Kinder Orientation Morning Tea
This morning we welcomed our new Kinder students for 2015. Parents and children were invited to receive a parent information pack and student orientation pack. It was great to meet our new parents and also welcome parents of existing siblings in our school.

Kinderstart is a program our school is very proud of. The program aims to alleviate any anxiety for starting 'big school' for our new students and support them in having a strong start to kindergarten.

Our shining star- Yestin Hall
Last week Yestin represented the Riverina Region at the NSW Athletics carnival in Sydney. Yestin certainly did us proud in his event of 13 years 100m. His time for the event was 14.42 seconds. He narrowly missed a place in the semi-final by one hundredth of a second! It was a fantastic achievement at such a high level of representation. Congratulations Yestin!

Aboriginal Education
During Week 5, from 5 to 6 November, our school will be conducting a snapshot of Aboriginal Education. Visiting coordinators Mark Crouch and Jan Larcombe from ‘Dare to Lead’ will be leading the review. This is an opportunity for students, staff and parents to have input into future directions for our school. All interviews are anonymous and confidential.

If you would like to be a part of this opportunity please contact the Front Office by Wednesday 29 October. Thank you for your support.
“What you do every day matters more than what you do every once in a while.”

Gretchen Rubin

Messages for our parents

Year 7 entry to a Selective High School
Parents of students in our current Year 5 class have the opportunity to apply for a Selective High School placement. The process is that those interested apply now in Year 5 to sit the statewide test in Term 1, 2015, with the successful students entering the following year.

To apply parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online up until Monday 17 November. All applicants are required to sit a Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2015.

Kooringal High School is the Selective High School in Wagga. Parents can refer to the Kooringal High School website which has a Selective Education section OR they can ring Glyn Leyshon (Principal) for further information.

All Year 5 students have received and Intention to Apply letter today. Please return to school. Please remember it is the responsibility of the parent to enrol and not the school. If parents need assistance or internet access to do so, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Important Dates

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Canteen Roster

Wednesday – T. Bennett
Thursday – T. Bennett
Friday – K. Warner
Monday – D Tootell
Tuesday – K. Warner / A Phillips
SRC Design Competition

Stage 2 & 3 Bowling
Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be participating in lawn bowls this Term for sport. All students are expected to participate. Permission notes were sent home last term.

On alternate weeks, each stage will walk to the Rules Club at 1.00pm, and return to school before 3.00pm. Students are required to bring a packed recess, water bottle and school hat on these days. There is no cost for this excursion. Following are the dates for each stage:

- Week 3 - 21 October Stage 2
- Week 4 - 28 October Stage 3
- Week 5 - 4 November Stage 2
- Week 6 - 11 November Stage 3
- Week 7 - 18 November Stage 2
- Week 8 - 25 November Stage 3
- Week 9 - 2 December Stage 2
- Week 10 - 9 December Stage 3

Kindergarten Gymnastics
KB and KR will continue their Term 4 gymnastics program during ‘Airbourne Gymnastics’. They will attend lessons at Bolton Park Stadium every Tuesday for eight weeks. The cost for the program will be $36.00 for the term or $4.50 each lesson. Students received permission notes last term. Please ensure payment is made prior to each lesson.

SRC Design Competition
The SRC are holding a design competition for parents and students in Year 1 to Year 6. The aim of the competition is to design a playscape area for boys/girls in Years 3 and 4 where the trees have been removed next to the Primary COLA. Parents are invited to enter the competition. Templates are available at the Front Office (the measurements are 4.65m by 11.2m). All entries need to be completed by Thursday 6 November.

Head Lice and Nits (eggs)
There have been reports of head lice and nits. One in four children aged between 3-12 years are said to have nits at any one time. To help minimise the spread of infestation please check and treat your child’s hair regularly. Following is some information to treat your child’s hair.

You’ll need:
- a bottle of cheap hair conditioner
- a towel
- a thick tooth comb
- a fine tooth comb
- a roll of paper towels.

Steps:
1. Sit your child on a chair or stool in front of you. Wrap a towel around their shoulders to catch conditioner spill. (You may want to put a video or TV show on, as this process can take a while.)
2. Apply a cheap, pale coloured conditioner generously to your child’s hair. Work it through to coat every strand of hair. For long hair, it may be easier to tie one side of the hair off, and work in sections.
3. Head lice breathe through small openings along their abdomens. By coating the hair and therefore the louse in something thick and slimy, these openings close over, shutting down the louse’s breathing for about 20 minutes – long enough for them to stay still and be combed out.
4. After you’ve applied the conditioner, use a large comb to part small sections of the hair, starting from the nape and working upwards toward the crown.
5. When the hair is detangled and manageable, use a fine lice comb and run through each section several times. Eggs are often found behind the ears and toward the back of the head. By combing from the bottom of the back of the head up, towards the top and front of the head, you’re more likely to find the head lice.
6. After each comb out, wipe the conditioner on the paper towel. If your child has head lice, you will see them on the towel (they’re a little like small, brown, chia or sesame seeds.)
7. Keep combing each section of hair until no further lice or eggs appear on the paper towel. Often you will see lots of old egg casings that may take a while to remove.
8. Once you have combed and re-combed each section of hair, either re-plait or tie it back if it’s long enough.
9. Head lice often congregate on the crown of the head, so it’s not until you reach these last sections of hair that you’ll find adult lice. However, heads that are severely infected will have adult lice everywhere.
10. Repeat at least twice over the next few days, until you can’t find any more in the conditioner. You’ll never be able to get all the head lice and eggs out the first time. However, in the days after your first treatment, the eggs will hatch and you’ll be able to catch the crawling nymphs (young lice).
Free autism workshop for Wagga Wagga families

Research suggests that almost one per cent of the entire population of Australia is now being diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The prevalence of this lifelong condition means there is greater awareness across our community than ever before. However, we can still improve our understanding of the challenges autism presents during the school years. These challenges – impacting students’ behaviour, social experiences and learning – can be addressed with practical up-to-date, evidence-based strategies like those introduced at Positive Partnerships workshops for parents and family carers.

Details for the upcoming two day workshop

Dates: 28th & 29th October 2014
Venue: International Hotel Wagga Wagga, 2 Lake Albert Road
Cost: free, including resources, lunch, morning tea and refreshments

Full details and online registration at www.positivepartnerships.com.au

Principal’s Award Winners

Christlyn Little-Niki & Calvin Prior

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

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