Principal’s Report—Week 6

STAGE 2 EXCURSION

Congratulations to all our Stage 2 students for their outstanding behaviour on their overnight excursion to The Great Aussie Resort last Thursday and Friday. It was a weary group who returned on Friday, but they still had enough energy to share some of the great activities they enjoyed. Lots of photos of daredevils on the flying fox and Robin Hood’s at the archery range just cemented the enjoyment had by all. Many thanks go to our Stage 2 teachers for organising this excursion and for giving up your time to provide this great learning opportunity for our students and to the wonderful parents who assisted during the excursion. It looks like this will become a highlight of our Stage 2 calendar next year as well.

BEACH TO BUSH

Yesterday we hosted a visit from Surf Life Saving Australia as they presented the Beach to Bush program. This program is the largest educational initiative ever undertaken by Surf Life Saving. The program began as a result of research conducted by Surf Life Saving Australia, which highlighted that 50% of people rescued from the surf lived more than 50km from the beach. Thank you to Mrs Cesnik for co-ordinating this important presentation for our students.

With the summer holidays just around the corner this presentation provided a timely reminder of being vigilant about water safety. Please take some time to talk with your children about what they learnt about water safety, both at home and while away.

REPORTS

Our teachers are working overtime at the moment to complete Student Progress Reports for all students. These reports provide you with a summary of your child’s learning and social achievements for 2014. Reports will go home at the end of this term.

END OF TERM

With only 5 weeks of the 2014 school year remaining we have lots of events and celebrations happening. Please make sure you keep abreast of the what, when and where’s by reading the newsletter each week – particularly our school calendar. More information for each event will be provided closer to the dates. We encourage all students and, where applicable, parents to join with us to acknowledge and celebrate what has been another wonderful year of learning and fun at Wagga Wagga Public School.

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Relieving Principal
P&C News

P&C meeting next week
The last P&C General Meeting for the year will be held next Wednesday, the 19th of November, at 7.00pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to come along to hear what's going on and contribute to the discussion. Voting is limited to members; however, membership is only $1.00.

At the meeting we hope to cover the following topics:

- Update on the shade and a review of the plans that are to be submitted to the Department for approval. We will also be reviewing the funding required to achieve these goals.
- General review of our fundraising efforts of the last few years and outline a plan for the upcoming year with an emphasis on term 1, 2015.
- A broader consideration of the landscaping of the school, including the means of developing of an overall plan and funding the hours needed to have the landscaping carried out and maintained.

In addition to her usual Principal’s report, Leanne Harvey has kindly offered to discuss the following:

- The progress of the School Plan.
- A list of ‘hopes and wishes’ for the school, developed in consultation with the staff, which the P&C might consider fundraising for over the next year.

The status of the staff on secondment and other duties; the Department’s governance of teacher secondment and absence; and what role the school and parents can play in addressing these issues.*

* It is worth noting that Leanne has addressed these issues previously. Though this is a great opportunity to learn about the frame work in which the school has to operate, due to the nature of the Department’s policies and timelines it is possible that many of the questions regarding staffing for next year cannot be answered. As always, Leanne has undertaken to keep us informed of any developments as they unfold.

Stay in touch
The best way to stay up to date with all things P&C, including the receipt of agendas, minutes and reports, is to join our email mailing list. If you wish to be added (or removed), please send an email to simonandjack@bigpond.com

SPECIAL LUNCH ORDER
Wednesday 12th November
Sushi $3.00 each

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MASTERS BBQ ON Saturday, 29th November 2014

Hi Everyone,

Exciting news! We have another great opportunity to raise funds for our school through running the BBQ at Master’s Home Improvement Centre

On Saturday, 29th November 2014.

The BBQ will run from 11am to 2pm but we’ll need helpers from 10am till 3pm. We are looking at 1.5 – 2 hour shifts depending on how many people we get to help.

We’ll need people to co-ordinate, cook and serve sausage sandwiches and drinks so if you think you can help out – please do!

Please contact Jackie on 0428 618 077 or simonandjack@bigpond.com if you can lend a hand.
Stage 2 Camp Photos !!!!!!
GREAT AUSSIE HOLIDAY RESORT

On the 6th November most of Stage 2 left for the Great Aussie Holiday Resort in Bowna, NSW. We travelled by bus, but not just any bus it was a ….. DOUBLE DECKER BUS!!!! I got to go on the top! When we started going somebody put on a movie: Shark Tale. One hour and thirty minutes later….. We arrived at camp and we got to know who we were sleeping with. I was in a room with Calvin, Blake Mc, Blake C, John and Mikai. We did loads of breath taking, fun and exciting activities. There was the flying fox, rock climbing (I personally liked rock climbing because I made it to the top!), low ropes, barrels of fun (which was fun!), hut making, archery and we also got free time. For dinner we had lasagne and steamed veggies. For dessert we had a ‘Fandangle’. It was a type of ice-cream on a stick. After all of that we watched ‘Finding Nemo’. Half way through we stopped to have a milo and a biscuit. I went to bed early because I had a big day ahead of me tomorrow. – Ben Dunn 3/4B

On Thursday 6th November, Stage 2 went to the Great Aussie Holiday Resort for 2 days and 1 night. We had great fun with all of our activities.

The activities that I did were, low ropes, rock climbing wall, flying fox, archery, hut building and the barrels of FUN! At the rope course there was 3 different activities were you had to walk and swing on ropes. At rock climbing we could climb 10 metres off the ground. At the flying fox you had to climb 10 metres up and jump. In Archery we had 6 targets to shoot at and at hut building we had to build 2 different types of huts. But the best was the Barrels of fun! At this activity you had a barrel with holes in them so some people had to fill the barrel with water while others had to try and block the holes.

We all had cabins. I was in a room of 3. Ellen, Alice and I. It was great fun! – Ella Bailes 3/4B

Jasmine Lewis spoke to 3/4N about the Balinese tradition of making carang saris - a daily offering to the gods, as part of our People and their Beliefs unit in HSIE.
Community Notices

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Vacancies exist in our 3, 4 & 5 year old groups.

Feel free to visit our wonderful preschool, open to all in the community. Cost: Fees range from $19 to $36 per day. Registered Care Rebate is available

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FROM THE P & C

Rewards Programs that benefit WWPS

Just to let everyone know, we have two Rewards Programs that can benefit WWPS parents.

Leprechaun’s Bean Café – from every cup of coffee (or other hot beverage) you buy, 50c gets donated to WWPS so make sure you tell them you’re a WWPS parent.

Bakers Delight – Dough Raiser program – you can ask for a card from Bakers Delight with WWPS written on it and every time you present the card when you buy bread etc, they’ll contribute 5% of that order to WWPS.

Thank you – every little bit helps.

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OVENS FOR SALE

We have 2 x Omega 54cm Electric Upright Cookers (4 Burner Ego Electric Hob with Oven) FOR SALE for $650 each.

They are brand new and still in their boxes.

If you or someone you know is interested please contact the school office on 69213398.