Welcome to the Week 3 South Wagga Bulletin and my first Bulletin of the term.

I would like to start the Bulletin with a huge thank you and congratulations to Mrs Pietsch who filled the role of principal during my absence and to Mrs Cooper and all the staff for the manner in which they supported her to ensure that our school continued to function smoothly. Later in the term Mrs Cooper will have her opportunity to be relieving principal as I need to undergo minor surgery and will be absent for the last three to four weeks of the term.

NAPLAN testing took place this week for students in Years 3 and 5 and as always the testing took place without fuss or bother. The students and parents will be informed of the results later in the year.

The Daily Telegraph on Wednesday had a beautiful story about Beni Ali in Year 1 and her battle to beat leukaemia. The story centered around Beni’s love of music and dance and the fantastic work that the nurses and doctors at the Sydney Children’s Hospital perform. Today the school held a Gold Day to raise money to support their work with children. It was a superb day and a great way to support the Sydney Children’s Hospital.

A number of parents have asked about my recent holiday to South Africa and to be honest it was more of a boy’s adventure than a holiday. I managed to ride over 4000km on a Harley Davidson, go under water with 3 meter White Pointer Sharks, see a herd of 45 elephants in the wild, get up close and personal with an eagle and experience some of the most beautiful natural scenery in the world. It is certainly something that I can tick off my bucket list.

My African adventure also offered me the opportunity to visit schools and orphanages in the shanty towns and talk with the staff about how they go about educating their students. It is a very different education system to ours and it made me appreciate how inclusive and open to all the Public Schools of NSW are. One of the schools I visited had a maximum number of 230 students and everyday up to two hundred extra students waited at the school gates trying to get in so they could learn. Witnessing this made me realise that we don’t know how good we have it in Australia.

Until next week

Greg Smith
Canteen Roster
Week 3 Term 2
Mon 19:  Karen
Tues 20:  CLOSED
Wed 21:  Jenny
Thur 22:  Karen
Fri 23:  Mel & Virginia

Canteen Closure Tuesdays
The SWPS Canteen is closed on Tuesdays.

Achievement Awards
KR:  Tane Finemore—Enjoying singing
KF:  Will Ryan—Showing great enthusiasm to learn
1/2D:  Caitlain Simpson—Having a great try at gym
1/2J:  Jett Lucas—Effort at Stage 1 gymnastics
1/2P:  Ella Macaulay—Confidence during news
1/2R:  Felix McNellie—A positive attitude towards learning
3/4H:  Charlie Obst—Working quietly and efficiently in Term2
3/4L:  Jakob Brown—Continued enthusiasm
3/4P:  Aliaga Seyedi—Wonderful reading
5/6B:  Caleb Bailey—Positivity and enthusiasm
5/6C:  Saige Mascini—Effort and application
5/6S:  Cameron Brousek—Excellent effort in completing his persuasive writing

How 2 Learn Awards
KR:  Will Bromham—Being absorbed in his learning
KF:  James Springett—Making connections in his learning
1/2D:  Marvel Rorrison—Making links in spelling
1/2J:  Molly Walker—Planning ahead and being an organised learner
1/2P:  Navya Gajella—Being resourceful by using room posters
1/2R:  Gilbert Ruwald—Reflecting on his learning
3/4H:  Kaili Kerr—Imagining and being creative in writing
3/4L:  Charlotte Heine—Being a great collaborator
3/4P:  Maeve Bailey—Excellent collaboration
5/6B:  Grace Kelly—Never giving up
5/6C:  Ethan Weidemann—Planning his persuasive writing
5/6S:  Rani Hogg—Careful planning and organisation before beginning her writing tasks

Special Awards:  Isaac Cornell 5/6S, Joseph Measday KF
Library:  Chloe Watt 5/6C, Vienna Scott 5/6C

School Clothing Pool
The school clothing pool is open each Wednesday from 8am to 10am.
If you have any clothing you wish to donate, especially winter clothing, it would be very much appreciated.

How to Walk Safely to School Day
The annual National Walk Safely to School day—when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school is Friday 23 May, 2014.
Students will receive a sticker from 8.50am when they walk in, to help promote this community event which encompasses road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

Mr Smith's adventures in South Africa
That's a big shark

These children are waiting at the fence attempting to come to school
This week in 5/6S we have been focusing on the habit ‘planning’. We have been utilising this learning strategy to assist in the organisation of our writing tasks; enabling writers to use their time effectively. Planning each step of a narrative or persuasive text helps to break writing into manageable chunks and focus on producing quality material.

5/6S are collaborative learners whose planning involves brainstorming, think pair share, using graphic organisers to connect ideas and designing a coherent structure for a persuasive or narrative writing piece. They can scaffold their plans to consider the purpose and goals for writing.

Aline and Francesca are discussing the scene, setting and characters that they plan to use in their narrative text. They are using a graphic organiser to dot point a series of events that lead up to a complication and how that will be resolved in the context of their story. Aline and Francesca organise their nouns, noun groups, verbs and adjectives to add detail to their narratives and engage the reader.

Rani’s efficient and effective planning means that she is a highly organised student who can produce quality texts. Rani is planning her design of a persuasive text and uses her plan to draft her work. Feedback, editing and think pair share enables Rani to gather information and add it to her final published work.

5/6S are beginning to use planning to organise their thoughts and manage their time in all areas. Keep up the good work!
BOOK FAIR
Saturday 17 May (8am-5pm)
Sunday 18 May (9am-4pm) Kyeamba Smith Hall, Wagga Showground
All at Realistic prices $$$ Bring a carry bag  Entry: $2 Adults Children Free
Donations to: Elders, Kincaid St or Redline Autotech 123 Hammond Ave.

FUN after school @ Wagga Bowl and Diner
Ages: 5-12yrs Every Thursday at 4.30pm
13-17yrs—Fridays at 4.30pm
Join this league today by phoning 69719410

Young Parents Program - Are you aged 15-25yrs wanting to meet other young parents. Centacare Southwest are running a Young Parents Program. When: Every Wednesday. Time: 11am-11.30am then 12-1pm Where: Meet at entrance of Wagga City Library. Further enquiries phone 69233888.

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