Principal’s Report—Week 5

TIN SHED RATTLERS

Thank you to all the families who supported the Tin Shed Rattlers evening last Saturday. I have heard nothing but great reports about how much fun was had by those who attended. Thanks again to Kirrily Brassil for organising this event on behalf of the P&C.

MUSIC COUNT US IN

Last Thursday it was wonderful to see our whole school student body join voices with hundreds (maybe thousands) of other students from across Australia for Music Count Us In. This was a national initiative where students from all across Australia sang the same song at the same time. We had quite a few parents and friends join us for the event and some even took up the challenge of joining in. Thanks to Miss Peterson for coordinating this special event for our students.

STAGE 2 EXCURSION

Our Stage 2 students and teachers are eagerly counting down the sleeps until Thursday when they depart for their overnight excursion to The Great Aussie Resort. The Resort is situated in Bowna, 25 minutes from Albury, on the Murray River and offers a wide range of activities including: adventure based learning initiatives, ropes course, orienteering, archery, rock climbing, bush cooking and animal feeding. This is the first time we have used the resort and we all look forward to hearing lots of stories about how exciting it is. Thanks to our Stage 2 teachers for organising this excursion and for giving up their time to provide this great learning opportunity for our students.

MILO T20 CRICKET

Mr O’Dea took our boys and girls cricket teams to Canberra last Tuesday to compete in the T20 Cricket competition. It was an extremely long day with a very early departure and late return to Wagga. Our girls didn’t pick up any wins but displayed great teamwork and had an enjoyable time competing against the other teams. Our boys team had a fantastic day but were sadly defeated by just one match. Congratulations to all students who attended. It was wonderful to hear not only how well you played but how great your behaviour and sportsmanship was. Well done, you have represented Wagga Wagga Public proudly. Thanks to Mr O’Dea for organise this day and coaching the teams throughout the season and also to Melissa Bloor and Sharee Walker for accompanying the teams and assisting on the day.

BEACH TO BUSH

Next Monday 10th November, we will be hosting a visit from Surf Life Saving Australia as they present 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. The program has been running successfully in NSW since 1994, going national in 2003. Since then, more than 110,000 school children across Australia have attended Beach to Bush presentations, with the program travelling over 100,000km. SLSNSW utilises surf lifesavers to present the program, and each year targets different areas with the aim of revisiting each area every three to four years. The presentation lasts for one hour, and primarily focuses on beach and surf safety, however also touches on safety around home pools, dams and inland waterways. With the summer holidays not too far away this presentation is very timely. Please take some time to talk with your children about what they learnt about water safety, both at home and while away.

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MERIT CERTIFICATES

KG Miles, Matayah, Jaiden
KS Sana, Sage, Syvannah
KT Angus, Sarah, Zara
1C Baden, Lola, Mohammad
1P Layla, Lochlan, Mylo
1N Theo, Hannah, Rainer
2LC Sidney, Joel, Sarah
2L Fahad, Harriet, Jordan
2P Simone, Austin, Monique
3/4B Elmidin, Zoe, Abbey, Ben, Michael, Elanor, Jasmine, Mikai
3/4H Kodah, Gus, Flethcher, Kipchumba, Isaac, Hugh, Rhys, Seth
3/4N Ruby, Alice, Thomas, Himani, Max, Jack, Holly, Margaret
3/4O Ethan, Lochie, Jacob, Callum, Sarah, Isabella, Aaditya, Natalie, Ryan
5/6C Blake, Charlotte, Annabelle, Jake, Caitlyn, Will, Chelsea, Bailee
5/6DB Cooper, Chelsie, Nell, Meg, Caitlin, Jasmine, Lachlan, Bailey
5/6EB Lucinda, Mia, Nahom, Kodi, Lachlan, Chelsea, Myles, Caitlin
5/6M Merryn, Jackson, Tayla, Kyra, Abby, William, Blake, Jillian

CROW ORDERS

Just a reminder that if you wish to purchase a copy of our annual school magazine “The Crow” orders are due back by Friday 14th November. The magazine is a high quality publication which highlights our 2014 school year. At $16 it is a great keepsake & makes a nice Christmas gift too. Only those ordered and paid for will be printed.

NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER

This week we launch a new design for our weekly newsletter. We though it was time for a fresher look and hope you like it.

To save printing time and costs we are encouraging you to receive the newsletter by email. If you have not signed up to have the newsletter sent to you please contact the office with a current email address. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Relieving Principal

NOTICES AND EVENTS

Basic Blitz

Last Friday Stage 2 had a Basic Blitz Beach Bonanza Day. We got into the spirit of the day by wearing our beach clothes. We had a spelling test, a basic facts test and had a sausage sizzle. We would like to thank Mrs Walker for giving up her time to cook 200 sausages!!! We all studied hard and had a bonza day.

Safety Notice

It has come to our attention that there are people parking in the No Parking Zones between 3.00pm—4.00pm.

This limits the crossing ladies view. Please be mindful where you park when picking up your children so we can keep them safe while crossing the road.

P&C News

Progress on shade for the playground

As we find ourselves in the warmer months, the P&C continues to work closely with the school to develop solutions for the much needed shade. With Leanne Harvey leading the way much progress has been made, and with the assistance of Matt Brassil great designs have been developed that achieve a practical solution without sacrificing aesthetics.

The concepts will be presented at the next P&C meeting (week 7) and we now look forward to assisting the school in obtaining the necessary approvals so work can get underway.

Do you know those Hollywood movies; the ones where our hot shot city hero or heroine gets waylaid in a small isolated town on their way to an important meeting or having reluctantly returned to their picture perfect home town? You know the ones. For the mums and dads, think Doc Hollywood and those younger, think Pixar’s Cars. Firstly our hero is frustrated by the kooky locals but by the end of the film they are having an epiphany at the Annual Grady Squash Festival as the fireflies join the fireworks in making a moment that can only exist on film. Well, I’m not suggesting that anyone had an epiphany, but the setting at Downside Hall was just about perfect for one. There were a mix of families and kids of all ages and every one of them was smiling. It was a simple moment but there is much to be said for being simple once in a while.

The success of the evening owes everything to our hosts, the Tin Shed Rattlers. I highly encourage you to continue to support them as their enjoyment is contagious. The P&C takes this opportunity to thank them for their generosity and support.

We should also take the opportunity to thank Kirrily Brassil for her initial idea and efforts to ensure everyone was welcome; if you haven’t done so yet, make sure you try her scones.
Class Work

Workers in the Community-Year 1

As part of Year 1’s HSIE unit ‘Workers in the Community’, Peter Russell came to speak about his job as an optometrist. Mr Russell spoke to Year 1 about what is involved in being an optometrist, how the eye works, how to protect our eyes and showed us some of the tools and equipment that he uses as part of his job. There were many questions for Mr Russell and plenty of interest from Year 1 students in becoming an optometrist when they are older.

School Happenings

Annabelle Trotmar @ The Tumbarumba Interschools Equestrian Competition. Annabelle came second in the keyhole event.

Well Done Annabelle !!!!
School Happenings

T20 Knockout Cricket Teams
Boys and Girls had a great day in Canberra. (Pictured top right and left)

Star Performers in the “Music Count us in” last week.

Last Kinder Transition Day.
See you all in 2015!!

Bottom Right; Class 3/4O
Telescope night last Thursday

Bottom Left; One of the best parts of our Basic Blitz Day in Stage 2 was the ice blocks.
If you would like to advertise or promote a business or community event, please contact our school office on 6921 3398 or email: waggawagga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

CROW ORDER FORM

I wish to order _____ copy/ies of WWPS 2014 Crow Magazine at $16 per copy.

NAME: ______________________________

STUDENTS NAME: ___________________

CLASS: __________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _________________

ORDERS DUE BACK BY: Friday 14th November

The magazines will only be printed for the orders received by this date.