



Rand Public School

NEWSLETTER



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Week 6 Term 4

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Reminders

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It was a delight to stand in the Pearson's back yard yesterday afternoon to view how our "Story of Rand" tin silhouettes are coming along. They look fantastic! Thank you Brett for the many hours after work you have put into these lovely shapes—they are so dynamic and life like! They will be a great addition to the school and town. Preparations are underway for these to be viewed when neighbouring schools come to launch their Creative Catchment Books and view our project later in November.

Our P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday at 9.15am. Morning tea will be provided. This will be an important meeting to decide our educational directions for the next three years—so please come and have some input about what direction you would like to see the school heading in for your child's education.

Tracey Southam

Notes Due in:

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Raffle—Presentation Night

Thank you to those families who have donated goods for our presentation night raffle. We are asking families to donate an item, or two, to put in our hamper. Please drop items in to the office.

Farewell Miss Baring

On Friday we farewell Miss Baring, a student from Charles Sturt University. We thank Jaime for her work with all students. We wish her every success in her future teaching career.

Dates to Remember:

- Book Club due in Friday 21st November.

Remembrance Day

Thank you parents for the donations of flowers for the Cenotaph on Tuesday morning. Walking to the Cenotaph adds another dimension to Remembrance Day as children do not often leave the school grounds. Children completed literacy activities on Monday and Tuesday morning about the importance of remembering people who fought in wars. We are very fortunate to live in a peaceful country—Lest we forget.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Stevie and Mitchell are currently undertaking an education tour of the national capital. They are being given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. A highlight of the trip will be visiting Parliament House where they will hear the Right Honourable David Cameron—Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. A United Kingdom Prime Minister has not visited Australia for many years so this will be an occasion to remember.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate has already been deducted from the excursion cost and will be paid directly to the school on the completion of the excursion.

School Surveys

A copy of the School survey for 2014 about school culture is attached with this weeks newsletter. Each year schools throughout NSW survey parents, staff and students about aspects of school life. This provides valuable feedback in regards to the school's teaching and administration. Surveys are anonymous and voluntary. Completed surveys can be placed in the box in the front office by Friday 28th November.

Cooking

Students will be making fruit salad tomorrow. Please remember your **\$2.00** payment. A reminder cooking will be for recess so children will need to bring their lunch as normal.

Home Learning and Concert Practice

Next week will be the last week children will receive home learning. We have begun concert preparations—a children's version of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Details about costumes will be sent home in the coming weeks. We have sourced head sets and microphones for children to wear so they will be heard on the night above the cool hum of the air-conditioning!!! Infants children received a copy of the poem "Christmas Time" which they can include as part of their home reading.

Safe Road Crossing

Parents please remind students about crossing all roads safely before and after school. When leaving the school grounds children are to cross directly from the school gate—this way teachers and adults can see them easily.

New Equipment

We have purchased new cricket sets and tennis balls which will be very useful—especially for Super 8's.

Work has also begun on a long jump pit, shot put area and we are refurbishing the cricket pitch. Work will continue over the weekend. A reminder—please do not enter the school grounds. Only the people working on these areas are allowed access. Authorisation out of school hours is only permitted with the permission of Mrs Southam.



Wirraminna Excursion



Corroboree Frog



Here's a great activity for a hot Summer's day...

Making ice cream!

You will need:

Two plastic bags, one big and one small – good quality zip lock ones

6 tblsp of salt

Ice (about 2 trays worth or four big handfuls)

½ cup cream

Dash of vanilla

1 tblsp caster sugar

Method:

Place cream, sugar and vanilla in small plastic bag, seal well.

Place salt, ice and small bag with cream mixture in the larger bag, seal well.

Scrunch the bags together gently – after about 10 mins you will have lovely cool ice cream to eat!

You can add flavours or fruit to your mix if you wish.

How does it work? The ice turns to water by the addition of salt and this keeps the temperature low enough (about -3°) for the cream to turn into ice-cream.



Term Calendar

Date	Event
Wed 12—Fri 14 November	Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
Friday 14th November	Principals Meeting—Wagga
Tuesday 18th November	P&C Meeting—9.15am
Friday 21st November	Assembly
Wednesday 26th November	SES Truck visit and talk

Community News

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NOTE: NO ON THE DAY ENTRIES

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