RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
There was much excitement and relief today as our annual Bear Hospital launched into action to treat our beloved teddies and cuddly toys. The school leaders were very dedicated in their care and medical advice and our Kindergarten to Year 2 students were very appreciative of having a healthy toy to take home. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising event. All money raised goes directly to the Children’s Hospital at Westmead. Thank you also to Miss Geaghan, Mrs Thorpe and Miss Pokoney for your efforts in organising what has become a much anticipated tradition at Wagga Public and for ensuring everyone had a fantastic day.

Dr Joe was eager to help Holly and her not so well cuddly friend.

EPILEPSY DAY
Tomorrow is Purple Day – a world day for Epilepsy Awareness. Purple Day is an international grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. Students are invited to wear purple and to donate a gold coin to this important cause.

IMPETAGO
There have been a number of cases of Impetago (School sores) reported at school in the past week. Please check your child for any symptoms and seek medical attention if you are concerned.

Symptoms
Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

School or home?
Keep home from school until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

How can I help prevent spread?
Parents of children who may have had contact with impetigo should look for signs of infection and seek treatment if symptoms develop.

Careful hand washing especially after changing dressings. Avoid sharing toilet articles, towels, clothing or bed linen. Consider using anti-bacterial soap for bathing for two to three weeks. Avoid scratching or touching the lesions to prevent spread to other parts of the body.

Completing the recommended antibiotic course is very important.
A fact sheet has been sent home to the classes in which identified cases have been reported.

FESTIVAL OF FUN
Have you put your name down to help yet? It’s not too late.

- Teachers are looking for parents to help on class stalls. Notes would have come home requesting donations of goods and time. Please contact your child’s teacher if you can assist in any way.
- Volunteers are still needed to help with setting up, food stalls, packing up and other jobs to assist in the night running smoothly. If you would like to offer your services please contact our P&C President, Jodie Coles or leave a note at the front office and we will pass on your details.

This year’s Festival of Fun is not only a valuable fundraiser for the school, but also a great opportunity to meet other families and for our children to have a fun Friday night out with their friends. Please get involved.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Notes went home last week for Parent/Teacher Interviews which are to be held in Weeks 10 and 11 of this term. Teachers have made themselves available to talk one on one with you about your child’s academic and social progress so far this year. This is an invaluable opportunity to learn how your child is progressing at school as well as to contribute to identifying and planning targets for your child’s learning and growth for the remainder of the year.
If you have not yet returned the note, please complete and return to teachers as soon as possible to ensure your appointment time.
If for any reason you are unable to make your scheduled appointment time, please contact the school early to let your teacher know.

TOWN AND GOWN
Tomorrow at 4.30pm our school’s Assistant Principal’s will be participating in the CSU’s annual Town and Gown Procession. It commences at the corner of Morgan & Bayliss Street, then processes along Bayliss Street to the Victory Memorial Gardens. The Town & Gown Academic Procession has been held in Wagga Wagga each year since 2005. It has two aims, namely, to celebrate and showcase the educational achievements of Wagga Wagga, and to promote the city’s educational opportunities to the next generation to encourage them to stay in the region.
Following the parade an educational expo will be held in the Victory Memorial Gardens. The various stallholders will promote the many education and training opportunities that are available to young people (and the not-so-young) in Wagga Wagga. Food stalls will be set up, and attendees will be entertained by the Kooringal High School band. The event is free (with the exception of some of the food stalls) and everyone is encouraged to attend.

MAJOR ASSEMBLY
Please note a change of date for our Term 1 Major Assembly. This will now be held on Thursday 3rd April at 12.00 midday under the school COLA. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

SCHOOL FEES
It is not too late to pay your fees. Please help us reach our Term 1 target.

Term 1 target: 30%

1 student $45
2 students $55
3 or more students $65

Have a great week.

Leanne Harvey
Relieving Principal

REMINDER
NO FURTHER RED DAY NOTES WILL BE ACCEPTED
No other lunch orders will be available on Thursday due to the Red Day sausage sizzle.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

KG Cruz Livermore, Lacee Jenkins, Griffin Sleeman
KS Jayden Eyres, Sage Gillanders, Zara Kotzur, William Robertson, Hamish Wilkinson, Gilbert Murrell
KT Isaac Ghannumi, Jessica Friend, Oliver Nicholls
1C Gabriella Perritt, Isabel Dacey, Mohammad Obied
1P Mylo Stewart, Austin Gooden, Cleo Campbell
1N Sarah McDermott, Zane Abramczyk, Jack Adams
2CL MJ Delbecq, Ella Hughes, Benjamin Cohen
2L Bajrang Konapuram, Ryan Wilson, Brianna McInerney
2P Ethan Infante, Tom Naumann, Sophie Wilson
3/4B Georgia Cameron, Ben Dunn, William Evans, Chris Forbes, Mikai Smith, David Vo, Charlotte Waring, Zac Walker
3/4H Jack Armstrong, Fletcher Browning, Angus Clark, Gus Coles, Jack Harman, Kippy Langat, Seisha Passlow, Chris Priest-Wade, Kodah Reihana, Mimi Skews, Leroy Sutherland, Brice Talbot, Travis Trotner, Anna Walsh, Isaac Williams, Hugh Wright
3/4N Natalie Broom, Riley Caton, Cody Green, Jake Grocott, George Ingold, Molly McDevitt, Poppy Masters, Amelie Murrell
3/4O Jacob Hastie, Ryan McDermott, Breeanna Peat, Elizabeth Weir, Isabella Weir, Jake Woodhouse, Lochie Woodhouse, Bisma Rashid
5/6C Tallulah Brassil, Tyson Castanedo, Jay Gordon, Emma Handley, Will Harper, Katie Kelly, Sasha Lyons, Breanna Talbot
5/6D Nick Antone, Lachlan Beer-Anderson, Dylan Cox, Caitlin Drumm, Zachary Morehouse, Jayden Nelder, Cooper Tottie, Dion Wilson
5/6G Kodi Anderson, Ella Blackney, Caitlin Fox, Mary-Kate Ingold, Ella Longmore, Zac Pollock, Joe Roworth, Blake Spencer, Cameron Stubbs
5/6M Bailey Bennett, Hannah Bruce-Goodlet, Jaime-Lea Byrne, Tayla Coad, Chloe Earsman, Will Gray, Sam McCready, Declan Rohrich

