Principals Message

Pink Stumps Day
The Pink Stumps Day held last Friday 20th February was a great success with over $350.00 raised here at school for the McGrath Foundation and $349.00 from online donations. Thank you to: the P&C for cooking the BBQ and selling cakes; Mr Kent for organising the day; our families who donated cakes and bought raffle tickets; and Robbie Mackinley and Cricket NSW for the clinics on the day. Your support ensured a fantastic day.

SRPSSA Swimming Carnival
Good luck to Kayleigh Cook, Georgia Miller, Blake Ralston, Jasparr Butterworth, Ben Medley, Imogen McPherson, Matisse Ravenna, Marcus Simmons, Mitchell Way, Fletcher Wright and Millah Ravenna who are swimming in the Southern Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival in Albury this Friday 27th February. I am sure you will represent our school with pride and try your hardest. Miss Kate Taylor will accompany the children.

Director - Public Schools Visit
Mrs Anne Nolan, Director – Public Schools will be visiting on Friday 27th February as part of her biannual visits to schools.

Arriving Late/Student Absences
A reminder: that our school day starts at 9:15am. The morning routine in all classrooms is very important. Could you please make every effort to have your child/ren at school before 9:15am to start the day with their class. Attendance at school is compulsory. If your child is late, please send a note or personally bring them to the office and sign them in. If your child has missed school, could you please write a note, use the school app or phone the school with the following information:
- Yours child’s name and class
- The details and number of absences
- A reason for the absence

The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) will be checking late arrivals and absences and will be contacting parents and caregivers if there are unexplained absences or a pattern of regular absences.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher Interviews for students in Years 1 – 6 will be held during the week of Monday 9th March to Thursday 13th March. These interviews are important as they enable you to discuss your child’s progress, have any questions or concerns answered as well as share any information you may have about your child. Letters outlining dates and times available went home yesterday. Please return your time slip as soon as possible. If you are unable to make the allocated days due to other commitments, please contact your child’s teacher or the school office to arrange a time which is mutually convenient.

Resource Bookpack Fee
Thank you to those parents who have already paid or made arrangement to make regular payments towards their child/ren’s Resource Bookpack fee. Your support with the contribution is very much appreciated. If you wish to organise an instalment payment plan, please speak to Miss Fage in the office. Don’t forget we have Eftpos facilities available in the office or payment can be made online through the school website.

Yours in Education
Craig Allibon
PRINCIPAL
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P&C This n That

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Pink Stumps Day such a great event. The cakes you donated ensured the SRC will make a hefty donation to the McGrath Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the BBQ. I know our children enjoyed their sausage sizzle.

The next event on our calendar will be catering for the school disco. So don’t put your cake or slice tins away just yet. I will let you know the date as soon as it is confirmed by the SRC.

Also this year the P&C will be catering for the Culcairn RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day. Please add this event to your calendar. We will need finger foods, cakes and slices as well as helpers on the day.

Alicia Semmler
P&C PRESIDENT

Dates to Remember

Friday 27th February
SRPSSA Swimming Carnival

Thursday 5th March
SRPSSA AFL Trials

Monday 9th March
RPSSA Swimming Carnival at Albury

Friday 13th March
SRPSSA Netball Trials

REMINDER

School banking for the Commonwealth Bank and Hume Building Society is done on Monday.

Notes sent home recently

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If you did not receive your note please come to the office.

HOME REMEDY FOR HEAD LICE!!

Head lice becomes a continual problem this time of year….

Coconut Oil and Apple Cider Vinegar:
Coconut Oil dissolves the lice’s outer skeletal shell instantly. Apply the oil thoroughly to the hair and comb with a nit comb and then rinse with vinegar. No nasty chemicals! Add a second rinse with the vinegar and comb through again with a nit comb. Repeat as necessary.
Class K-1
There is a lot of great learning happening in the K-1 room. Our L3 sessions are progressing well. Last Friday we started learning some percussion. Mrs Leov and Mrs Quilter were amazed at the student's skills! Thank you K-1 students for your great behaviour at the Greater Western Sydney Giants clinic and Pink Stumps Day.

Class 1-2
Well done to everyone on their fine effort at assembly last week. Even with the technical difficulty, they proved the show can go on!! A pretty quiet week this week, compared to last week. A note went home with students asking them to bring in a baby photo by Week 6. I explained to students that I can scan the photo and return it the same day or photos can be emailed if preferred. Students are beginning some new activities in L3 this week. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to help during L3. We do L3 Monday - Thursday in the morning session. If you are available to help out, come on in and join us.

