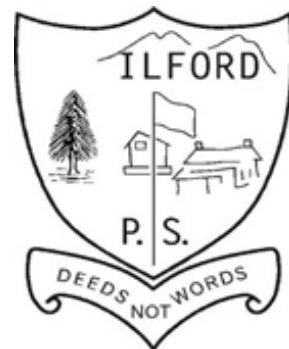


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Term 1, Week 5

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Bianca, Charlotte, Clare, Gina and Reine for representing Mudgee Small Schools' at the Zone swimming last Wednesday.



27th of February. The games will consist of activities like eating dry Weetbix and Gumbboot Throwing. All you need is a team of 4 and to be at the main oval at 3:20pm. Cash prizes and ride tickets are up for grabs.

Welcome BBQ

It was great to see so many families and community members at our Welcome BBQ, despite the weather. It is always a lovely way to start the year. A big thank you to Dave Standfield for donating the bread for the evening and to all those who helped set up and pack up.



School Morning Time

A reminder that there are no teaching staff on duty at school before 8:15am. Please do not drop students off at school before that time as there will be no staff to supervise them. If students arrive after 8:45am or leave before 3:15pm they must be signed in or out.

Rylstone Kandos Show

Students will have completed their art work today ready to go in the Rylstone Kandos Show for exhibition. As usual the exhibition is in the small hall.

The Rylstone Kandos Youth Society

The Rylstone Kandos Youth Society are calling on all young children from 5 to 15 to compete in the Young Farmers Challenge at the Rylstone Kandos Show on the

School Facebook Page

The school Facebook page has had great interest with many people liking and following the page. Thank you for your support.

NAPLAN

Every year students in years 3 and 5 take part in English and mathematics tests in the NAPLAN tests. They will take place next term from the 10th to the 12th of May. If you have any questions or concerns about the tests please see Mr Stewart.

Canteen

A reminder that canteen orders need to be at school by Tuesday.

Banking

Banking is on Wednesday, so remember to put banking books in the cream box in the residence.

Head Lice

It's that time of year again when head lice are around. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

Citizens of the Week:

Clare – always helping others

Riley E – for settling in well each morning this week

Clare - outstanding dedication to art

Mikayla – very helpful in class

Workers of the Week:

Charlotte – good focus for the start of the year

Bree – settling in so well this year

Oscar – great listening and thinking during story time

Amelia – working independently and to a pleasing standard

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Clare who turns 12 on 26th February, and Samuel who turns 6 on 4th March.

Dates to Remember

27 th February	Rylstone Kandos Show
11 th March	RDO
25 th March	Good Friday
28 th March	Easter Monday
7 th April	Last day of Term 1
8 th April	RDO
25 th April	Anzac Day
26 th April	Staff Development day
27 th April	Students return for Term 2

Library

Library for the 3 – 6 class will be on Wednesday afternoons and on Thursdays for the K – 2 class. Please remember to bring a library bag.

SHUTTING the Chooks in.

This is the boy whose job it is to shut the chooks in.
It's nearly night.

He goes out the door, down the steps and across the yard.

He skips past the kennels where sleepy-eyed dogs flick at flies with their tails.

He jumps over nests of busy bull-ants and swings through the iron gate.

There is the shed where the great red tractor sits and waits.

And then the one where sheep are shorn.

Sun glints on dusty windows.

He rubs a pane as clean as he can and rattles the rusty feed bucket.

Chickens drop from rafters and railings and spring up from pecking on the greasy floor.

They follow him, close beneath the branches. Apple and pear trees lead them to their own yard.

He feeds them. He counts them, clucking his tongue to the music of their names.

Billie, Mossy, Millie, Bossy, Bright Eyes, Feather Head, Big Red.

One is missing.

Night is coming. Fox is out there. Sharp eyed, slavering mouth, quick to leap.

Where is she? WHERE?

The boy is running, searching, calling. Back through the fruit trees. Back to the woolshed. No chickens there. Try the other shed.

Great red tractor. Huge dark corners. Spider webs hanging. Bang on the door. Bang. Bang. BANG. Squark! Squark!

Chicken comes running. Flapping. Screeching.

Heading for the yard. Boy runs too. Shoo. Shoo.

Ah! All safe now. Sprinkle the feed. Shut the gate.

Breathe slowly. Get ready to go under the fruit trees, weird arms stretching, past the woolshed,

timbers leaning. Great red tractor, waiting to pounce. Sounds and shadows, Darkness falling.

Night has come. Time to run and run and run.

All the way home.

Letting the Dogs Out

This is the girl whose chore it is to let the dogs out. It's almost dawn. She goes out the back door, slides down the railing and jumps through the puddles.

She runs through the paddock where hungry horses chomp on long, dry grass with strong teeth.

She climbs over rocks near the fence and opens the old rusty gate. There is the rusty shed where the orange bulldozer sits alone. And then the one where the vegies are cleaned.

Sunrays sparkle on wet barbed wire.

She rattles the gate as quick as she can and calls the dogs by name. Dogs spring out of their kennels and rush over to her, jumping up on her. They follow her, close behind her ankles.

Oak and pine trees lead them back to the farmhouse.

She pats them. She counts them, clicking her fingers to the beat of their names.

Cheeky, Spot, Red Dog, Bold and Ivy.

Two of them are not there.

Year 3 joint write.

