friday 30th October 2015. All Grandparents are welcome to attend our Gathering at 9:20am in the hall. Grandparents are encouraged to spend some time with their grand children in their classrooms before a delicious lunch.

Our Stage Three students will be going to Kentucky on Thursday to attend the annual Frog Dreaming Camp. I know that everyone is very excited about this including the teachers. I look forward to hearing lots of exciting stories when the children get back on Friday afternoon. I am sure that you will all have lots of fun.

If you have not already downloaded the Skoolbag app I urge you to do so. You can install the app on your phone or tablet device by following the link that is on the back page of this newsletter. I really encourage you to start using this app as it is another form of communication from the school to keep you informed especially if we have information between newsletters.

The Dental Van has unfortunately been postponed once again due to circumstances beyond our control. We will let everyone know if we get new dates before the end of the year.

Tanya McKinlay, Relieving Principal
Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $69 for school-aged children and $49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02

We are studying
Charlotte’s Web
By E.B. White

OUR BEST BOOK FAIR EVER!

Due to your fabulous support of our last book fair, scholastic have made us a once off offer! We are holding another book fair at the school library, in week 6, (Nov 9-13) and here’s the deal - When you buy a book they are going to let you choose another for the same price! This will get your Christmas shopping off to a great start!

Due to this fair being held, regular book club will not be run this term.

Mrs Watts and Ms Mills
Library

Term Four 2015

Thursday 15 and Friday 16 October - Frog Dreaming Camp for Years 5 and 6 students

Friday 16 October - Gathering Year 2 & MC will be presenting items.

Tuesday 27 October - Transition Parent meetings 9.30am - 6pm

Friday 30 October - Gathering Year 1 & 4/5 will be presenting items

Grandparents Day

Thursday 5 November - Year 6 Orientation Day to Duval High School 10am - 2.30pm

Friday 13 November - Gathering Year 3 & K/1 will be presenting items

Friday 27 November - Gathering K & 5/6 will be presenting items

Tuesday 8 December - Presentation Day

Friday 11 December - YCDI Awards Gathering

Monday 14 December - Last day of Transition for Transition students

Wednesday 16 December - Last day of Term 4 2015

Transition - Kindergarten Information Sessions

Please come along to either of our Kindergarten sessions informing parents and carers about what to expect for your child in 2016.

Tuesday 27 October.

Session 1: 9.30am

Session 2: 6pm