FROM THE PRINCIPAL …

CANBERRA WAR MEMORIAL EXCURSION
What a great excursion! The time we spent at the War Memorial on Friday last week was very well received by all of those in attendance and enjoyed by all of the students. It was a privilege to see the arrival of the Federation Guard and to watch some of the practices that were taking place in the memorial. Thankyou to everyone that contributed to an excellent day and to all of the parents and caregivers that attended, transported children, joined groups and smelled the submarine!

EARLY ACTION FOR SUCCESS UPDATE
Miss O’Connor today returned from Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) training in Gundagai having spent 3 days with teachers from around the area and the TEN State Trainer, Kris Graham. Today also Mrs Smith and Mrs Morse are in Wagga Wagga attending sessions at Mount Austin Public School where EAfS has been running for some time.

Miss O’Connor and I will attend a similar session at Mount Austin at a date to be fixed this term. It would appear also that we will be able to have a catch-up group for Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) so that our infants teachers can be formally trained in L3. After the 8 week catch-up period they will join an already established L3 training group. This will build upon the work already started in classrooms where our teachers have been able to access expert support already for L3.

We have used part of our EAfS grant to purchase more readers for students. These readers will supplement the home reading and in-class guided reading activities of all of the infants students.

NEW SPEED ZONE LIGHTS
As you would have seen, the new speed zone lights were installed yesterday at the end of Dickinson St. Parents and caregivers are reminded that the speed limit is 40km/hr when the lights are operational.

EXCESS LOST PROPERTY
The lost property box is overflowing with clothing. The contents of the box will be spread across the tables under the covered area tomorrow and students (as well as parents) will be able to look at what is in the box and take back anything that they own. Anything left after tomorrow and that we can’t identify will be bagged and given to charity so please come in and have a look.

FURTHER WORK TO THE COURTYARD AREA
Mr Chown will soon re-establish some of the garden beds within the courtyard area in preparation for the planting out process. The grass has taken very well in the courtyard, no
doubt assisted by the large amount of rain as well as the intensive watering it has received.

COVERED AREA REJUVENATION
Mr Chown has also pressure cleaned the covered area concrete and sanded down the teachers’ table to remove the paint on it. He will now start the sanding of the smaller tables to remove the paint on them as well. This area is looking very much improved. Thanks to Mr Chown for his efforts in this area.

TARGETING EARLY NUMERACY (TEN) TRAINING
This week I had the opportunity to participate in TEN training in Gundagai this week. The TEN initiative was developed to target students with significant difficulties in numeracy in K–2 to improve their skills. The initiative was developed to complement the existing program in the classroom to assist and enhance the skills of all students not only those who are targeted. Over the 3 day course I learnt a great deal and have many new resources and ideas to implement in the classroom to improve what we are already doing. It is a very exciting and I can’t wait to start.

WAR MEMORIAL EXCURSION
What a great day! Thank you to the students for the exemplary behaviour and to all the parents and grandparents who came too!

SPORTS NEWS
Bowling Smalls Schools Athletics Carnival
Bowling Smallis Schools Athletics Carnival will be held in term 2 on Friday 8th May (Week 3, Term 2). Nominations have been sent in and a list of what each student is participating in has been attached with the permission note.

Miss O’Connor
Class Teacher

LIBRARY
Each Tuesday the K–2 class enjoy time in our school library. Each child is able to borrow 3 books to take home for reading and sharing with their family. In addition to returning and borrowing books the children are introduced to a range of quality literature through teacher reading and guided discussion, opportunities to discuss a book they have borrowed and the organisation of books in the library. This week we finished reading The Zoo written by Anthony Browne where there is an inference that perhaps the animals may be thinking that the people should be in the cages!! Inferring is a very important reading skill for comprehension.

A reminder for children and parents that a library bag is needed to borrow books, this can be any bag that protects the books eg a pillow slip.

We are looking forward to our book fair which is being held on 27th May. Children and parents have the opportunity to purchase quality literature at a reasonable price. A good opportunity to stock up for Christmas and birthday gifts.

Maureen Morse
Teacher

P & C NEWS
The next P & C Meeting is Monday at 6pm at the Binalong Hotel.
ALL WELCOME.

So you think you can create – We hope that all families are well underway with their projects or looking for a donation. Please pass on any info about your projects to Lucy or Camilla All donations and creations please have to Camilla or Madaline by Thursday 7th May.

Cheers
Madaline

ATTACHMENTS
1. GKR Flyer
2. Bowling SSC Permission Note
3. SSC events sheet