School News Update

Staff and students wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.
Our annual speech/concert night was held on December 12th at the Hermidale CWA Hall. Highlight of the evening was the very entertaining musical production ‘A Kid’s Life’ performed by the students of Hermidale PS. During the last week of school the children travelled to Nyngan each day for intensive swimming lessons. It was great to see water confidence and swimming ability improve as the week progressed. Many thanks to our bus driver Joan Jeffery for transporting the students each day.
Staff return to school on Tuesday February 5th, students return on Wednesday February 6th.

Community News

Our condolences to the Elder and Currans families on the sad loss of Neil. Recently the community was also mourning the sad loss of Ted Cassin, the father of Hermidale publican Jamie.

Congratulations to ex-Hermidale students Emily Rose Currans and Emilie Barber who have now completed Year 12.

Congratulations to Madeline Dutton who has graduated in Business from CSU Bathurst and is now working in a very busy advertising company in Sydney.

Our best wishes for the future to Danny and Sharne Dutton who recently sold their home property ‘Urunda’.

Congratulations to ex-student Monique Turk on her recent marriage at the Japanese Gardens in Dubbo to Jesse Vane.

CALENDAR DATES:
Term One 2013
Staff return – Tuesday February 5th 2013
Students return – Wednesday February 6th 2013
**Book Review**

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

‘It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still.’

A little girl stands by her brother’s graveside. Her life changes when she picks up a single object, a book. So begins Liesel’s love affair with books and words. This story presents a very human side of war and the choices people make.

A beautifully written book with a very unusual beginning, keep reading, it just gets better and better.

Book rating – 9/10

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**Recipe**

**Chocolate Slice**

**Ingredients**

**Base**
- 1 cup SR flour
- 1 cup coconut
- ½ cup sugar
- 125 grams melted butter
- 1 tablespoon cocoa

**Icing**

- ½ - ¾ cup icing sugar
- 1 tablespoon cocoa
- 50 grams butter
- 1-2 tablespoons hot water

**Method**

Mix all base ingredients until well combined
Press into a well greased tin
Bake at 180 degrees for 12-15 minutes

Allow to cool, mix icing ingredients together and spread over base.

ENJOY!

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**Favourite Kid’s Jokes**

What do you call a boomerang that won’t come back?
A stick

Why does a frog have more lives than a cat?
Because it croaks every night.

Why did the emu cross the road?
To prove he wasn’t chicken.

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**HERMIDALE CELEBRITY PAGE**

My name: Melvyn Gudgeon
Nickname: Bung

Fave Sport to watch: Rugby League
Fave Sports Team: South Sydney
Fave Subject at school: Maths
What games did you like to play at school?
Cricket

Fave drink: Beer (haven’t had one for 6 years!)
Fave TV shows: Sport
Favourite singer: Slim Dusty
Great place I’ve been to: Port Macquarie
Best thing about Hermidale: It’s quiet!
I would love to drive: A ford
What I like to read: Sport News
Fave Colour: Green
My favourite toy was: A cricket bat
Fave dessert: Pavlova

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WISHING ALL OUR READERS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A WET NEW YEAR!