Thank you to our students and staff for another fabulous week at Drummond. We have had lots of students coming and going for sporting events, leadership conferences and community events.

Congratulations to Ashanti Hoskins for being selected in the Armidale PSSA district netball team.

Congratulations also to Tyrese Riley and Muriel Gerrard for their selection in the Armidale District PSSA touch football teams. Good luck to all of you at the next level.

Today our Leaders and potential leaders attended the GRIP leadership conference at the Armidale Ex-services club. We look forward to the ideas they will return with to implement at Drummond.

Last week I had the honour of accompanying our School Captains to collect a descendent of the Lone Pine tree presented by the Cedar Nursery and the 12th & 16th Hunter River Lancers for the 100 Anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing. Our seedling will be kept safe in the greenhouse until it grows big enough to plant. We will dedicate the tree to a memorial remembering all past students who have served.

In term 4 last year we commenced planning for our new 3 year school planning cycle. At the end of last year, surveys were sent to families to gain an overview of what programs parents believed were valuable, what programs had passed their use by date, what programs we should offer but currently don’t and what skills, values and attitudes parents believe are important for the children to learn in Primary school. Lots of useful information was received particularly in relation to the last point. Responses were collated, grouped into categories of similarity, summarised and written then into a school vision statement. Our School Plan for 2015 – 2017 has now been loaded onto our website.

Last week I was lucky enough to have some students bring me their work to show off how clever they are. Here is a short piece from Georgina Griffiths using techniques out of the text “Big Rain Coming” by Katrina Germein. Inside our Drumbeat are more fabulous pieces of writing based from texts and authors students are studying.

On Monday morning Felicity was looking to the sparkling clouds shining in the North West.

By Georgina Griffiths

Mrs Peta Deiderick
Relieving Principal
The book fair was a great success and we had a visit from someone very famous.

Description of a Swagman

The Swagman was an Akubra. He has a white beard, he has a red scarf. He carries a swag, the Swagman has a tucker bag and he wears a black shirt. He sings, he’s very old. He has a water bag, he carries a billy can.

By A go

Description of a Swagman

The Jolly Swagman has a white beard and wears a red scarf to keep him warm in winter and cool in summer. He looks very old and he loved singing. He wears an Akubra and he has a black shirt and brown pants. He carries a billy can. He carries a swag and he carries a tucker bag.

By Rahaf

Description of a Swagman

He is an old man who has a white beard and a billy can and wears a black shirt. The Swagman likes to sing and wears a red scarf.

By David

The sea turtles live in the sea. They eat sea grass and jelly fish. They are scaly. They lay their eggs on the same beach they were born on. The baby turtles have to rush to the sea before the predators get them.

Sea turtles baby eggs are fragile. They pee when they’re

By Lucy

Blowing colourful bubbles

About to make gingerbread men

Making a worm farm

Year 3 work

Sea Turtles are animals. They don’t run fast because they have small legs. They float in the current because they are light. They have hard shells. Sea turtles are green because their mum was green.

By Riley

By Lucy

Year 2 work

By David

By Rahaf

By A go