Class 3
In Class 3 we have been studying Roald Dahl’s life and collection of novels. Our class will be performing an item at next week’s assembly. The item will focus around the theme of one of Roald Dahl’s stories. We hope you can all make it. Our behaviour target this week is to not disturb other peoples’ learning. We have also begun writing persuasive texts preparing for next terms NAPLAN testing. Last week we discussed the topic of Home Learning and whether or not students should have to complete it. This was very interesting and brought up a lot of lively discussion.

Class 4-5
Thank you to all the students from Class 4-5 that took on the challenge and dressed in pink, brought a gold coin donation on Friday or bought raffle tickets. It was a great day and the children had lots of fun. Well done to all those students who have been completing and returning their Home learning each week. This week we will be working hard on our comprehension and writing skills in English as well as our times tables and subtraction in Maths. Have a great week everyone.

Class 5-6
Last week, Class 5-6 did another experiment for our Science unit. We investigated using cloths (instead of leaves) and weighed them to see how long each one retained the water. We did this over 24 hours. We learnt that the smaller and thicker a leaf is, the longer it will retain water and survive in the desert. We also started our Bali projects, becoming experts in different areas. Our class is looking forward to planting our kohlrabi, leeks and radish in our veggie garden. The class award this week goes to Talen Holden for always doing his best. The Class Dojo award goes to Bailey Phillips.
SRPSSA Swimming Carnival
Good luck to the following students competing at the SRPSSA Swimming Carnival this Friday:
Kayleigh Cook
Georgia Miller
Blake Ralston
Jaspar Butterworth
Ben Medley
Imogen McPherson
Matisse Ravenna
Marcus Simmons
Mitchell Way
Fletcher Wright
Millah Ravenna

Culcairn Football Club
CULCAIRN FOOTBALL CLUB UNDER 14’S TRAINING
WHEN: Thursday 26th Feb 2015
TIME: 5:30pm
WHERE: Culcairn Sportsground
All existing and new players welcome

AFL Giants Visit
Pink Stumps Day

On Friday we held our Pink Stumps Day at the Culcairn Sportsground. We had Robbie MacKinley running a cricket clinic for us and Mr Kent running cricket tabloids and heaps of people dressed in pink. It was a great day and we raised lots of money for the McGrath Foundation. Thank you to all the people who bought raffle tickets, donated online and donated cakes for the cupcake stall. A huge thank you goes to the P&C for cooking and serving the BBQ and for manning the cake stall, without you the day would not as been so successful.

We will continue to run the jelly bean guessing competition until Friday. It is 10c per guess. SRC representatives will be taking guesses before school and at recess Monday to Thursday, with the winner being announced Friday morning.

The raffle winners were:

1st Sophie Dowell
2nd Oliver Wood
3rd Letitia Scheetz
4th Mrs Sadler
5th Lachlan Wotten
6th Mrs Jongeneel
7th Gus Clancy
8th Elle Webster
9th Heather Binskin
10th Talen Holden

Best dress in each class:
Class K-1 Scarlett Hocking
Class 1-2 Katie Parsons
Class 3 Cohen Dowell
Class 4-5 Ruby Kane
Class 5-6 Bailey Phillips & Jaspar Butterworth
Fun in Class 1-2

This term students in Class 1-2 have been learning how to be: 'Real-Life Superheroes'

A superhero is:
* Respectful
* Trustworthy
* Kind
* Fair
* Co-operative
* Responsible
* Honest

Students have been reading stories, watching visual clips and discussing how they can demonstrate the 7 values in their home and school lives.

They have also been reading stories teaching children how to become 'Bucket Fillers'. Ask a student in Class 1-2 what it means to be a bucket filler!
Dear Parent

Welcome to the 2015 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 2015.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 2 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 Digital Technology, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. Year 2 assessments are only available in English, Mathematics and Science. 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 16th March 2015

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

2015 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)
PERMISSION SLIP

Please return THIS section to the school office.

I give permission for my child

Child’s name _______________________________ Class __________________________

to participate in the following 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

☐ Digital Technology – 19 May 2015 ($8.80 GST inclusive) **Years 3 – 6 Only**

☐ Science – 3 June 2015 ($8.80 GST inclusive)

☐ Writing – 15 June 2015 to 19 June 2015 ($18.70 GST inclusive) **Years 3 – 6 Only**

☐ Spelling – 16 June 2015 ($12.10 GST inclusive) **Years 3 – 6 Only**

☐ English – 28 July 2015 ($8.80 GST inclusive)

☐ Mathematics – 11 August 2015 ($8.80 GST inclusive)

☐ All of the above ($66.00 GST inclusive) (Years 3 - 6)

Please find enclosed __________________ entry fee.

Amount

Parent Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________