

Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

June	
Friday 3 rd	Gymnastics PSSA Netball Knockout
Mon/Tue 6 th & 7 th	SRG Conference – Mrs Morey – Sydney
Thursday 9 th	Southern Riverina Athletics Mrs Sayasenh & Mrs Armstrong – Wagga T&D
Friday 10 th	Gymnastics P&C Meeting 9.00am Mrs Armstrong – Wagga T&D
Monday 13 th	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 17 th	Gymnastics
Friday 24 th	Gymnastics
Thursday 30 th	Tony Lockett Match
July	
Friday 1 st	Hot House Theatre K-6 Last day Term 2
Monday 18 th	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 19 th	Students Commence Term 3



GRIP Leadership

Our Stage 3 participated in the GRIP Student Leadership Conference in Albury last Wednesday. This was an opportunity for Chloe, Jack, Harry and Kate to gain leadership skills and ideas. They were involved in many discussions and activities with the presenters as well as with other students from a wide variety of schools. Most importantly they learnt about practical strategies that they can use to make our school community an inclusive and collaborative learning place.

Highlights Of The Conference...

Kate – I liked watching the clips showing us how to be a good and influential leader.

Harry –The Loud Noises segment was fun because we got to do some cool dance moves at the end.

Jack – Loud Noises segment taught us how to grow as a leader.

Chloe –Through the activities, I learnt about the qualities and skills needed to become a leader and the difficulties that you can be faced with being a leader.



Primary – Creative Catchment Kids Program

Everyone in our class have been busy working hard in interviewing some of our community members and gathering information to write a book about Rand. The focus areas for our book will be a brief history about Robert Rand, Aboriginal cultural heritage and the social, agricultural and environmental impacts on our community.

Thank you to James Kreutzberger, Rob and Cathie Webster, Dawn Hall and Mrs Kuhne who were involved with the interviews. We currently in the middle of typing up our work ready to be edited and handed into the publishers at the end of this term. We will be showcasing this book at our school Presentation Night at the end of the year.

Gulbalanha – Wagga Wagga Art Gallery Visit

The theme and focus for the day was learning about print making and learning some Wiradjuri language. We all got to create a few pieces of print making artwork and played some games to help us learn and speak some Wiradjuri words.

Student Learning – Infants – Material World

In keeping with our science unit on "Materials", Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 has been looking at "Recycling". Here are some of our thoughts:

Allira, "It is important to recycle because it keeps our environment clean. First you put it in the recycling bin. The truck will take it. It will get made into other important things".

Jai, "When it's recycled, the materials get re-used to make other things. Then the man gets to go home and have a rest".

Ella, "It is made from cans. The rubbish goes into the bin. The truck and boxes stack the rubbish".

Taryn, "You keep it so you can use it again".

Turner, "If there were no recycling bins, the earth would be a rubbish dump".

The children are responding to the many varied and different uses for "Materials", from animal habitats to people's homes to recycling.

Hot House Theatre PICASSO AND HIS DOG

One fine spring morning in 1957, an elongated sausage dog named Lump arrived at the villa of the great 20th Century artist Pablo Picasso. Lump looked into the deep, brown eyes of the artist and decided he was home.

Picasso and His Dog tells the tale of a man and his dog, deep love, and the art their friendship inspired.

It is a story of how the loving animals in our lives inspire us to be excellent humans (and artists).

We will be taking our students to the Albury Hot House Theatre for this exciting performance on Friday July 1st. This will be followed by a special Puppet Play Post Show Activities at the theatre. It is a wonderful opportunity to broaden our students learning experiences and to develop their appreciation of the creative arts and also achieving the objectives in the NSW Creative and Visual Arts curriculum.

Our equity funding has enabled us to conduct a drama program during Terms 3 and 4. This is a part of the many strategies that our school has been working on in achieving the Strategic Directions of our school plan. A drama teacher from the Hot House Theatre will be coming out to our school to teach and build our student's confidence, expression and creativity along with performance skills. We could have the next Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman in the making!

A permission note with information on cost and travel will be sent home this week. We kindly ask that permission notes and payment be returned as soon as possible to secure our booking.



P&C

The next P&C meeting will be held on Friday 10th June commencing at 9.00am. There will be further discussion on the upcoming football/netball carnival at this meeting. All welcome.

Learning Awards

Our School Learning Detectives had a very tough job in searching for many good learning habits in each of the classes last week. Their task was to focus on finding Responsible Learners who displayed consistency in the way they learned in class. These Learning Detectives did not work together as they did not know who their fellow detective was. A new Learning Detective will be chosen by each class teacher.

Chloe Kuhne (Primary) – Being a responsible learner who uses her learning time effectively in class.

Trae Kuhne (Infants) – Asking good questions, staying on task and helping classmates.

Toby Pearson (Sport) – Listening well to Alex in AFL.



Community News

There are three age categories, 0 – 10, 11 – 17 and 18 – 24.

Prizes for all 3 categories are:

- 1st Prize - Ipad Air
- 2nd Prize - \$100 gift card
- 3rd Prize - \$50 gift card.

Federation Council – Urana Office

real NSW PHOTO COMPETITION

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Children and young people have told us that they are tired of being stereotyped, in particular, through the photos and images used to represent them. ACYP together with children and young people want to shift the way children and young people are portrayed in our newspapers, on our televisions, and on our screens.

If you're under 25, we invite you to participate in the Real NSW photo competition which gives you the opportunity to show NSW the real you!

Get involved by taking a photo that's a glimpse into your world, such as your creative hobbies, engaging with your local community, volunteering, playing sports, exploring your favourite places, or hanging with your friends at school.

Enter the competition to win prizes and have your photo publicly displayed.

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Corowa District Landcare Event

On Saturday 18th of June Corowa Landcare bring you Reptiles at Britta's Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR) from 11 am – 1 pm with Dr Damian Michael. Britta's Reserve is located alongside Billabong Creek 5km east of Walbundrie on the Culcairn Road. Look for the Landcare Signs.

Damian has been conducting wildlife research at Britta's TSR for the past 16 years. The reserve is a good example of grey box woodland and has high conservation value for plants, birds and mammals. During the field day Damian will check some long-term reptile monitoring plots, conduct a survey for small lizards and discuss the habitat requirements of reptiles in threatened woodland environments.

Who is Damian Michael? From Joanne's Landcare Contact Book:

A Dr - Damian is an enthusiastic Herpetologist (reptile expert) who enthusiastically shares his knowledge with a wide audience, from primary students to the farmers who are part of the Murray Biodiversity Monitoring Program. A presenter at our Pollinators, Paddocks and Profit workshop, he is famous (in my book) for spotting a turquoise parrot out at Redlands Hill Reserve! Good cook, loves chilli.

Official Biographical Details:

Dr. Damian Michael is a Senior Research Ecologist at the Australian National University. He is based in Albury where he manages long-term biodiversity monitoring programs in the Riverina and South West Slopes bioregions. He also operates his own business which focuses on environmental education and wildlife surveys. Damian has been working in threatened woodland ecosystems for the past 20 years and is passionate about wildlife conservation and science communication. Damian has a particularly strong interest in the conservation of reptiles in human-modified landscapes and in 2010, he wrote Reptiles of the New South Wales Murray Catchment, a field guide developed to increase the awareness of reptiles in farming landscapes. Damian is also co-author of three other books including - Woodlands: a disappearing landscape and Wildlife on farms: how to conserve native animals.

All welcome.



Thank you Dawn, James and Rob for contributing to our 2016 Creative Catchment Kids book .