Newsletter
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19th February 2013

Principal’s Message

**Southern Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival**

Yesterday we had 11 swimmers involved in the SRPSSA Swimming Carnival in Albury. All students swam very well and are to be congratulated on their efforts and behaviour. A full report and pictures are included in On The Ball and On The Go.

**Whole School Assembly**

A reminder: that our whole school assembly will be this Thursday at 2:45pm. Class 1-2 will be presenting their item. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews for students in Years 1 – 6 will be held during the week of Monday 25th February to Friday 1st March. These interviews are important as they enable you to discuss your child/ren’s progress, have any questions or concerns answered as well as share any information you may have about your child/ren. Letters went home yesterday. Please return your time slip as soon as possible. If you are unable to make the allocated day due to other commitments, please contact your child/ren’s teacher or the school office to arrange a time, which is mutually convenient.

**Resource and Program Fee**

Thank you to those families that have paid their child/ren’s Resource and Program Fee or arranged to pay by instalments. Your support with this contribution is very much appreciated an is an investment in your child/ren’s education and our school. If you wish to pay by instalments, please speak to Ms Fage in the office. Don’t forget we have Eftpos facilities available.

**Teacher’s Professional Learning**

All teaching and School Learning Support Officers (SLSO) will be involved in an Understanding and Managing Behaviour Online Course this semester.

Mrs Hoffmann will be undertaking Stage 1 Best Start Training on Friday 22nd February and Friday 1st March.

I will be involved in the Riverina Principal’s Conference in Albury tomorrow and Thursday. If you have any concerns during my absence please see Mrs Leov or Ms Fage in the office.

**Far Out! Treasurers to the Bush**

Next Tuesday 26th February, students in Classes 4-5 and 5-6 will be involved in a program run by the NSW State Library – “Far Out! Treasures to the Bush”. The program takes original items from the State Library to schools in regional areas, where students view the items and hear stories about them. Items such as shoe buckles used by Captain Cook will be displayed.

Yours in Education

Craig Allibon
PRINCIPAL
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SRC NEWS

Last Wednesday we held the first meeting for the year and decided the SRC would support the following activities for this semester:

1. The Good Raffle and Mini canteen will continue.
2. Support Mrs Quilter and George Leov on March 14th in The World’s Greatest Shave when they will have their heads shaved at a special school assembly at 3:00pm.
3. A fund raising event for Dunally Primary School in Tasmania, which was destroyed in January’s bushfires. We are looking for suggestions for this. Please put any ideas in your class SRC box.
4. A Harmony Disco in Harmony Week on Tuesday 19th March.
5. A Mother’s Day stall on May 9th.

Good Raffle Winner Week 3

Market Stall News

A reminder: that we will be having a market stall this Thursday after the assembly.

Notes sent home recently

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If you did not received your note please come to the office.
Class K-1
On Friday K-1 will participate in an AFL clinic for sport. We are looking forward to learning some new skills. Home reading and Kindergarten homework begins this week. Students’ folder and an information sheet were sent home yesterday. K-1 Parent/Teacher interviews are being conducted this week. Thank you to the parents who have already attended their session, I am looking forward to the remaining interviews.

Class 1-2
It was pleasing that nearly everyone in Class 1-2 returned their homework for marking on Friday. Most students also exchanged their home readers. This Thursday is the whole school assembly at 2:45pm. Our class will be performing an item and we invite our families and friends to attend. On Friday for sport, students will participate in an AFL clinic. Birthday greetings to Lincoln McPherson for Thursday and belatedly to Trey Laird who had his birthday in the holidays. Families are reminded: to please check your child’s hair daily for head lice and treat if necessary; please pay the school resource and program fee as soon as possible.

Class 3-4
Students are settling into classroom routines well. In the coming two weeks students will be preparing for their Week 6 assembly item. It has been great to hear the variety of ideas and thoughts based on Term 1’s News topics. Students are encouraged to plan their news presentation before sharing with the class. Parent/Teacher interview notes were handed out yesterday. Please return your time sheet as soon as possible. I look forward to meeting and discussing the needs of your child.

