Small Schools Film Festival
Congratulations to all participants in the MSSN Film Festival which was held at the Mudgee Town Hall theatre yesterday. We won 1st place in the animation section as well as winning the People's Choice with Gina’s very entertaining film Lego Connect. Great work Gina.

School Disco
A reminder that a school disco will be held next Thursday 12th November at the Ilford hall from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Please wear your party clothes and bring a plate of party food for everyone to share.

Swimming School
A reminder that our swimming school will be held from 30th November – 4th December. Please return the attached permission note and money as soon as possible.

Science Sessions
Last Friday Mrs. Curtis joined staff at Ilford Public School in a science day. Students from both classes enjoyed different aspects of science and were very involved in hands-on experiments.

Our year 4s were also lucky enough to go to Kandos High School for a science session with the High School students. They really loved it and we’re looking forward to more opportunities to work with them. Thanks Kandos High and Mr Armitage for driving them on the bus.
**Merits for 2015.**

Children have worked extremely well to gain lots of merits in areas of social, emotional, sporting and academic endeavors. This year, we have given our Workers and Citizens a merit as well as the badge for the week. Lots of children have achieved their 5, 10, 15 & 20 merit milestones. Please check your child/ren’s merits at home to ensure that children have received their awards. We need to know our 25 merit awardees by 27th ready for presentation night.

**Citizens of the Week:**
Finn – being a good friend and helper  
Reine – supportive classroom member  
Matthew – sensible class leader

**Workers of the Week:**
Jenna – great on task behavior  
Jade – applying herself well in reading  
Jaxon – improved focus  
Riley – applying himself well in all subjects

**Christmas Tree Notes**
A reminder that tomorrow is the due date for Christmas Tree notes. Please ensure you send the note and money in tomorrow.

**P and C**
The next P & C meeting will be on Tonight, Thursday November 5 at 5pm.

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**Trophies**
We are in the process of auditing our Mudgee Small Schools trophies. We are looking for events where trophies are missing and need replacing. If your child has ever taken home a trophy over the years from one of our school events which was not an individual trophy, could you please send it back to school.

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**December Swimming School Permission Note**

I give permission for my child/ren ______________________ to attend the December swimming school at Kandos pool from 30th November to 4th December 2015. I understand the cost is $30 per student to cover the cost of transport (based on all students attending every day).  

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ________________

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**Dates to Remember**

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Raging Fire
A red ribbon
floating around the brick fireplace,
your shadowed dances stalked by heat
glow in smooth patterns.
I stare deeper-
wanting to feel the
smooth red-orange light and flames;
drown me in scarlet warmth
but decide
to watch you dancing; prancing
in a bright sea of ash and old newspapers
to engulf all my worries.

By Gina

Bell Tower
A dark shadow
Seated in the night sky,
Your stone bricks cracked with decay
Stand lonely and dormant.

I stand close-
Breathing in its stench
Mildewy copper-pennies rotten with time;
Probably mischievous little boys.

Its past
Is what is entrancing; enchanting
Under a pale blue moon illuminating the ghost
town
With its many mysterious murders.

By Raynor

Gentle Hawk
A brown blurr
Perched on the highest branch,
Your twenty feathers tipped with black
Swaying in light breeze.

I move closer-
Tempted to touch your
Downy black-brown tail and wing;
Take dark brown for a pen

But choose
To leave you flying; softly
In a light sky of clouds and sun light
To delight the next day to come.

By Jett