

Did you notice the mistakes in the March Newslink? I hope you did or it means nobody reads it! I sincerely apologize for the errors anyway, and hope this edition is of better quality. Hope everyone has a Happy Easter and those of you on school holidays have a great time. Thank you to HACC for the donation of paper.

Contributions for Newslink are due the last Tuesday of the month and can be left at the Post Office in the Newslink box, emailed to me at [rockvale@northnet.com.au](mailto:rockvale@northnet.com.au) or faxed to 67248395.

*Ainslie Savage*

## **Delungra Public School News.**

Delungra Public School has been a hive of activity as usual this month. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the Science Questacon came to our school. We learnt a lot of new things and had a fantastic time. The first presenter talked about building materials and shapes for building bridges and buildings. We learnt that arches are the best shape to build with because they don't break. We got to build a small bridge in this shape and Troy got to run across it and the lady bounced on it but it never broke! This was just like the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The next presenter talked about sound and vibration. They made a band and Mrs G controlled it. We had a fabulous time.

In K-1-2 we have worked hard all term on our Accelerated Literacy book, "Rose meets Mr Wintergarten." The program includes reading, spelling and writing all using the authors'

work as the starting point. In mathematics we have utilised the

Count-me-in-too strategies to build the students knowledge in the number strand. The Kindis have learnt the numbers 1-20 and are working on the concept of before and after. The Year 1 and 2 students have worked on counting to 100, including skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s. To make this even more challenging we are counting forwards and backwards. We have just started working on groups. We have had fun in Creative Arts working on Winter and Summer themes. In PDHPE we are working on healthy habits. Miss Reid has the students for Science and HSIE. *(Mrs Grills)*

The Years 3 and 4 class have been very busy. They have been flat out learning new class routines and adjusting to the primary class setting. Students have been focusing on writing recounts and procedures in literacy and our PEG spelling levels are improving out of sight. Mr Johnston has been working with our reading groups on Thursday and we love having time to read our School Magazine. Mrs Smith's group has been working really well too. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Inverell Show and had a great time learning all about rural lifestyles and jobs. *(Mrs Simpson)*

In Year 5/6 we have been working with magnets and electricity for science. We have had many experiments that have shown how magnetism works. We have also been cooking and have a collection of chocolate recipes. Maddy sent her series

of 7 art works to the regional Principals conference for display. The other children have theirs on display in the multipurpose room. You are welcome to come and view them before or after school. In our You Can Do It program we have covered the areas of confidence, organisation, resilience, getting along and persistence. The parents' have been required to help with homework and support the children with these life skills. Year 5 have been practicing for their NAPLAN tests while Year 6 have been working on fluent joined writing. Bali project presentations are on for the next 2 weeks and the children have worked well on these. *(Ms Purchase)*

Our next P and C meeting will be held Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm, we would love any parents or community members who are interested in helping our school or community to attend.

We will be running our Easter raffle over the next month and we thank you for supporting this.

I would also like to thank everyone for supporting me over the last couple of months and I look forward to continuing working with you all. Everyone's well wishes for my marriage have also been much appreciated. We are all still adjusting to the Simpson name change!

We wish you a safe and happy school holidays and look forward to seeing everyone back after their break!

Laura Simpson (Makim)  
Relieving Principal  
Delungra Public School

### Delungra Girl Guides.

This term the girls have been working on their Be Prepared and Safety Badges. As part of this we had a visit to the Delungra Fire Station and a big thank you to the volunteer staff there for doing a great presentation for the girls. We appreciate the work they do in our community and the girls really enjoyed the visit to the station.

We have done lots of activities around safety this term for these badges.

We had a kayaking camp at Lake Keepit in February and three girls and two leaders attended this. It was great to see the Lake at 100% and we had a fantastic weekend of kayaking with approx 30 guides.

Congratulations to our guides who were involved in Clean Up Australia in Delungra this year. The girls do a wonderful job for clean up.

Next term we will be working on an Arts badge and will be doing lots of activities around music, art and drama so it should be a fun term.

Thank you to everyone in the community who support our guide unit.

*Veronica Farragher, Leader.*

### RESULTS OF GIRL GUIDE RAFFLE DRAWN FEBRUARY

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Framed pencil drawing by local artist Karen Page won by the Wales family of Mount Russell.

2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Bag and necklace set won by Shannon Wood of Delungra.

Thanks to everyone who supported this raffle and also a big thank you to Karen Page for the lovely framed artwork

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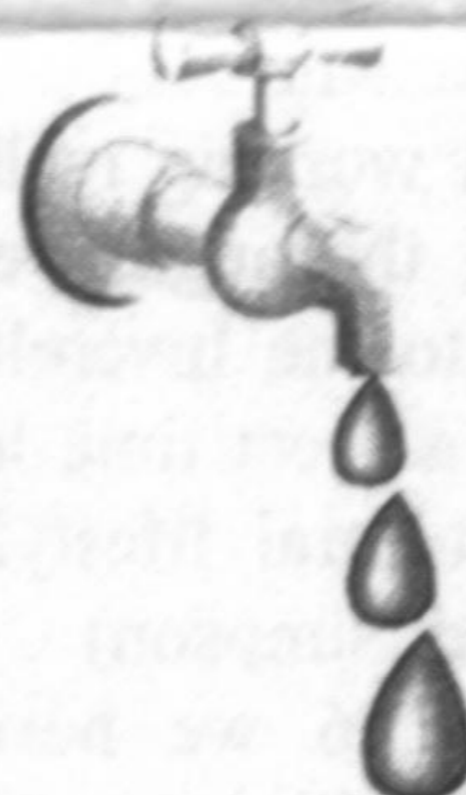
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Delungra Holy Communion.

