PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGES

District Athletics
We wish Jack P, Thomasina and Oscar good luck at the District Athletics tomorrow. The three students will compete in a number of events throughout the day that will be held in Temora this year. Should the weather tomorrow be inclement the carnival backup date is Monday, 17th August.

Asset Management Reference Group
Tomorrow I will be attending the Asset Management Reference Group meeting in Sydney. This meeting is part of my responsibilities within the Primary Principals’ Association (PPA) and takes place once a term. Representatives from the old regional system meet to discuss asset management issues and to provide advice to the Department of Education senior management. This meeting will focus on tree safety in schools as well as other regional issues.

Riverina PPA Conference – “Daring Greatly”
Next week I will be attending the Riverina PPA Conference in Wagga Wagga. As the secretary of the Wagga Wagga group of principals (our group consists of 61 primary principals) I am also on the organising committee for this conference, which will have some 117 principals attend over 2 days. Our conference will be addressed by a number of guest speakers, including Alissa Camplin (Olympic medallist) and Steve Mortimer (Bulldogs and Australian footballer). The conference will be held at CSU Wagga, and we will mean that next week there will be no principal section in the newsletter!

School Uniform
Over the past little while some students have started to wear non-uniform to school. Whilst we realise that there are times when uniforms aren’t dry or clean (especially in winter) we do require that students wear full uniform when possible. Generally, flat caps are not acceptable at school as they do not protect the whole head and they often have ‘advertising’ on them. Similarly, sloppy joes that are patterned or have pictures are discouraged. Students should try to wear, as much as possible, their ‘yellow’ sports uniform on Monday and Friday, and their ‘blue’ uniform on the other days.

Assembly
As you would be aware, assembly was postponed last Monday. This was fortunate on a number of fronts including the fact that we had so many children away sick. We will attempt to have assembly again next Monday, 17th August starting at 2.15pm.

With my best regards

INFANTS NEWS

Matilda Musical
Just a reminder that there is only 2 weeks until the final performance is due for “Matilda”. Please contact the office if you need support or information about amounts owing.

Early Action for Success
Last Friday 7th August, I attended a meeting in Narrandera for EAS. The meeting was run by Jan Farmer Hayley, head of Literacy and the focus was...
reading, comprehension and writing in infants, especially year 2.

We spoke about how to increase the skills of the students and effective ways this can be done in the classroom. I learnt so much and have been using what I learnt in the classroom.

At Binalong, from the results we have collected from the students, our goal is to improve writing. We will be especially focusing on text and sentence structure and vocabulary.

Reading and comprehension is still very important as well. We spoke about making our students efficient and fluent readers at their particular level. This means that at whatever level they are reading at on a second read of the text they should be reading at the same pass as we would read, pausing at full stops and commas, and changing the tone and pitch according to speech marks and other grammatical features.

When reading a story, don’t be afraid to talk about what you have read. Talk about the characters feelings, your feelings, why characters did certain things and what if questions.

I have attached an article to help you support you child reading at home.

A great website to visit for tips and information is http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home

Infants News Week 5
What is your favourite book and why?

SPORTS NEWS

Sporting Schools
This week, due to bad weather again, we stayed in the hall and worked on our table tennis skills. Next week hopefully we will be out training for Arabin Cup and perfecting out T-ball skills.

Arabin Cup
Arabin Cup our annual T-ball carnival is only 4 weeks away, on Friday 11th September. This year we are very lucky to have 9 schools joining us and 18 teams competing in the cup. It will be a great day at the golf course.

If you are able to help out please let me or Madeline know. We will need help assisting setting up in the morning, parking cars and the P&C will also need assistance with the BBQ.

There are two Special Events this week.

We invite you to our first Book Club on Wednesday 19th August from 11:30am in the library. We are inviting all parents to enjoy a cup of coffee and our special guest speaker will talk about reading. This is a great opportunity to talk about reading with other parents.

The second one is on Thursday 20th August from 3:30pm. We will have a reading session and a tea party to launch our annual Language Challenge. This will be a great opportunity for students to show off their reading skills.

We hope you will be able to join us for these events.

A great day for some table tennis

A Quick Bite …

How do you choose what’s healthy from the canteen?

Select GREEN menu items that include foods like
• Fruit, legumes and vegetables
• Lean meat, fish and lean poultry
• Breads and wholegrain cereals
• Low fat milks, yoghurts and cheeses
• Water

AMBER items like savoury pastry foods, cakes, muffins should be limited and RED items such as high fat and salt pastry foods or high fat and sugar cakes, muffins or lollies should not be sold at the canteen regularly and should be limited to twice per term throughout the school.

For more information visit

CALCERAND Weeks 6 & 7

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten has had a great start to this week working extremely hard with their writing. They have been extending their sentences to include more detail. I have asked them to think of things and add a describing word to make us get a better picture in our minds e.g. a cat – a big fluffy cat. My bed – My very messy big bed. I like to play – I like to play in the puddles when it rains.

Homework will be sent out on Monday and returned on a Monday until the end of Term 3. Please feel free to come in to our classroom and see the fantastic work we are doing. Any parent who can spare ten minutes in the morning listening to students read would be grateful.

A SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT IS IMPORTANT TO OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE REPORT ANY SAFETY CONCERNS TO THE SCHOOL SO WE CAN ATTEND TO THEM APPROPRIATELY.