Throughout this Bulletin the term parent means parent, guardian and care provider.

Welcome to this week’s South Wagga Bulletin.

The weeks are certainly ticking over very quickly and it is hard to believe that we are just about at the end of term 1.

The P&C welcome BBQ and Disco proved to be very popular and very much enjoyed by all attending. A BBQ dinner is always good and the disco was a huge hit with the students and parents. It was great to see everyone up dancing and having a fantastic time. Well done to Mr Ford for organising the BBQ and to DJ Crash and DJ Jacqueline who did a fantastic job of getting everyone up and dancing.

This week the school cricket team had a huge win over Coolamon and will now play one of the Albury schools, in the next level of the knockout competition. Mr Harris is hoping to have the match completed before the end of term 1.

Term 1 parent / teacher interviews are now taking place and will be completed by the end of term. I encourage all parents to take the opportunity to have an interview. The interviews allow parents and staff to review the achievements of the students during term 1 and discuss future learning goals for term 2.

The past week has been a week for excursions and learning experiences outside the school grounds with Stage 2 visiting the Riverina Environment Education Centre, Stage 1 visiting the Kurrajong Recycle Complex and Stage 3 travelling to Canberra and visiting the Canberra Zoo and The Institute of Sport. As always the behaviour of the students was of the highest level in every respect.

The find of the week goes to Lucas Livio who found a beautiful owl in one of the school playground trees on Wednesday. Well spotted Lucas.

In closing I would like to inform parents that I will not be back at school until the start of Week 3 next term, as I have had what I believe to be the opportunity of a life time offered to me. I am taking some of my long service leave and exploring South Africa on a Harley Davidson. During my absence Mrs Pietsch will be relieving in the role of principal.

Until next week

Greg Smith
Achievement Awards

KR: Devangi Joshi—Enthusiasm & effort in all areas
KF: Sarah Hardy—Noticing connections in her learning—Spelling
1/2D: Abby Henman—Improving her reasoning skills
1/2J: Mimi Russell—Being a ready, willing and able learner
1/2P: Hamish Linsell—Persevering in class discussions
1/2R: Rory Middleton—Trying harder to manage his distractions
3/4H: Gabriel James—Reasoning during reading and comprehending
3/4L: Xander Anschuetz—Improving skills at managing distractions
3/4P: Maeva Bailey—Wonderful perseverance in literacy
5/6B: Kobe Adams—Celebrating his achievements
5/6C: Paityn Hott—Outstanding improvements in Literacy
5/6S: Shivani Ratra—Creative design and well executed persuasive texts
Harriet Wicks—Improved strategies in recalling mathematical information

Special Awards: Lucas Livio 1/2R, Jett Lucas 1/2J, Lilah Burkinshaw 3/4P

How 2 Learn Awards

KR: Devangi Joshi—Managing her distractions
KF: Sarah Hardy—Noticing connections in her learning—Spelling
1/2D: Abby Henman—Improving her reasoning skills
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CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Items listed have already been distributed to the children and we ask that payment be made to the office as soon as possible. Online payments can be made as well as cash or cheque payments.

Kindergarten: $25.00
Year 1: $28.00
($2.00 less if you have paid for blue folder)
Year 2: $26.00
Years 3 & 4: $45.00
Years 5 & 6: $35.00

The SCHOOL EQUIPMENT FUND contributions amounts are:
One child $40.00 Two children $50.00 Three or more children $60.00

REMINDER - Online Payments

Payments for the South Wagga P & C, for Fundraising, Fete, Canteen, Special Lunch & Mufti Days, Chocolate Drives, Calendars cannot be paid in by the Parent Online Payments as they hold different bank a/cs.
Please pay cash for small amounts of less than $5.00 eg mufti days, students participating in PSSA sporting events, Cross Country, Swimming Carnival and Athletics Carnivals.
In 1-2 J we have been looking at the How 2 Learn habit, Reasoning. When you use this learning muscle, you use your brain in clever ways and look for evidence to support your ideas. It enables you to back up your point of view and to consider all the information put before you.

During Literacy, 1-2 J have had to sequence a series of events in the order they thought they belonged. The class used reasoning to explain the order in which the sequence occurred and discussed logically the reasons why they chose that order.

In 1J Maths, the children constantly share their ideas and question each other on how they came to their answer. They also ask their peers about the steps they take from start to finish. The game “Odd One Out” reinforces this habit. This can be a series of words or pictures including one that does not fit in. Eg triangle, square, circle cube. Use reasoning to solve the problem. (A cube is a 3dimensional shape and the others are 2dimensional).
Karate
Come and try Karate Mon 14th April to Thurs 17th April 2014. Contact: 02 69225715.
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Non Violent Resistance (NVR)
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Overcome your child’s violent, dangerous and destructive behaviour with Non Violent Resistance
Where: Relationships Australia.
36 – 40 Gurwood Street, Wagga Wagga
When: Tuesday evenings, starting Tuesday 29th April 2014
Time: 6pm – 8pm each week (supper included)
Cost: $10 per family / session
Agency referrals accepted and rebates are available
For more information please contact: Relationships Australia on 6923 9100

School Equestrian Team
I have finally received the Scot’s Interschool Equestrian Challenge Program. This event is being held at Albury on 31st May, however entries are online and are due by 14th May. Unlike the other comps we have attended, this one only accepts entries from children in Years 4 and above. Unfortunately this cuts out 4 of our members that I can think of.

For those new to the School the uniform for the Equestrian Team is cream jodphurs, brown boots, long sleeve lemon collared shirt, navy and yellow striped tie, spray jacket, navy saddlecloth (which needs to have the school logo embroidered by Gheko in Fitzmaurice Street.) If anyone wishes to compete, please email me at bigrevin@southernphone.com.au for a copy of the program. Amber Windle

WANTED
Knitting wool for craft lessons. Thank you.

BULLYING
On Monday Stage 3 students were lucky enough to receive a visit from an NRL development officer who talked about what we can do to stop bullying. He gave us ideas and strategies we can adopt to eliminate bullying.