

## **Term 2, Week 7 Principal's Report**

- Junior examination week successfully completed.
- HSC seminar day at Singleton; New England HSC music day at Tamworth High School; Motivational Media program; Step To the Future; Work Placement program seminars- all very worthwhile.
- Farrer named as the New England Regional winner of the Excellence in Sports Education award. High praise for our students and staff and special mention made of the ties to the Farrer welfare system; mass participation and competitive spirit. Peter Windsor, Laurie Chaffey and Rod Roseby acknowledges through Education Week Awards for the ongoing and wonderful contribution to the students at Farrer. Students recognised the efforts of teachers at the Principal's Assembly with the awarding of certificates.
- Farrer now lead the Vampire Cup competition between Tamworth schools for blood donations- great work Scott Baker and participating senior students and staff. Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea a great success- thanks Gail Nolan for the outstanding organisation.
- Year 7 peer support program run by Jeff Guider and Dave Olrich very impressive and successful.
- A host of extra-curricula activities in which our students participate wholeheartedly- rugby union, rugby league, soccer, horse sports- Mendooran, Dunedoo, Carinya, basketball, archery, Ignite Christian group; TAS visit; House flags competition; School Captains luncheon with Peter Draper; Youth of the Year competition; League Safe course; Farrer 'Secret Agent' writing competition launch; representative trials across all sports; touch; senior debating; Bangara dance group; Long Tan Leadership Awards ADF applications called; senior dance at Calrossy.
- Ag. Catchment Property Planning tutorial; semen testing Angus stud sale bulls; Climate Change Schools competition; Casino Beef Week; pregnancy testing, shearing and crutching White Suffolks; structural assessment heifers
- Junior AECG meeting; First XIII doubles fundraiser launched by junior AECG- many thanks Melinda Comi; Reconciliation Week celebrations/ceremonies; Gamillaraay language course tuition continues; Tamworth Aboriginal Men's' Group meeting; Aboriginal Student Leadership forum.
- Country rugby union championships/trials very successfully held at Farrer over long weekend. Great work David Rodgers, Jenny Goodridge and all other staff involved.
- Selective Schools student selection process completed and offers sent out. Thanks Stephen George, Sue Stass and Clint for their huge patience and contribution to this vital procedure.
- OPALS process proving to be an increasingly powerful tool in the supporting of senior students.

- Farrer staff involved in the following Professional Learning and representative duties- Parasol First Aid course for staff wishing to update first aid qualifications; Gifted and Talented students course; Greater Tamworth Learning Community meeting; NERVE meeting; Library Conference; Boarding School Expo- Tamworth; district and regional Education Week and Reconciliation Week ceremonies; regional sports trials; Boarding School Expo- Dubbo and Tamworth- thanks Sue Stass.
- Melissa McGoldrick appointed permanently to Uralla Central School; Head Teacher HSIE re-advertised.
- NSW Teachers Federation has called Fed Reps, Principals and Deputy Principal Residential from the three boarding schools to Sydney for a meeting on Friday 19/6/09 to discuss duty team awards.
- Submissions for the Language Centre and for the Trade Schools Centre are now completed and are being assessed by powers that be. Very hopeful of success.
- Parent Support Group meeting at Bellata 14/6/09 very successful. Satisfied customers. Still want to investigate possibility of boarder parent social opportunities. Principal's Assessment Review process for this term successfully completed 15/6/09.

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