Welcome to Week 4 where I am such a proud principal. I thank staff, students, parents, grandparents and visitors for our successful celebration of Education Week last Thursday. It was wonderful to have so many grandparents and great grandparents visit our classrooms to see how learning takes place in 2015 and observe the differences since they were at school. Superb weather was perfect for family picnics. We have some wonderful photos to put onto our website. If you had your photo taken on the day and DO NOT want your photo to appear on the website, please contact the office by Friday. Thank you.

Thank you also to those who found time to complete our parent survey on this day. If you haven’t yet completed this survey (on pink paper) please return it to the office before this Friday. Students whose parents have returned this completed survey will have their names entered in a draw for a chance to win an ice block from our canteen.

Athletics carnival
Coming up next week on Thursday 13th August is our annual school athletics carnival. Kinder, Year 1 and students who are turning 7 in Year 2 will commence their sporting activities just after midday. The remainder of our students will participate in long jump, high jump, shot put, discus, 100 metres and 200 metres events throughout the day commencing at 9:30am. Our focus for the day will be on every student participating and having fun with their friends. We will have one break for lunch around midday. Students will take their school bags with them as they move around events and will be able to eat and drink when they are not competing. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us on this day if time permits. Our P&C is in the process of organising a coffee van for parents and spectators. Our school would appreciate parent help for some events even if it is just for one hour. Please let Miss McLeod know if you can assist.

**Gala Day**
This Friday is our first Years 3-6 Gala day for this term. Our special thanks go to our P&C for once again subsidising the bus fare for these days so the transport cost remains at $7:50 rather than the full cost of $12. It’s great to acknowledge our P&C working hard to support everyone’s children. Please ensure that your bus money $7.50 is paid at the office before Thursday 6th August. The bus departs school on Friday at 8.50am so please remember to be at school on time.

Parents are warmly welcomed to attend our Gala Days. The venues are as follows:
- Netball: Coronation Park, Minto
- Soccer: Ambarvale Sporting Complex, Ambarvale
- Touch Football: Oswald Reserve, Rosemeadow

**Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers**
Our school is once again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn rewards program. For each $10 spent at Woolworths stores you will be given one sticker. Place all your stickers collected onto the card provided. Return full cards to school or your Woolworths store. At the end of the promotional period we will tally our cards and receive educational resources according to the number of sticker cards we have collected. ($$$ spent at Woolworths). Thank you for your support.
Stamp Chart Superstars!
Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:
Dardanelles: Cooper, Hamish, Mia, Ellah, Nevaeh, Lucas
Hamilton: Dean, Hannah, Sienna, Cameron, Theresa
Throssell: Allyssa, Hayley, Ayla, Trae
Flanders Fields: Darcy, Matilda, Beau, Ruby, Amber, Hannah, Elisha, Scarlett and Demi
Weston Front: Hayley, Maleah
Keep up the fantastic efforts!

Student Achievements
Congratulations to our Year 6 students who once again demonstrated their leadership skills by meeting and greeting visitors as they entered our school grounds on Open Day and Grandparents’ Day and leading our assembly. Well done Year 6!
Our Kinder students in Dardanelles and Tucker classes have now completed 100 days of school and celebrated in style with a party on Wednesday focusing on the number 100. They looked gorgeous in their dress-up costumes and there were some very tired princesses and super heroes at the end of the day.
Proudly demonstrating their developing writing skills last week were Caylen, Ruby, Aden and Isabella from Tucker class. Keep up the good work!
Student of the Week
Dardanelles – Emily Klein
Tucker – Laila Walmsley
Canakkle – Rylie Martin-Henry
Lemnos – Carter Apps
Hamilton – Sienna Southgate
Throssell – Kyle Mann
Flanders Fields – Jack Wilson
Lone Pine – Dylan Jones
Burton – Dylan Cummins
Western Front - Eve Wilson

Silver Awards: Annelise Hall

Bronze Awards: Caylen Goldsbrough, Charlize Beattie, Rachel Lorenz, Chloe Donovan, Ruby Marks, Bede Collings, Ryan Kitson, Laila Walmsley, Shylah Winley, Annelise Hall, Harry McKenzie, Beanna Kennedy

Stranger danger
From time to time it is important for parents to remind their children about being asked by a stranger to get in a car with them or to go somewhere with them. Whilst it is not necessary to scare children, you do need to prepare them for what to do if this happens. Following is a link to a website for children about keeping themselves safe. It also includes this poem for kids to remember.

Book Week
Please keep Tuesday 25th August 2015 free from 2:30 onwards our Book Week Parade. The theme this year is “Books light up our world” but because it is the 150th anniversary of the famous Lewis Carroll children’s novel “Alice in Wonderland”, Mrs Newey has come up with the clever idea of encouraging every student to make a hat to parade in based on the Mad Hatter”. She will be assisting students with ideas in the coming weeks. Please don’t rush out and buy a hat but perhaps use a hat you already have and decorate it in a crazy, mad way.

Author/Illustrator Visit
As part of our school’s Book Week celebrations, Craig Smith, illustrator of books such as “Windy Farm” and the “Too Cool” series will be visiting our school on Friday 21st August 2015 to speak with our students. We are very fortunate to have such an esteemed illustrator come to our school and as our school has not had an author or illustrator visit for a few years, this learning experience for students will be paid for by our school and therefore free to all K-6 students.

Book Fair
As part of our Book Week celebrations we will be holding a Book Fair on Friday 14th, Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th August 2015 in our Library. Parents are most welcome to visit with students before and after school on these days. Students will also be able to purchase books during their Library lesson, at lunch or recess times.