Principal’s report
Reconciliation Week / Sorry Day
This week is Reconciliation week and tomorrow is National Sorry Day. For many members of the Stolen Generations and the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, Sorry Day is official recognition of a dark history of forced removal that was, for a long time, denied. For many members of the Stolen Generations, as well as their children and families, healing is a complex process.
We hope that by helping to recognise the wrongs of the past, we are moving forward towards a reconciled, just and equitable Australia. This Wednesday we will be visited by students and staff from Baryulgil Public School and we will participate in a short Reconciliation commemoration and activity. The kids will join us in classes and the playground for the rest of the day. As part of the activity each child will need a glass jar with the label removed. If you have any spare jars, could you please send them in so every child can participate.

Gardening / chooks
This week we are planting potatoes in our vege gardens. Each class has a garden bed which they will harvest in a ‘potato treasure hunt’ later in the year. Our chook pen is very close to completion and almost ready for tenants. We have had a couple of ‘girls’ checking us out over the past few weeks and I suspect they will want to move in with our chooks when they arrive.

Fundraiser for Nepal
Please see the information on this newsletter about a fundraiser Mrs Dunkel is organizing at the end of term. Mrs Gorton-Smith held a fundraising afternoon tea at her home on the weekend and raised over $2600 for the ASHA foundation in Nepal. This will also be our ‘Old School Day’ for the term and I would encourage all parents who are able to to attend and be part of the fun of this day.

Flashing speed zone signs
Last Friday the new flashing speed zone signs were erected either side of the school. I’d like to remind parents of the 40km/h speed zone that exists around the school before and after school and give you a ‘heads up’ to a possible police blitz on speeding in school zones.

Cheers,
Andrew

ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS
CLASS K/1/2: Rick Skinner, Cody Clydesdale & Georgia Ellem
CLASS 3/4: William Ellem & Daimin Miles
CLASS 5/6: Zayne Winert & Campbell Knight

Principal’s Award: Aidan Really