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STEWARD HOUSE

Each family has been given a Stewart House Donation envelope. If you wish to donate to this cause, please follow the instructions on the envelope and return it to the school by Friday 9th May 2014. Late entries will not be accepted.

The winning entry for the $4000 family holiday to a destination of choice will be drawn on Friday 23rd May at Stewart House. Winners will be notified by telephone or mail.

Thank you for your response to the Gold Coast Holiday Raffle. If you would like any more books please contact the school office or Donna Murphy on 0418667202. We hope that many parents will support this fundraiser. There are some nice prizes for families who sell the most tickets.

We have a Bunnings BBQ on 16th May and are looking for helpers. Even one hour on the day would help. Starts 8.30 and finishes 3.30pm.

We have again been asked to cater for the Craft Show at Nemingha Hall on 3rd May. Help is desperately needed on the day so if you could spare an hour or two it would be very much appreciated. We would also appreciate donations of cakes and slices for the morning and afternoon teas. Please deliver these to the Nemingha hall on the day.

The Mothers’ Day Stall will be held on Thursday 8th May from 1.30pm. If you have forgotten to return your notes, please do so as soon as possible so we don’t have any disappointed children.
I have a nice amount of stock to start the new term. Call in and see me or leave your order and payment at the office.
Open—Mondays 9.00-10.00am and Assembly Fridays 1.40-2.40pm

Karen Darling
Clothing Pool Coordinator.

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Congratulations to Lara Graham who was successful in qualifying for the NSW Girls’ Cricket Team. Lara will travel to Darwin in June to compete and we wish her all the best.

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ANZAC Day 2014

Approximately forty children joined Mr Lewis, Mrs Bowman, Mrs Jones and me at Kootingal for the annual ANZAC march. We were very impressed with the way the children presented themselves and we received numerous complements about their uniform.

Our captains and vice captains did an amazing job leading the school and laying the wreath. We look forward to seeing another good roll up at next year’s march which will be the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli.

Leanne Kemp
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**PIALLAMORE**

**We Care Committee**

Our P&C is attempting to launch a “**We Care Committee**". This committee will take on providing a meal or meals for school families who are going through the loss of a close family member or other family tragedies. We would also like to ease the burden for school families with newborn babies if we have enough helpers. We are hoping that there will be enough interest so that you will only be asked to assist once per year. Your donation may be in cooking a meal, (one that you have already frozen if need be), providing money to purchase a meal, or cooking slices and such for these families to have on-hand for visitors to their homes.

Most of us have been in one of these situations, and know that this service would be very much appreciated. If you are interested in supporting our committee and being placed on a roster to help in these times of need, please contact Karlie Tongue on 0407 926132.

**The Great Nundle Dog Race 2014**

*Sunday 4th May 10am—3pm*

For further information visit -


**PIALLAMORE**

9am –1pm

**Sunday 1 June 2014**

PIALLAMORE Recreation Reserve

Nundle Road (only 15 minutes from Tamworth)

Come and pick up a bargain.

*Trash & Treasure* *Country Cake Stalls*
*Sizzling Barbeque* *Face Painting*
*Craft Stalls* *Farm Machinery displays*
*Billy Tea & Damper* *Country Animals*
*Raffles* *Firewood silent auction*
*Peel Valley Machinery* *Lawnmower, small tractor display*

Come hear the spine chilling auction calls of State Champion Chris Gooch

Trader sites $10 — setup from 8am

Enquiries ph: 0439 424215 Mark Stass