Principal’s Report—Week 7

2015 SCHOOL LEADERS

Yesterday I met with our Year 5 students to start the process of selecting our school leaders for 2015. Any Year 5 student who wishes to nominate must return the nomination form to the office by this Thursday 20th November. Nomination forms must be signed by parents to be accepted.

After nominations have been received, Year 5 and the staff vote from the nominated students. The top ranked students will then be invited to present a speech to the student body on Monday 1st December before final voting occurs.

Student leaders will be announced at Presentation Night.

REPORTS

Our teachers are continuing to finalise Student Progress Reports for 2014. These reports provide you with a summary of your child’s learning and social achievements for the year. Reports will go home at the end of this term.

TRANSITION DAYS

Next week we will be conducting our 2014/2015 transition program for all students in Kindergarten to Year 5. Students will be placed into groups based on their academic year for 2015. During the two days students will rotate around 4 teachers with different cohorts of students.

Please note that the groups are not final classes for 2015, nor are the teachers they may visit representative of the teacher they may have. We run this program to provide students with the opportunity to experience being amongst different peers, to visit different rooms within the school and to enjoy spending time with different teachers.

The overall aim of these two days is to demystify the new year and to help our students to feel comfortable with the changes that will occur. Hopefully by experiencing a range of teachers and classrooms they will feel more confident and relaxed about the start of a new and exciting year in 2015. If your child does experience any distress or concerns during this time, please discuss these with their classroom teacher.

2015 CLASSES

Over the coming weeks the teachers will be spending a great deal of time planning tentative classes for 2015. This process involves a great deal of thought and energy to ensure that we make the best placement for all students. I understand that parents may have their likes and wants, but these are not always possible when trying to find the best match for 440+ students. Unless there are extenuating circumstances for a specific placement request please trust that our teachers will do what they, as professionals, believe is the best thing for your child.

If you do have a serious concern or a valid reason regarding your child’s placement in, please put it in writing and email the school or leave at the front office for me. All concerns will be considered but that is not a guarantee that your requests can be met.

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Relieving Principal
CYBERSMART OUTREACH

Internet safety presentation helps children stay safe online

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, South Wagga Public School is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation and have invited Wagga Wagga Public School to join them. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content

tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held this

Thursday 20th November 2014.

- Years 3 to 6 students presentation will be 12.00pm to 1.00pm at school.
- Staff will attend an afternoon meeting.

Parents are invited to attend a presentation at 7.00pm in the South Wagga Public School hall.

For any parents interested or concerned about their child and the cyber world I strongly suggest you attend. Comments from previous participants include:

“The presentation helped to highlight how easily children can find themselves in situations that they are not prepared to deal with. It informed parents that the internet can be a safe and educating tool when appropriate safety measures are in place.”

“The information provided was practical and useful and provided ways that students could easily begin to protect themselves.”

“It was one of the most powerful presentations I have seen in 20 years.”
P&C News

P&C this Wednesday

The last P&C General Meeting for the year will be held this Wednesday, the 19th of November, at 7.00pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome.

The meeting will feature the regular Principal’s Report by Leanne Harvey which shall address, amongst other things:

- 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.

- 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. We will also seek 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 and reviewing the funding required to achieve these goals.

- 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.

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. The Treasurer’s and OOSH reports to be tabled at the meeting have been distributed via our mailing list. If you wish to be added to (or removed from) the list, please send an email to simonandjack@bigpond.com

FROM THE P & C

HUGE SECOND HAND CLOTHING SALE!

Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to purchase 2nd hand WWPS clothing.

**When:** Wednesday, 10th December 2014

**Where:** Outside the staffroom near the COLA

**Time:** from 9.30am

**PRICES:**

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*Prices are subject to condition.

Any queries, please contact Jackie on 0428 618 077

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.
Pictures from Beach to Bush last week!!

1C baking and enjoying their hard work!!

Chelsea Pearson wearing the poppy she made to commemorate Remembrance Day last week.
Congratulations to the many students who have recently received prizes for consistent deposits. Prizes still available include Blue wallet, money box (dollar mites, Spen, Pat and Pru) headphones, knuckles game, swim bag, scented pencils, shark key ring, and projector cup and sea steamers.

Re Redeem prizes - If you are eligible (10 tokens) please submit your request with your banking in the next 2 weeks for ordering prior to end of term.

Final date for banking 2014 is 12/12/14

How can I start? If you would like to commence school banking parents can open a dollarmite account at any CBA branch. Remember to take in birth certificate and you can begin banking straight away. Simply bring in your deposit book with money enclosed each Friday for processing.

Carolyn – School Banking Coordinator
Community Notices

Kapooka Preschool

Accredited as **EXCEEDING** in all 7 quality areas by ACECQA 2014

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

Visit us on www.kapookaearlychildhoodcentre.com.au or
Contact: 69312722 or email kecc1@bigpond.com

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Start saving today...

Become a Clancy Koala Junior Saver, ask your school office how to join Hume’s School Banking.

School Banking collections: **Friday**

To learn more about saving go to: humebank.com.au/juniorsaversclub

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White Ribbon Day
25 November

Unite for the Right to Prevent Domestic Violence

March against domestic violence
Gather at the old Franklins Car Park Off Peter Street at 9.45am
March from Southern end of Bayles Street at 10am
Concluding at Victory Memorial Gardens

**FREE BBQ**
Petting Zoo
Feed the Ducks
**FREE Soft Drinks**
Face Painting
Support and Information
Children’s Entertainment
**DRUMBEAT**
Community Groups

Proudly Supported by Wagga Domestic Violence Liaison Committee, Including:

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Wagga Wagga Cycling Club will be holding a:

**WHAT** Come & Try the Track session
**WHERE** Wagga Wagga Cricket Ground & Velodrome
**WHEN** 4.45pm - 6.30pm, Monday 24th November

What do you need to bring?
Cycling Helmet
Cycling Gloves if you have them

Wagga Wagga Cycling Club will provide you with a bike for the evening.

Participants will be fully insured by Cycling Australia

Contact: