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K-2 Art Attack

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Calendar

Term 2, Week 7

Thursday 13 June	Assembly, 2:45pm and Riverina Cross Country Carnival at Gundagai
Friday 14 June	Basketball continues, 1:45pm

Term 2, Week 8

Wed 19/Thurs 20	Quality Teaching workshop – Mrs Reynolds and Mr Dahler
Friday 21 June	Basketball continues, 1:45pm

Term 2, Week 9

Monday 24 June	Professional Development – Mrs Reynolds
Tuesday 25 June	Responsible Pet Ownership for K-6 at 11:30am
Wednesday 26 June	JHS Production – The Very Un-merry Adventures of Robin Hood at 11:30am
Thursday 27 June	Public Speaking at Coota PS and Assembly at 2:45pm
Friday 28 June	Basketball continues, 1:45pm

Term 2, Week 10

Wed 3/Thurs 4 July	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 3 July	Last day for Mr Roy Buckley
Friday 5 July	Last day of term and Reward day

Term 3, Week 1

Monday 22 July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 23 July	Students return for term 3

Feature Photo



K-2 with their masterpieces!

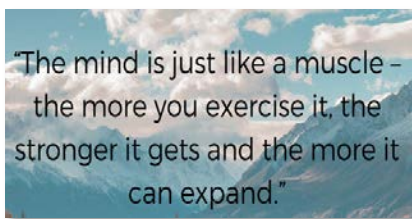
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A message from Meg

I hope everyone had an enjoyable long weekend. As you can see from this newsletter, the term continues to be a busy one. Our students continue to participate in a wide range of extra curricula activities, representing our school with pride. The teachers are currently in the process of completing assessments and writing Semester One reports. We look forward to discussing them, along with the academic progress of your children, at the parent/teacher interviews later in the term.

Our learning habit this week is **Mindfulness**. When we demonstrate Mindfulness, we use all our senses to pay



attention to things around us. We are patient and take time to see details.

We calmly acknowledge and accept our feelings and thoughts.

Next week our focus is **Questioning**. This habit helps us be resourceful. We are inquisitive and ask questions that help us learn about the world. We are not afraid of asking questions to show when we are not sure. We realise that not knowing is okay and we find ourselves asking questions constantly.

We have recently purchased some new readers to be used in guided reading in Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2. Below is a photo of Miss Callow using our new jellybean table in the Engine Room, to conduct guided reading with Charlie, Elsie and George B. The students have been working hard to build on their reading and comprehension strategies and are proud of their progress.



Thursday Assembly

Our next fortnightly Assembly is on this **Thursday, 13 June at 2:45pm**. The following assembly is to be held on Thursday 27 June. All very welcome to both.



Professional Learning

Mrs Reynolds is to attend Principal training – Curriculum Monitoring, on Monday 24 June.

Both Mrs Reynolds and Mr Dahler are attending a workshop on Quality Teaching in Wagga on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 June.

Riverina Cross Country

On **Thursday, 13 June** our Cross Country team of Asha, Sadie, Lloyd, Oliver, Scarlett and Finn travel to Gundagai for the Riverina trials. We wish them every success!

Debating Gala Day

On Wednesday, 5 June our two debating teams travelled to Coolamon CS, competing against Junee Nth PS and Coolamon CS. Both teams had a great day with team 1 (Asha, Maeve, Stella and Tom) winning 2 out of 3 debates and team 2 (Sadie, Lloyd, Zoe and Oliver) winning 1 out of 3 debates. Thank you to parents who provided transport for this event.

Included in this newsletter is a report written by Tom and Maeve.

Public Speaking

Students are currently preparing their speeches for our school's public speaking competition on **Tuesday, 18 June**. The stage 2 and 3 winners will be heading to Cootamundra Public School on **Thursday, 27 June** for the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. A permission note and further information will be sent home closer to the date.

Afternoon bus run

On **Wednesday 19 June** the afternoon bus run will be running 10 minutes later than usual. The bus will pick up students from school at 3:20pm.

Riverina Touch Trials

Congratulations Sadie and Asha who both performed well at the recent Riverina touch football trials in Griffith.

Reports

It is important to realise that if your child receives a sound grade for any of their subjects, they are achieving at the required outcome for their stage of learning. It is often a misconception that if they are given this grade of achievement that they are not achieving; this is simply not the case. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the report, please do so during your parent/teacher interview. Semester One reports are due to go home at the end of Week 9.

Responsible Pet Education Program

We will be having a workshop for all students K-6 on Responsible Pet Ownership on **Tuesday 25 June**.