A creative spider web activity shown here by Leila Campbell and Zoe Drumm of 2P.
Visit to the Riverina Environmental Education Centre

Last Tuesday, a group of Stage Two students visited the REEC. When we arrived we were shown a powerpoint presentation about Riverina Ghosts! These ghosts are the endangered animals and plants that live in the Riverina. Then we went outside on a ‘ghost hunt’. Next we walked through some paddocks and up a hill to do some soil experiments. We tested for acidity, saltiness, stability, colour and texture. After lunch we did an experiment on erosion and water flow. It was amazing to see how much erosion occurred on the bare dirt. Before coming back to school we examined natural objects under the microscopes. You could see tiny things on the objects we collected. We all had a wonderful day and learnt many new things.

Claire Heazlewood 3/4N
**Food and Drink Available at the Festival of Fun**

**Food:**
- Hot dogs $3.00
- Sausage sandwiches $2.00
- Steak Sandwiches $3.00
- Sushi $5.00 (pack of 3)
- Curried prawns & rice $7.00
- Iceblocks 50c
- Fruit salad $5.00
- Cake stall/fairy floss/snow cones

**Drinks:**
- Soft drinks $2.00
- Flavoured milk $1.50
- Bottled water $1.50
- Spiders $3.00

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**Toy Trash and Treasure**

Items have been coming in for the second hand toy market at the fete on April 4th. Families who have toys at home that aren’t used anymore and are just taking up space, you can help the school to raise much needed funds by donating them to the toy trash and treasure stall. Just bring them in to the office.

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**Cricket**

Our Open Boys and Girls teams are competing in their respective State Cricket Knockouts right now. The boys won their first round match and meet the winner of Lake Albert v The Rock next. Training will be on as usual (weather permitting) on Wednesday afternoon and all details of the next game will go home as soon as we know. The girls team play North Junee in Round Two. There will be a training session on Friday afternoon from 3.25 until 4.30pm in the primary playground. All interested players are encouraged to be there. Mr O’Dea won’t leave until everyone is picked up.

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**Tumut Easter Bazaar**

Good Friday April 18
Easter Saturday April 19
at BOYS CLUB HALL
(next to Ambulance Station)
9am to 4pm BOTH DAYS
FREE ENTRY

GREAT BARGAINS

B.B.Q Tea & Coffee
Bookings: ph 02-42322337 or 0419427801
ANZAC WRITING COMPETITION

ANZAC DAY
in the Riverina.

The ANZACs standing straight and proud. Forming a line through the crowd. Neat uniforms and solemn faces, Walking at the same paces.

Marching, marching down the street. Old friends who they gladly greet. Memories come flooding back, Their serious expressions begin to crack.

The Australian Flag is raised with pride, Underneath the soldiers continue to stride. The Union Jack and the Commonwealth Star, The soldiers wear it with pride, like scars.

Emotions running thick and hard, Watching our nations marching guard A tear here, a quiet sob, Is heard among the silent mob.

Deep in my chest, something stirs, As a natural beauty occurs A green leaved, blue flowered pretty wreath, Is lain under the flag, sitting proudly beneath.

Next to me, a lady stands, Clutching a Navy badge in her hands. Tears pour down her rosy cheeks All around us, no one speaks.

The Last Post is played to break the silence, To signal the end of a lifetime of violence All around me, heads are bowed, Every single person in the crowd.

Army jeeps trundle past, Not too slow, not too fast. Inside the army veterans sit. Their eyes swim with past, deep pits.

Just.......imagine all the horrors they’ve faced These polite gentlemen completely disgraced As they go to sleep, all these years later, The awful things they’ve faced scare them greater.

This day to me is sad and proud, And everyone else in the crowd. They reach the end, they mean no harm And enfold their loved ones in their arms.

Written by
Lucinda Coles
Wagga Wagga Public 5/6G

Stories Written by Year 2CL Students

Swimming is on Thursdays at the Oasis, the majority of Year one and two students go. I am going to swimming lessons because I am not a confident swimmer.

Firstly we go to 2L’s classroom to get dressed. Then we line up in our class lines to get our name marked off. After that we hop on the bus. Once we arrive at the Oasis we go to the blue seats near the big inside lap pool. After that we hop in the pool with our swimming teacher and our group, where we do starfish floats, push and glides and learning how to do freestyle. Once the lessons are over we get dried and jump on the bus to travel back to school. Finally we get dressed back into our school clothes. I think that swimming is fun! My favourite thing about swimming is my group because I have a few friends in it.

Sarah Blackney (2CL)
The stage 2 classes enjoyed activities at the Environmental Education Centre last week.