NAPLAN 2015

Last week, students in Years 3 and 5 sat tests in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Students were treated to a special breakfast each morning last week by staff to wish them well in sitting their NAPLAN tests. Students enjoyed this special treat.

It was noted that students demonstrated a positive and committed attitude whilst participating in the national tests. Students should be commended for their very best efforts. We expect the results sometime in August. Well done!

Structural Changes

Our school is currently undergoing planning with Work Health and Safety and Asset Management to make structural changes to our school to address the ease of access to our school roof tops. A number of changes have already taken place including: removing netting from the top of the cricket nets, steel sheeting above the primary COLA above the play equipment and changes to the fence of our school garden. Further changes will be evident over the coming weeks.

The safety of students is paramount and we will do what is ‘reasonably practicable’ to address this safety concern. Parents do have a shared responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of their child and we need to continue to have the support of those parents of which this issue is a concern.

Stage 1 Excursion

Temora Aviation Museum
Friday 22 May

Please send in note and money to the office. If you need another note please see your teacher or the office.

To Dream. To Inspire. To Succeed.
GRIP Leadership
Our school leaders in Year 6 have been invited to attend a leadership conference held at CSU on Tuesday 26 May. The students will be representing our school with students from over the Riverina. They will hear motivational speakers and learn the qualities necessary to become an effective leader. This is a great opportunity for our students. Ms Barratt will be the accompanying teacher.

WWPSSA Cross Country
Eligible students (top 4 in each age) have received notes to participate in the District Cross Country. The event will be held on Monday 25 May at Ladysmith. Students will travel by bus and will leave at 9.15am. Please ensure your child is on time as the bus needs to leave promptly at that time. Please ensure money and permission note are returned by Friday 22 May. The excursion will be supervised by Mrs Parnell.

Civic Theatre- Stage 3
Students are invited to enjoy the performance of ‘The Unknown Soldier’ at the Civic Theatre on Monday 25 May. The cost is $6 and has been subsidized by the school. The first 30 students to return their permission note and money will be able to attend.

Canteen Roster
Wednesday – T. Bennett
Thursday - T. Bennett
Friday – K. Warner
Monday – D. Tootell
Tuesday – K. Warner / A. Phillips

“I would rather be a little nobody, then to be an evil somebody.”
Abraham Lincoln
Changes - After School Sports

There has been an overwhelming response to After School Sports with Pete. For this reason, we have to split days for infants and primary students. Days have changed from next week.

From the week of 25 May:

K-2 Monday 3.00pm-4.15pm

3-6 Thursday 3.00pm-4.15pm

Parents are required to pick up their child. Students will be provided with an afternoon snack of fruit. Permission notes have been sent home and need to be returned for your child to attend. If you have not received a note, please see the Office.

Gymnastics Term 2

Notes have been given to students in Stage 1 and Stage 2 for their gymnastics program in Term 2. The total cost is $36.00 for the 8 week program or $4.50 each week. Following are the days/times the classes will attend:

Monday 1.45pm-3.00pm
3P, 3/4M and 4L

Wednesday 1.45pm-3.00pm
1JS, 1/2Sand 2G

Stage 2 gymnastics will be held on Tuesday afternoon on the 26 May (change only for that week).

Soccer News

Our senior boys have a PSSA Soccer match on 22 May. Permission notes need to be returned ASAP. Thank you.

Mrs Jaques

Excursion Stage 1

On the 22nd of May, Stage 1 will have the opportunity to visit the Temora Aviation Museum. This will allow students to be immersed in history and investigate technological advancements over time. The cost of the excursion is $10. Please ensure permission notes and money are returned by Wednesday 20 May.

Mortimer Shield

The Wagga Zone Knockout of the Mortimer Shield will be held next Friday, the 29th of May. After last year’s efforts in the Trent Barrett Shield, where we went on to challenge in the zone finals, the majority of that team is eligible for the Stage 3 competition. Combined with the experience and toughness of our Year 6 students, we look like having a chance to go one better this year. Under the direction of ‘Super Coach’ Peter Little, our team is better prepared than a Ford V8 running in the Bathurst 1 000. Good luck boys.

National Sorry Day

Next Tuesday is National SORRY DAY and we will have a small flag raising ceremony for our senior students and community members at 9.30am if you would like to join us. Wagga City Council will also have a flag raising starting at 11am and Aunty Isabel has something special planned, followed by morning tea.

Spelling Test

It is only 4 weeks until the Stage spelling Tests. Classes are working hard to learn the lists. Practice at home will also make sure our students show good improvement in Week 9. Thank you for helping our students improve their spelling skills.

Primary Art Gallery Excursion

In Week 6, students have the opportunity to attend an excursion to the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery with Miss Terry and support staff. Year 3-4 students will attend next Wednesday the 27th and 5-6 students on Friday the 29th. Students will be guided through the current exhibitions at the gallery, participate in a Wiradjuri language workshop and create their own printmaking artwork to take home with them. This will be a fun day spent celebrating and learning about art, community and culture. Permission notes are due back by this Friday the 22 May.

Biggest Morning Tea

Fancy biscuits will be for sale at lunch on Friday 22 May for the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea.

Biscuits are 50c with all money raised going to the Cancer Council.
AWARDS

Merit Awards
KB: Hayley Fox
KR: Eve Cunningham
1J: Leiland Allen, Mia Reid
2G: Elexis Abel
1/2S: Isabella Bamblett

Blinky Bill Award
KB: Cynthia Calorie
KR: Te Naera Harbour
1J: Summer White, Leah Little
2G: Lakendra Kirby
1/2S: Latoya Russell

Blinky Bill Jnr Award
Tyler Thomson

Uniform Award
Jack Eggleton

Reading Recovery Awards
Isabell Duncan
Destiny Knight
Lemand Bath
Latoya Russell
Zavier McFadden Egan

Class Award
2G - Names on jumpers

Non Violent Resistance
A 10 session group program for parents, grandparents and carers of children and adolescents aged 8 - 18 who are displaying aggressive, violent and dangerous behaviour.

Overcome your child’s aggressive, dangerous and destructive behaviour with Non Violent Resistance

Where: Relationships Australia  36 – 40 Gurwood Street, Wagga Wagga
When: Wednesday evenings, starting Wednesday May 27th 2015
Time: 6pm – 8pm each week (supper included)
Cost: $10 per family / session
Agency referrals accepted
For more information please contact: Relationships Australia on 6923 9100

Yarn’n with Louise

We have our first Aboriginal Education Committee meeting next Friday 29th May at 9.30am in the staffroom. We really need parents to be involved in our children’s education. During this busy term we will be researching and planting traditional plants in our gugaa (goanna) and welcome community input. We will also be having a visit by local artist Kath Powderly who will have workshops on designing and making ceramic tiles for every student and interested parents. The tiles will be displayed in our school grounds.

We have NAIDOC at the end of this term and I would like to discuss ideas for class activities, so if you have a talent you can share: read a book to children or just give a hand, that would be great. We will also have a BBQ for NAIDOC and will be seeking volunteers. There is more happening so come along and have a cuppa and a yarn for our children, our future.

Principal’s Award Winners
Summer White & Jai Chapple

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

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