June HS Performance

On **Wednesday 26 June** at 11:30am K-6 will be attending the JHS annual performance of *The Very Unmerry Adventures of Robin Hood*. See below for a short description:

Sherwood Forest is in danger of being destroyed and it's up to Robin and his band of dim-witted Merry Men to save the day. When the Sheriff challenges them to a contest to determine the forest's rightful owner, their skills are put to the test. Unfortunately, archery is only the first round. Robin and his men will also have to win a talent show and a beauty pageant. Will this be the end of Sherwood? Most likely. The production involves acting, singing and dancing and is suitable for all ages.

The cost for this day is **\$10.00** (\$4.00 for performance and the subsidised rate of \$6.00 for bus costs) payable **prior** to this event please. A permission note is attached.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

This year, Mrs Reynolds and either Mr Dahler or Miss Callow will be available for parent/teacher interviews on **Wednesday 3** and **Thursday 4 July**.

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress, both academically and socially. We will have 15-minute timeslots and double timeslots available for families with more than one child. An interview time sheet is attached for filling out and returning, indicating your time preferences.

Kindergarten Transition Program

We understand that a child's first year of school is an important one for both the child and their families. Our Kindergarten Transition Program is an ideal opportunity for your child to explore our wonderful school and begin their 'lifelong learning'. The program will commence for **two half days** in Term 3: **Fridays 13 and 20 September** and continue for a full day in term 4 every Friday from 1 to 29 November.

Earn & Learn

The Earn & Learn finishing date is approaching! The final date for collecting stickers for our school is **Tuesday, 26 June**. Thank you everyone for helping in this regard!

Meg

News from K-2

Following are the chosen names for our two Krabooz hermit crabs. Thank you for helping to chose their names!



Mr Steward's Science Report

In our Years 3-6 science lesson we have been learning lots about energy and forces. In our most recent science investigation we used our Sphero robots to measure how much force actually occurs when Sphero is dropped.

To do this the Years 3-6 students reported:

- ❖ We connected Sphero to an iPad and opened its live accelerometer feed
- ❖ Next we dropped Sphero onto a surface (e.g. bucket of water) from the height of 1m
- ❖ Then we recorded what the accelerometer measured in G Forces
- ❖ Mr Steward made us repeat the experiment at least 3 times for good scientific practices.

This Friday in science we will write a conclusion for our results. However, what we noticed is that the Sphero robot doesn't seem very consistent with its measurements.

Fun Facts

- ❖ G forces measure acceleration or deceleration, Gravity is 1g. If you rode the scariest roller coasters in the world you would experience 5g on your body. Most people go unconscious if they experience 6g for more then a few seconds. Pilots can go 9 - 12g's during really sharp turns. They squeeze their feet and legs to force blood into their brains to stay awake.

In the K-2 classroom, Mr Steward loves his challenges; last week in science we had to make something to protect Sphero from a very high drop. We were only allowed to use paper and sticky tape. We came up with lots of ideas and then got busy making. The model we built has:

- Spikes that fold and crumple to absorb force
- A parachute to slow Sphero down
- Crumpled up paper inside to soak us some energy when Sphero hits the ground

We compared how good our design worked according to Sphero's accelerometer. Smaller number is better. It means less crash force.

Did you know?

An individual blood cell takes about 60 seconds to make a complete circuit of the body

You have about 5 litres of blood in your body (at least, most people do) and the average heart pumps about 70 mL of blood out with each beat. A healthy heart also beats around 70 times a minute. So, if you multiply the amount of blood that the heart can pump by the number of beats in a minute, you actually get about 4.9 litres of blood pumped per minute, which is almost your whole body's worth of blood. In just a minute, the heart pumps the entire blood volume around your body.



**Before you speak,
let your words pass
through three gates:
Is it true?
Is it necessary?
Is it kind?
-Rumi**

Awards



Merit Certificates

Lily, Scarlett, George C, Stella, Darcy, Elsie and Liam

HOW2Learn

Angus, Lloyd, Asha, Crystal and Joey

Wow Awards

George C, Scarlett, Finn, Tom, Maeve, Charlie and Joey



The Debating Report by Maeve and Tom

Last Wednesday, Stage 3 travelled to Coolamon to compete in the Premiers Debating Challenge with our first team taking home 2 out of three wins and our second team taking home 1 out of three wins.

We are organising a final debate against Junee North and Coolamon at a later date, notes will be issued closer to the day.

In the first team, Asha was first speaker, Stella second, Maeve third and Tom as team advisor. In the second

team it was Ollie as first speaker, Sadie as second, Lloyd as third and Zoe as team advisor.

There was some tough competition and the topics were difficult to write about because they were hard to relate to, but we found a way to make them work in our favour. Overall it was a great day and we had a fantastic time.

