Cross Country Success

Congratulations to Isabel and Damian who have qualified to compete at the Regional Cross Country Competition following their success at the District Competition on Friday. This is a fantastic result.

Student Attendance

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life.

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

If your child misses learning the basic skills in the early years of primary or high school, they may develop learning problems in later years.

- 1 day off a week = 10 days a term (2 weeks gone!)
- 1 day off a week over the period of 1 year = most of 1 term - gone!!
- If this pattern starts in Kindergarten and continues through to Year 6 almost 1 and a half years of learning is gone!!
- If this pattern continues through high school students will miss nearly three years of learning.
- If students miss days of learning they reduce the chance of achieving to their academic potential

Your last chance to see the transit of Venus

A transit of Venus occurs when Venus is observed to move across the face of the Sun. The first transit since 1882 occurred on 8 June 2004. The next transit will occur on 6th June 2012, and be visible at Meadow Flat from beginning to end, starting at 8.16am (1st contact) and ending at 2.44pm (last contact). The next transit of Venus won’t occur until 2117.

The following activities have been planned during the day:

- Using a refractor telescope, pin hole telescope, solar glasses
- NASA live crosses
- Understanding Captain Cook’s significance of discovery
- Live chat with NASA scientists
- Contributing to scientific calculations
- Special canteen day with Mars Bar slice (poor Venus!)

Everyone is invited to visit the school during this special event. If you have a telescope that can assist us we would appreciate its use (even for a short period). We hope for a clear day.

Pie Drive

Thank you to those parents who have ordered pies through the P and C. These will be available at 11am this Friday for pick up. Thank you to Jaye Shean for coordinating this.

Athletics Carnival

All students will be attending the athletics carnival in Bathurst this Thursday. Thank you to the parents who have offered to assist with transporting other children.

Thank you to Sue-ellen Mays who has offered to assist with coordinating a group. The following age groups also need assistance. Please contact
he school if you can help - 8 Years girls, 9 Years boys, 10 Years girls, 10 Years boys, 12 Years girls.

**Dates for Students**

**Term 2 2012 – May**
- Tuesday 29th – CWA Public Speaking
- Wednesday 30th – iLearn and iExplore – Year 6 transition to High School
- Thursday 31st – Small Schools Athletics K-6

**Term 2 2012 – June**
- Friday 1st – Pie Drive – pick up 11am
- Wednesday 6th – Transit of Venus
- Thursday 7th – Small Schools athletics carnival backup date
- Friday 8th – Relay
- Monday 11th – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Thursday 14th and Friday 15th – Stage 2 Sydney excursion
- Friday 29th – Last Day of Term 2

**Term 3 2012 – July**
- Tuesday 17th – Students Return for term

**Canberra Excursion**
You are invited to come to Meadow Flat Public School to view the TRANSIT of VENUS.

WEDNESDAY 6th JUNE 2012

Visitors and students will use a variety of forms to view this most historical and scientifically important event anytime from 9am.
FUN DAY

Wednesday 6th June
Lunch Time

Place your child’s order on the day

Hot Dogs $1.50
Milkshakes $1.50
Chocolate, Strawberry or Caramel

Mars Bar Slice $1.00
Choc Chip Cookies
2 for $1.00

Cookies & Slice money raised will go towards the Year 6 Gift for the school.
Small Schools Creative Arts Festival

Thursday 16th August 2012 - 6.00pm

On Thursday 16th August your child will be involved in the Bathurst Small Schools Creative Arts festival. The festival is a celebration of the wonderful visual and performing arts programs offered at each of our small schools.

The festival will be held at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre (BMEC) beginning at 6.00pm.

Visual arts works will be on display in the foyer from 5pm and students will be involved in either a musical or dance performance on the night. We encourage you to join in this wonderful event and celebrate this wonderful opportunity provided by your local school.

Ticketing Information

Each family is entitled to 3 tickets

Ticket Prices are as follows

Adult $10 each Child $5 each

(Students participating in the performance are NOT required to pay)

General Admission - No Reserved seating

Doors open for the musical performances at 5.30pm

Please complete the following booking order and return with your money

to your school before Friday 27th July

Additional tickets may become available after each schools allocation has been used.

School __________________________ Family Name ________________________

Yes I would like _______ tickets. I enclose ______ to confirm this purchase.

If more tickets become available I would like to put _______ tickets on reserve.

Signed: __________________________ Date: ____________________
Entry Agreement 2012

I have read and accept the conditions of entry for the 2012 The Land Farm Inventor of the Year Competition.
I consider my invention/s would be eligible for the section of:

○ Over $1000  ○ Under $1000  (tick whichever applies) Estimated retail value

I agree to abide by the conditions of entry and will accept the decisions of judges and Rural Press Limited and its representatives.

Name: __________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
Postcode: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________ Fax: ____________________________  Email: ____________________________
Invention: ____________________________________________________________________________

Please briefly describe your invention and the points that make it innovative:
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Signed ____________________________

Mail to: Farm Inventor Competition, PO Box 999, North Richmond NSW 2754
Or Fax: (02) 4570 4650, Or Email: farminventor@ruralpress.com

Nominated field days (tick whichever applies):

○ Commonwealth Bank Ag-Quip – August 21-23
○ Henty Machinery Field Days – September 18-20
○ Australian National Field Days – October 16-18

This form must be completed for all competitors to be eligible for prizes.
Conditions of Entry

1. Entries must have practical on-farm or rural living application. The invention must be based on an original idea of the entrant/s. He/she may be assisted in production.

2. The competition is NOT open to proprietary companies, their employees acting on their behalf or employees of Rural Press Limited and associated sponsors.

3. Entries must NOT be in full scale commercial production at the time of entry.

4. Entrants must specify which sections of the contest they are eligible to enter.
   The two sections of the competition are:
   - Inventions with an estimated retail value of $1000 or more:
   - Inventions with an estimated retail value of less than $1000.

5. There is a limit of two entries per section.

6. It is the responsibility of entrants to arrange transport, accommodation and any demonstration equipment they may require.

7. It is the responsibility of entrants to apply for patent rights before entries are displayed at field days. (The law of most countries renders invalid patent and design applications lodged after an invention has been "published" at field days). However, it is NOT a requirement of the competition that entries be covered by a patent or patent application.

8. An entry that comes first or second at a regional judging at Henty, Ag-Quip or the Australian National Field Days (ANFD) in Orange automatically becomes eligible for, and is expected to participate at, the finals at the ANFD in Orange. An entry that comes first or second at a regional judging cannot enter further regional judgings.

9. Inventions that come first or second in other inventor competitions outside the NSW nominated regional judgings at Henty, Ag-Quip and ANFD cannot enter the regional judgings, but may be considered for entry into the finals at the ANFD if they meet the entry conditions for this competition.

10. Inventions that have been entered in other inventor competitions outside the NSW nominated regional judgings but have not taken first or second prize may enter regional judgings if they meet the entry conditions for this competition.

11. Rural Press Limited reserves the right to reject or disqualify any entry which does not abide by the conditions or general spirit of the competition.

12. In all cases, the decision of organisers and judges will be final and no correspondence entered into.

Note: Conditions of entry need to be flexible to ensure the integrity and viability of the competition and therefore are open to interpretation by the organisers. The aim of the competition is to encourage the creativity and ingenuity of individuals for the benefit of Australian agriculture and productivity.