Principal’s Report—Week 4

PAUL KELLY CUP
As you would no doubt have heard via the media and word of mouth a very disturbing event happened last Thursday at Jubilee Park while the Paul Kelly Cup was on. 11 year old Ashley Haining from Turvey Park Public School was hit by a motor bike whilst on the field playing. Ashley suffered fractures to her pelvis and ribs and a laceration on her leg but is recovering comfortably with her family. Flowers and best wishes were sent to Ashley on behalf of our school.

Our students who were present witnessed this event as well as the disturbing scene which followed and were no doubt upset by the days events. In saying this I would like to say that I could not be prouder of our students, staff and parents who were at Jubilee Park for the care and concern that was extended to those involved and in particular the girls from Turvey Park.

I received messages from the Principal and teacher involved from Turvey Park Public School as well as from one of the parents of their girls acknowledging and thanking Mr Holloway, the parents who assisted and especially our own girls team who took such great care of their students and went out of their way to make sure they were safe, warm and comforted.

Thank you and congratulations to all involved for everything you did. It was noticed and appreciated.

STREET SLAMIN’ HIP HOP
Last week Callie from Street Slamin’ Hip Hop ran dance workshops with our Years 2 to 6 students. These workshops were all about promoting dance and having fun and that is exactly what happened. I visited the hall numerous times over the two days and the energy, enthusiasm and enjoyment from all the children was great to see. Thank you to Callie for donating her time and providing these taster sessions to our students, this was such a positive experience for all involved.

NAPLAN
It is a busy week for our Year 3 and 5 students as they sit The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessment over the next three days.

As much as NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy, they are only one form of assessment and represent a snapshot of each child’s progress within the school year.

Please remember to not overemphasise the ‘tests’ and ensure that your child knows that they are just to do their best and not get stressed or upset by the process. Please also make sure your child is at school by 9.10am on these days and has had a good breakfast to give them the best possible start to the day.

YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS APPLICATIONS
The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 has begun with online applications closing this Friday 15th May. The Year 5 Opportunity Class in Wagga Wagga is based at Sturt Public School.

Important dates are as follows:
Monday 27 April 2015: Online applications open
Friday 15 May 2015: Online applications close
Wednesday 22 July 2015: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents can access the online application at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

If you are considering this for your child could you please contact the office to notify of your intention to apply.

Have a great week.
Leanne Harvey
Principal
MERIT CERTIFICATES

KG  Oliver, Insaf, Hannah
KT  Aamity, Zara, Stella
K-1H  Sage, Girri, Holly
IN  Samuel, Taleen, Bebe
IH  Ruby, Lindsay, Bella
4B  Josie, Angus, Sarah, Harmony, Jake, Eleanor, George, Isabella
4O  Ryley, Mikai, Ethan, Damien, Claire, Sophie, Zac, Carolyn
5-6C  William, Blake, Ellen, Cooper Jesse, Zofi, Mekenzie, Nicholas
5-6D  Jack, Maddison, Breeanna, Chloe, Chris, Blake, Chevi, Hugh
5-6E  Aneeqa, Calvin, Hudson, Natalie, Mimi, Angel, Tahli
5-6M  Max, Zoe, Fletcher, Fionn, Hannah, Charlotte, Tye, Dean

P&C NEWS

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE (OR OOSH)

Over the last few weeks steps have been taken by the Before and After School Care Centre to formalise the sub-committee. Thank you to the following for volunteering their time:

Chairperson: Kristen Campbell
Secretary: Justine Hudson
Treasurer: Andrew Pidgeon
Public Officer: Danielle Edwards

A special thank you also to Emily Walsh who steps down from the committee. Emily’s support of the centre over the years and her work with Alissa and her team cannot be undervalued. I encourage anyone who can spare the time to work with Emily as she turns her attention to the coordination of the Ethics classes.

As a result of the change in committee, the main P&C committee will need to elect a new Vice President. This will occur at the next general meeting.

Thanks largely to the drive (and many hours) of Andrew Pidgeon, the BASC centre has developed a budget to ensure that its resources can be better utilised. This includes additional training for staff which shall be commenced shortly and be continuing to ensure that the best service can be offered.

Alissa and her team offer a first rate service at very affordable costs and many students regard it as a highlight of their day. If you are juggling before or after school care for your children, I recommend that you take the time to talk to Alissa and learn a bit more about the centre, the services offered and the government subsidies available.

COMING UP

After the success of last year’s walkathon, the P&C has decided to hold the event again as a rewards day at the end of this term. Keep your ears open for how parents can get involved as more information will be released closer to the date.

In other news, the P&C has committed up to $900 for the purchase of four new school blazers to be used at formal events by representatives of the school. The blazers will be of a smaller size to compliment those already held.

At the next meeting, Leanne Harvey has asked that time be set aside to present the School Plan for the next year. I encourage all of those who take an interest to come along to our week 7 meeting.

We also hope to use the next meeting to discuss the expenditure of P&C funds. A consolidation of accounts and maturing of term deposits has allowed the Before & After School Care committee to be in a position to transfer approximately $50,000 to the general P&C funds. This is a once off opportunity to make a significant contribution to the school; whether it is a series of smaller contributions or one large asset procurement. These funds are the funds of the parents and friends of the school so whether you have an idea on what could be the best use of all or part of the money, or simply want to listen and have a say on other ideas presented, please come along.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 June at 7.00pm in the library.

Lee Murrell
P&C
Fun times in 2/3N

learning is NOT a spectator sport.
so let’s PLAY!

Yoga Time
Yoga helps you not to worry about things. – Lachlan
Yoga is great to do because you have a quiet mind. – Charli
The positions, music and instructions help to calm you down. – Ayannah
It makes things that are worrying you drift away slowly. - Layla
Being relaxed is good for you. If you have had a bad day, yoga can calm you down. – Sarah
It refreshes your mind. – Eliza

Yoga is calm and quiet. - Julian
SRC BUSINESS

The SRC are organising some exciting events for us this term.

It was decided that the students of WWPS would really like to have new handball lines painted on the concrete and to buy new handballs to use during playtime. We have decided that we will hold a junior, middle and senior school ‘disco in the dark’ in the hall at lunch time to raise money for paint and new handballs.

The SRC will be responsible for selling glow sticks to take into the disco. They will be 50c each.

‘PIRATE DAY’

4B wrote a letter to the SRC at the end of last term asking to hold a ‘Pirate Day’ to raise money for research and prevention into childhood brain tumours. The SRC have decided to support this cause by running a Pirate date on Friday June 12th (Week 8). Students will be asked to wear pirate clothing and donate a gold coin.

Reminder notes about these events will go home closer to the dates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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PRE-ORDER for WWPS JUMPERS

You can buy WWPS fleecy lined jumpers from the school office (along with the polo shirts, long sleeved t-shirts, hats and school bags).

The exciting part about this is that they are more affordable than anywhere else in town! They will cost you $25 per jumper.

If you would like to pre-order a jumper, please fill out the form below and hand it back to the office with your payment.

Thank you.

P&C

PRE-ORDER for WWPS JUMPERS

Child’s Name: ___________________________________________
Class: ___________________________________________
Size: 4 6 8 10 12 14 (please circle)
Amount: ___________________________________________