FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and friends who attended Education Week activities at Gadara School last Thursday. The students were extremely proud of their work and having their parents see what they are doing in class, in the kitchen and garden.

Thank you to the staff who assisted the students with the completion of the very large, but beautiful, mayoral chain. The pictures certainly reflected all the areas of Tumut Shire.

I am sure Mrs Thompson has hung the Gadara School chain in a special place in the Mayor’s Office.

A great day was enjoyed by all, lovely weather, lovely food and great involvement by students, parents and staff.

Regards

Moira Kingwill

Principal

EDUCATION WEEK

Tumut Shire Council Mayor, Trina Thompson is pictured with Sophie Doran during last week’s Education Week celebrations at Gadara School.

BOOK WEEK

Wednesday, August 20

Students are asked to dress-up as their favourite book character

COMING UP:

- BOOK WEEK—Wednesday, August 20
- FRANKLIN “IN TIME” PERFORMANCE — September 15
**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club catalogues have gone out this week. If anyone would like to order from Book Club please send in your order and money by Monday, August 25.

**EDUCATION WEEK**

Students, staff, family and friends had an enjoyable time at the Education Week celebrations last Thursday. When visitors arrived they were invited into the classrooms to view the students’ work and had a chance to explore the school. Visitors were then treated to a delicious morning tea made by the students and staff.

After morning tea the school hosted an assembly with Tumut Shire Council Mayor, Trina Thompson as special guest. Cr Thompson visited the school as part of Local Government Week celebrations, where she travelled to each of the local schools speaking to students about the relevance of the mayoral chains she was wearing. Awards were presented to students at the assembly and some of the school’s volunteer helpers were acknowledged for their efforts.

After the assembly, Cr Thompson spoke to the students about the mayoral chains and answered questions from the children. In anticipation of the Mayor’s visit, students had been busy making a special chain for Cr Thompson. It was a beautiful masterpiece and was presented to the Mayor at the Assembly.

After the assembly, the students were divided into two groups and spent the rest of the afternoon either outside planting seedlings and working in the garden, or inside the kitchen preparing pasta and wraps for all to share for lunch. Education open day was a fantastic day and many thanks to all parents and friends who attended.

**BOOK WEEK NEXT WEEK**

Gadara School will be celebrating Book Week 2014 next week. The theme for this year is “Connect to Reading”. Students are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character next Wednesday, August 20. It will be a fun filled day with lots of activities planned. There will be fun workshops in the classrooms during the day focusing on some of the Education Week book list, which includes “Granny Grommet and Me”, “Banjo and Ruby Red”, “Rules of Summer”, “The Treasure Box”, “The Windy Farm”, “Parachute”, “Silver Buttons” and “Baby Bedtime”. For lunch students will be treated to a sausage sizzle.

So, put your thinking caps on, and start planning a fabulous costume to be worn on Wednesday. Last year saw some great costumes worn by some of our students. The children always enjoy dressing up and seeing what their fellow students wear.
DANCING SPORT PROGRAM

This term for sport we will be doing a dancing program. Mrs Rose spent two days in Sydney last term learning new and exciting ideas to encourage students to dance in a variety of ways. The course was specifically designed for students with disabilities. The students are full of enthusiasm each time they learn a new way to dance.

Fantastic dancers.....

2014 WORLD’S BIGGEST CLASSROOM

The World’s Biggest Classroom is an exhibition program that displays the work of public school students in public venues. This year one of the themes is 125 Years of Sport. Schools are encouraged to embrace the benefits of school sport in the curriculum and create sport themed projects for the World’s Biggest Classroom exhibitions. Gadara School has submitted photos of some students participating in the various sports we do here at school. These pictures have been used to create a poster that will be on display at the Worlds Biggest Classroom exhibition at Sydney Olympic Park train station from September 1 to October 31, 2014. This is a fantastic opportunity for Gadara School.

CLASS 1 LEARNING

Class 1 are studying the book “Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge” by Mem Fox this term. The students were asked to draw and label Wilfred after discussing his characteristics. Here are some of their wonderful drawings.