

## Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

May 2017	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	LMBR Principal Training Mrs Sayasenh
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	LMBR SASS Training Mrs Morey
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Small Schools Cross Country Principal Network Meeting Wagga
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Information Session Reporting and Assessing
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Stage 2 and 3 Albury Lapidary Excursion
Thursday, Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	Stage 2 Melbourne Excursion
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Stage 2 and 3 MAMA Nguram-gang Art Program
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bushwazee for Small Schools Burrumbuttock Public School
Thursday, Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	SASS Conference Albury Mrs Morey
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Reference Group Meeting Sydney



### ANZAC DAY

Thank you to those students who marched with our school on ANZAC Day. It was a very wet and cold day but it was great to see our students joining in with the local community commemorative service on such an important day to remember the servicemen and service women who served in the war both past and present.

### CLASS NEWS

Last Thursday students had their first gymnastic session with Emily and Rhi from Flyaway Gymnastics. The program helps children to develop fundamental movement skills through play, exploration and sequencing of movements. Most of our students are consolidating their skills they developed from the previous year and our Kindergarten students will be working towards developing gross and fine motor skills and building confidence, strength, balance and coordination through a variety of activities.



## PROMPTING HEALTHY CHOICES

We have been discussing and promoting healthy choices in our lunch boxes during our Personal Development and Health lessons.

Eating healthy food helps children concentrate and learn, so it is important to ensure they take a healthy lunchbox to school. The best lunches are nutritious, quick to prepare and easy to eat. Encourage your child to be involved in choosing and preparing food. It is a fun way to help them learn about making healthy food choices.



## LIBRARY MUSEUM and HOT HOUSE THEATRE



On the last day of Term 1 students travelled into Albury for a day of culturally rich and educative experiences. The first stop was the Albury Library Museum. This involved a guided tour of the Dinosaur Evolution exhibition where students explored the survival and evolution of two species of dinosaurs. They then participated in a hands-on workshop to create their own fossils. Students then explored the local history wing of the museum where they enjoyed investigating artefacts from the past. It was then back on the bus and off to the Hothouse Theatre to see Kaput! The live performance had many of the students (and teachers!) in stitches. All in all it was a successful day with many tired, smiling faces on the bus trip home.



## STUDENT LEARNING AWARDS



Flynn- for being an enthusiastic learner and demonstrating increasing independence  
Billie - for effectively managing distractions.

## **STAGE 2 MELBOURNE EXCURSION**

The countdown has begun for the up and coming excursion for students in Years 3 and 4. Final preparations are underway and a final update note was sent home this week. Please read all information given on the note regarding what to pack for the excursion, the departure and return time and location. Thank you to families who have already made payments and returned the permission notes and medical notes.

## **WALBUNDRIE NETWORK OF SMALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY**

Thank you to those who have already returned the permission note for the Small Schools Cross Country that will be at Burrumbuttock Recreation Ground on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Lunch order forms will need to be returned by the 5<sup>th</sup> May so that orders can be placed and given to Burrumbuttock Public School.

The organisers are in need of parent helpers to man checkpoints on the course. If you are able to assist please let someone know at the marshalling area on the day. Thank you.

## **NAPLAN**

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program (NAPLAN).

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students' needs.

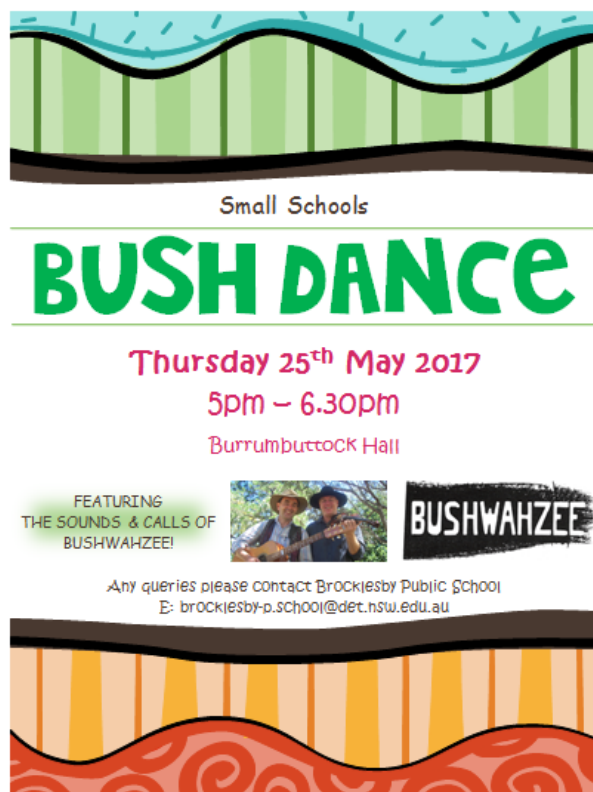
## **Ways you can help**

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. Also to ensure that they have a good night's rest and a good breakfast in the morning!

## **ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING**

Mrs Sayasenh and Miss Ryan will be delivering a parent information session after school on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> May from 3:10 pm - 3:40 pm. There will be information on how student learning is assessed and reported at our school. Our school will be implementing and using a new written report for parents this year. Parent feedback is welcome and an opportunity for anyone who may have any queries about how their child is assessed and graded. Afternoon tea will be provided. We hope that many of our families will be able to attend.

Save the date! BUSHWAZEE is coming!



## Community News

### Corowa High School - Year 7 Extension

A new initiative will be introduced at Corowa High School in 2018. Students seeking to enrol in Year 7 will have the opportunity to apply for a position in their newly formed Extension Class. This class is being formed in order to meet the needs of motivated and talented students within Corowa and the broader community. Statistical data confirms that each year a group of students with significant differences in innate ability enrol in our schools, and research indicates that the learning and socialisation needs of this group are potentially different from the majority of our students. We know that converting ability into performance is a function of motivation and application, and the establishment of this class is one step Corowa High School are taking to strengthen this ethos amongst our students. Ultimately, the goal is for students to be challenged, motivated and inspired to excel in a broad range of endeavours, from academic performance and leadership skills to excellence in sporting and extra-curricular activities. The students in this class will be taught an appropriately broadened, extended and accelerated curriculum and they will remain as a group for the majority of their subjects.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in applying to enrol in the Year 7 Extension Class application forms can be found at all local primary schools or from Corowa High School's front office.