Class 4-5
This week we will begin our proper homework structure, which will be as follows: Monday-Journal, Tuesday-Spelling List, Wednesday/Thursday-Maths Mentals. I also encourage parents to read with their children as often as is practical. This will help in many facets of your child’s learning. As previously mentioned if for any reasons your child has been unable to complete any of the assigned work please let me know. We have another exciting week coming up with some students representing the school at the SRPSSA Swimming Carnival yesterday, scripture starting on Wednesday and we have our times table and spelling tests on Friday.

Class 5-6
What an excellent working week we had last week. Nearly all the class made a top effort to complete all set work to the best of his or her ability. Well done and keep it up. Homework was also well done, again by nearly all students. A great effort also by George Leov, Russell Rutter, Cooper Pumpa, Annalee Shearer and Sophie Schulz yesterday at the SRPSSA Carnival in Albury. Mrs Quilter’s Art group has begun work on a Reconciliation project for this year. Debating teams and Catchment Kids will begin soon. Additional high school transition will begin this Wednesday for some of our Year 6 students. Tables Champs Week 3: Leilanie Feagaiga and Dakota Morey-Devlin.
SRPSSA Swimming Carnival

Yesterday eleven students travelled to the Lavington Swim Centre to compete in the SRPSSA Swimming Carnival. Stefanie Cook, Russell, Rutter, Cooper Pumpa, Annalee Shearer, Sophie Schulz, Rueban Heath, Rory Jenkins, Owen Butterworth, George Leov, Ellie Mazzocchi and Ben Medley swam their hardest against some very talented swimmers. Stefanie Cook was lucky enough to come away with a third place overall in the 50metre backstroke. Well done to all students. Thank you to all parents who transported students to and from the carnival, with special thanks to Mrs Schulz and Mr Jenkins for assisting with timekeeping.

School Sport

The school's Fundamental Movement Skills Program has begun again this year. Classroom teachers have been assessing student's current ability in order to separate students into groups in the coming weeks.

Students in Years 3-6 began their first week of Athletics rotations on Friday. They participated in different activities promoting throwing, jumping and running skills.

This week, all students will be participating in an AFL Development Clinic run by AFL Wagga Wagga. The 30-45 minute session will assist to extend the knowledge and practice of Fundamental Movement Skills as well as hand/eye co-ordination and AFL game skills.

Wombats Hockey Club

Interested in playing hockey or learning to play hockey? We are looking for boys and girls for all our teams: Under 9s, Under 12’s Under 14’s and Under 16’s right though to seniors and veterans. Registration day is Sunday 24th February at the Albury Hockey Centre in Cadell Street (athletics entrance area) from 10:00am until noon. Please come and see us on the day (look for the green and gold banner). Alternatively you can call Cayte Campbell on 0402 435 433 or Joy Lee on 0438 216 085.
Fortnightly Calendar Updates
Your Friend on the Fridge!

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Week 4

Monday 18th February  SRPSSA Swimming Carnival in Albury
Tuesday 19th February  K-1 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 20th February  K-1 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 21st February  Whole School Assembly 2:45pm
Market Stall 3:15pm
K-1 Parent/Teacher Interview
Friday 22nd February  AFL Clinic

Week 5

Monday 25th February  Parent/Teacher Interviews 1-2; 2-3; 4-5; 5-6
Tuesday 26th February  State Library visit – Far Out Treasures to the Bush
Parent/Teacher Interviews 1-2; 2-3; 4-5; 5-6
Wednesday 27th February  Parent/Teacher Interviews 1-2; 2-3; 4-5; 5-6
Thursday 28th February  SRPSSA Soccer Trials at Jindera
Friday 1st March
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). For over 30 years, ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2013.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 6 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

Please return the permission slip and entry fee by: Monday 11th March 2013

For more information please visit the Educational Assessment Australia website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

PERMISSION SLIP

Please return THIS section to the school office.

I give permission for my child

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Child’s name

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Class

to participate in the following 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

☐ Computer Skills – 21 May 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ Science – 5 June 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ Writing – 17 June 2013 to 21 June 2013 ($18.70 GST inclusive)
☐ Spelling – 18 June 2013 ($12.10 GST inclusive)
☐ English – 31 July 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ Mathematics – 13 August 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ All of the above ($66.00 GST inclusive)

Please find enclosed __________________________ entry fee.

Amount

Parent Guardian Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________________