STATE BASKETBALL NEWS
The PSSA Girls Basketball State Championships were played last week from Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th May, at the Illawarra Sports Stadium in Berkeley.
Western had a very strong team consisting of players from West Wyalong, Bathurst, Gilgandra, Wellington, Dubbo, and our own Ruby Henley (right). Western played six games over the first two days, winning four of them. They were beaten in their first two games by CIS and South Coast, but then won the next four against Riverina, Sydney South West, Sydney East and North Coast Regions. They came 3rd in their pool and played off on Thursday morning, beating Polding to place 5th overall at the State Carnival. One of our players was selected NSW PSSA team and another selected as a reserve. Both girls are from Dubbo.
It was a wonderful week for all and Ruby has thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being part of this great team.

KINDY NEWS
Having fun in Maths: Gus Wallace, Courtney McKay and Maicey Ross working on creating patterns with colourful shapes!
YEAR 9/10 SCIENCE with Mrs Jackson

Last week in Science, Yr 9/10 students were looking into acceleration as part of their unit of learning on Motion. Students made and tested an accelerometer, which is a simple device used to show the direction of force in an object that is speeding up or slowing down. Students also demonstrated some good problem solving skills when completing an investigation into the speed of acceleration due to gravity – they knew what it should’ve been (9.8ms$^{-2}$), but getting their objects (a tennis ball to begin with, then a 2kg mass) to reach that quantity proved a challenge! Changing some variables, such as distance and mass of the object, got them slightly closer, but not quite there in the end!

Photos, clockwise from top left: Vanessa Robb, Shaun Hoskinson, Emily Bussenschutt, Mikell Quarman, Dean Otovic and Danielle Cattle.
WEST WYALONG CELEBRATION OF MUSIC CONCERTS

The Recorder team travelled in to West Wyalong High School last Friday morning for rehearsals, enjoying some time out in the park before returning to perform in the matinee concert. Mrs Mason and the team returned for the Friday and Saturday evening concerts, and Seth and Angus also performed with the Ungarie Community Band at the series. Congratulations to all students for their effort (both The Magnificent Seven and Rondo were performed from memory) and excellent behaviour.
MOTHERS’ DAY CRAFT
Year 2/3/4 took the opportunity to work on their Mothers’ Day craft last Friday, with colourful results!
Below: Week 3 Merit Certificate recipients.