The school year for 2015 has commenced with much excitement, a little trepidation but mostly with a desire to achieve great things throughout the year. The students and staff are already working hard with a quiet hum around the school as students are engaged with their learning.

To start the year I am going to reflect a little on last year and in particular on Presentation Night, a fantastic celebration of our student’s achievements across all areas. As it was my first Presentation Night as Principal I was a little nervous but by the end of the night I was incredibly proud of the students at our school, of the staff at our school who work tirelessly to provide the students with educational opportunities second to none, and of the community who work with us to support the children who are the tomorrow of this great community. I am including just a small part of my speech from presentation night as it gives an insight into what I believe are the amazing things about this school and the key areas that as a school we will focus on throughout the coming years...

I remember distinctly the first question in my interview for this job...it was “why do you want to be Principal of Ardlethan Central School? I thought to myself yes this is so easy...great question...and I answered... because it is the best school in New South Wales; because I believe emphatically in the importance of Public Education; because I believe in equality of education for all students, not just those in large metropolitan areas and because I believe that we can and do make a difference for the students we teach, that we can offer students every opportunity for them to grow and thrive and reach their potential; Because the community here believe in and cares about education too...that is where real education begins.

As we move into the new school year we will be focusing on striving to ensure that our school promotes equity and excellence and that all of our students become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

We welcome our new Kindergarten students who have had a wonderful start to the year, their smiling faces and enthusiasm for learning is inspiring. Year 7 students have made a very smooth transition into the next stage of their educational journey.

We also welcome Kate Blunt who has joined us as Head Teacher Secondary Studies. Kate has come from Goodooga Central School and is loving the Ardlethan community and school. Kate has a vast knowledge of all things secondary and is a great addition to our team.

Finally it is with great excitement that we can confirm that our Science Laboratory will be receiving a much needed upgrade. Nationals Member for Burrinjuck, Katrina Hodgkinson today announced Ardlethan and Barellan Central Schools will both receive capital upgrades as part of the NSW Liberals & Nationals’ school infrastructure plan. Ardlethan Central School will receive an upgrade to its science laboratory...

“These upgrades will greatly improve the learning facilities...” said Katrina.

Every day is a new adventure,
Kerrilee Logan

2015—Here we come!
SCRIPTURE— If any parent or community member is interested in teaching Primary Scripture classes, one to three times per term, using the very easy to follow Godspace program or being an assistant to the teacher, please contact Ann Popple on 69782062. Classes are on Wednesday between 11am and 12.50pm.
The Ardlethan Central School Newsletter will now be issued **fortnightly**.

We are trialling this for Term 1. We welcome any feedback, positive or negative.

The Newsletter will be issued 6th February, 20th February, 6th March, 20th March and 2nd April.

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**CanAssist**

**ARDLETHAN BRANCH**

Members are reminded that the first meeting of Can Assist for 2015 will be held on:

**Monday 9th February 2015**, and will take place as usual at the Ardlethan Medical Centre and begin at **2.00pm**

We look forward to seeing some of our new members come to this meeting.

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**CWA Meeting**

12th of February 2015 in the CWA Rooms at 2pm

Danielle Garrett
CWA Secretary

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**Thankyou**

Ardlethan Lions Club and supporters of the Skate Park would love to thank the CWA ladies on their very generous donation.

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**Ardlethan Picnic Race Club**

**General Meeting**

**Wednesday 11th February, 2015**

**7.30pm at the Mullins Centre**

Items for discussion:
- Picnic Race Meeting
- Street Stall — 6th March 2015

All donations of saleable goods would be greatly appreciated.

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**Bale Out Ball**

**Saturday 14th February, 2015**

(Valentine’s Day)

**5.30pm ‘til late**

**Ardlethan Memorial Hall**

- 3 course Gourmet Dinner
- $65 pp. Complementary refreshment on arrival

Tickets available from:
Ariah 62 or www.baleoutball.com.au

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Would you like to come Scrapbooking of a Monday afternoon?

Starting **Monday 9th February, 2015**

**3.00pm ‘til 5.00pm**

$13 includes materials and snacks.
Please bring your own drinks.
Ring Janice on 0488 519 720

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**Scrapbooking**
The Kelpies Bark Community Newsletter

**Anglican Opportunity Shop**
Invites customers to come in and check out the improvements made to the shop.

**A Special Sale of $2 a bag is NOW ON**
(Clothing only)

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**ARDLETHAN HOSPITAL AUXILIARY**
To all members
The first meeting for 2015 will be held on
**Monday 16th February.**
10.30am at the Medical Centre
(Please note change of date)

Also the Committee and members would like to give a belated thank you to everybody who supported our Christmas Stocking Raffle. We raised $1600.70.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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**Ardlethan Show Society Inc.**

**Annual General Meeting**
**Wednesday 25th March 2015**
Commencing at 5:30pm
at Ardlethan Bowling Club.
Any changes to the show schedule please bring them along or contact
Elizabeth Menzies on 0410103085.

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**Picnic Races @ The London**

**Saturday 21st March**
* Ice & take away prior to the races
* Courtesy Bus to & from the races
* Lions Club BBQ dinner after the races
* Awesome LIVE entertainment from 8pm

**Riding in Circles**

The place to be after the races

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**Friday 13th March 7pm**
‘Ardlethan Bowling Club’

**Teams of 6, $10 per person**

**Heaps of Great Prizes**
A great night of music and fun

**Nibbles provided – NO BYO**

Hosted by Advance Ardlethan, fundraiser for our Country Music Festival

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