## CONFIRMATION 2011

Once again an INVITATION is given to Baptized people to attend a Course in Christianity with a view to being Confirmed. Applicants must be 14 Years or over. The course is delivered as a mixture of face-to-face and online lessons using e-mail (Distance Education) with lots of opportunity for asking questions and receiving answers about The Faith taught by Jesus. Applications close 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Phone David on 6722 4375 (or e-mail me) for an Application Form.

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April 10<sup>th</sup> 8.30 am  
April 17<sup>th</sup> 11 am Graman  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday 8.30am  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday 8.30am  
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Congratulations to everyone involved in this year's Clean Up Australia Day in Delungra. This was our 10<sup>th</sup> year in Delungra and since we started in 2002 we have had 218 volunteers and have collected an amazing 3000kg of rubbish. It is great to see though, that the levels of rubbish have reduced considerably over the years.

This year thanks to all our guides who helped out, Amelia Sheehan, Chloe Johnson, Whitney and Zarniah Wood, Isabelle Regan, Emily Johnson, Shae Raw and also to our family members from the Johnson, Farragher, Raw and other Johnson families. A big thank you to Jim Townsend who also helped out with the clean up this year.

We all enjoyed a BBQ afterwards which was generously sponsored by the Inverell Shire Council. Terry Cum from the council is always a great help with support for our clean up day in Delungra. It would be great if other community members would become involved with clean up. We are always in need of help for this once a year local community activity. Hope to see you next year.

Veronica Farragher  
Site Coordinator

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### New HAAC Building.

Delungra Home and Community Care which is under the auspices of the Gwydir Shire Council was successful in obtaining a grant from DADAC for the development of a HACC centre in Delungra. This has involved purchase of land and placement of a pre fabricated building in Inverell St.

As most of you would already know the Delungra HAAC building arrived on 24<sup>th</sup> February on the back of two semi trailers. This caused a degree of entertainment as the crane moved the two halves onto the foundations.

Although we still have a lot of work to do before we open, staff, volunteers and clients are looking forward to moving into our new building and are busy fund raising to buy new equipment for the building. We are most grateful for the support of the Gwydir Shire Council. We have also received a donation from the Inverell Shire to connect water and sewerage along with providing driveway access to the property.

But we do need more money. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the HAAC building or purchasing equipment please contact Virginia Boland on 67291314 or Amanda, Linda on 67291889 for information on how to do so. Delungra Home and Community Care provides services to people of the Delungra community, the target group being older people, people with disabilities and carers.

The services that we provide include:

- **Centre Based Day Care** which is run out of the Bowling Club on a Wednesday and starts at 10am. This includes Bingo, Cards, Craft and we are looking at having a men's day once the new HACC centre is open.
- **Social Support** which is a service to encourage people to have time away from home, activities currently include the Inverell access bus that goes to Inverell on pension days and also a day out in Bingara.
- **Transport** this is for clients who do not have any transport to get to their medical appointments. We travel to Armidale, Tamworth, Glen Innes, Inverell, Moree and Toowoomba.
- **Meals on Wheels.** This service is for anyone who needs meals. Meals are delivered to your door on pre-arranged days and frozen meals can be arranged for other days if needed.

With the new centre we envisage more services being available.

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Our 100 Club Raffle was won by: 1<sup>st</sup> - "89" Cliff Dorman  
2<sup>nd</sup> - "39" Mark Ivers  
3<sup>rd</sup> - "47" Dainan Swadling

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*Jan Kohen President.*

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Social tennis fixtures will begin on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May** at **1pm** and will be **American Doubles Format.**

Tennis will be held on the **1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays** of each month, and all levels of players are most welcome.

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### Delungra CWA News.

For last month's meeting the members to travelled to Bingara. After going to the lookout we visited Nancy Hamilton a past member of our Branch and then had lunch and our meeting. We continued the day out with some shopping finishing with afternoon tea at the bakery. A very enjoyable day out. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm at our rooms in Burnett St. Anyone interested in attending is very welcome.

*Ainslie Savage.*

## Claim the Date.

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(Meeting)

April 10<sup>th</sup> Stroke – Putt Score  
Guyra Open 4BBB

April 17<sup>th</sup> 4BBB Championships  
– 18 holes

April 24<sup>th</sup> Par – M/Mug

May 1<sup>st</sup> Stableford.

Note – Hit off time will be 12pm.

*Keith Savage*

A little boy wants \$100 badly and prays for two weeks but nothing happens. Then he decides to write a letter to God requesting \$100. When the postal authorities receive the letter addressed to God, Australia, they decide to send it to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister is so impressed and touched and amused that she instructs her secretary to send the little boy a \$5 note. She thinks this will appear to be a lot of money to a little boy. The little boy is delighted with the \$5 and sits down to write a thank you note to God which reads:  
'Dear God,  
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