

""We wish to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation who have lived in and derived their physical and spiritual needs from the forests, rivers, lakes and streams of this beautiful valley over many thousands of years as the traditional owners and custodians of these lands."

Dear Families and Friends,

Last week was certainly an unusual and unsettling week and we would like to thank our community and the Rural Fire Service for the incredible job they did in keeping our Valley safe and informed during this time. Thank you also to all our students, families and staff for their patience and understanding while our school was non-operational. Student safety and wellbeing is always our priority and the Education Department makes these decisions in close consultation with the RFS and State Emergency Services. While a return to normality is greatly appreciated, anxiety can linger and it is important to remember that there are many resources available during and after these difficult times. These support services include our school counselling service, local GP's, Beyond Blue –1300 22 4636 and Lifeline –13 11 14. Please contact the office if you require support or if you have any concerns.



**Maths Competition:** Congratulations to our Senior students who took part in the 2019 Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition. Bodi and Xavier were awarded a DISTINCTION and Cayne received a MERIT.

**Science:** Welcome to Frauke Haum who will be teaching some exciting Science intensive lessons over the next two weeks. This week the students have been learning about sound waves.

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**Rivers Brain Storm:** Congratulation to Camilo for becoming a published illustrator. Camillo was part of the Rivers Writing Initiative where local schools worked alongside authors and illustrators to produce a book of short stories.

**School Concert:** The recent bush fires have meant we have had even less time to prepare for our annual concert. Despite this, we are all systems go! Please talk to children about their costumes and encourage them to practise their lines and guitar.

In the classroom: This week in Maths the students have been working on subtraction and 3D space. In English we are working hard on our annual school magazine and in Geography we are continuing our exploration of life in different places.









RFS FUNDRAISER Repentance Creek Hall - Wood Fired Pizza Night

Special Event! All proceeds to the Rural Fire Service Pizza, dessert, Licensed or BYO! Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 4pm Repentance Creek Hall – Like us on Facebook Please assist us by indicating your attendance on our Facebook event and coming and ordering early

## **Dates To Remember**

hurs	Dec 5th	Christmas Concert
ri	Dec 6th	Kindy Orientation
∧on-Fri	Dec 9-13th	Surfing

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