

Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

June 2017	
Thursday 8 th	Assembly – 2.10pm
Monday 12 th	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Wed/Thurs 21 st & 22 nd	Netball Coaching
Friday 23 rd	Reports Sent Home
Wed/Thurs 28 th & 29 th	Netball Coaching

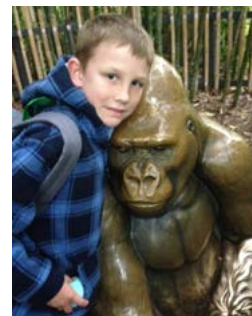


Stage 2 Melbourne Excursion

Students in Years 3 and 4 from our Walbundrie network of small schools went on an overnight excursion to Melbourne recently. We had a very busy itinerary and managed to visit a lot of significant places in Melbourne. The excursion included a visit to the Scienceworks where we got to do lots of hands on activities and to sit back and view a simulated display of the night sky. We learnt about how seasons work and the path of the Sun and the tilt of the Earth. This helped us to understand about the day-night cycle and why it is different at different places on Earth and at different times of the year.

We went to the highest public viewing platform in the Southern Hemisphere, the Eureka Skydeck, in the evening and was awarded with spectacular views of Melbourne on the 88th floor!

We also got to see lots of interesting exhibits at the Melbourne Museum and saw lots of different animals at the Melbourne Zoo. Check out some of the following pictures from our trip!



Southern Riverina Cross Country

Well done to Ed, Jai, Isabelle and Tammy who participated at the Southern Riverina Cross Country last Friday. Their effort and the way they represented our school was outstanding. We are very proud of you!

Congratulations to Ed who has progressed to the next level and will compete at the Riverina Cross Country event to be held at Gundagai on 15th June. Good luck Ed!

School Representative Shirts

A reminder for all students to return their laundered school representative shirts as soon as possible.

WANTED: Art Supplies

We would appreciate any unwanted plastic bottles, margarine/yoghurt containers and newspapers. These will be used for our art lessons and can be left at the office or the classroom for Mrs Wiltshire. Thank you.

Bushwahzee

Last Thursday students from our network of small schools travelled to Burrumbuttock for the Bushwahzee extravaganza! We were greeted by the entertaining sounds and antics of Louis and Felix who performed for the staff and students. This was followed by small group workshops focussing on bush dance and song. After a day of learning and practising new skills students returned to Burrumbuttock for an evening performance. Here they were able to showcase their new talents and even pull some unwitting family members up for a dance! It was great to see many enthusiastic students (and parents!) making the most of this opportunity.



Aboriginal Language Program

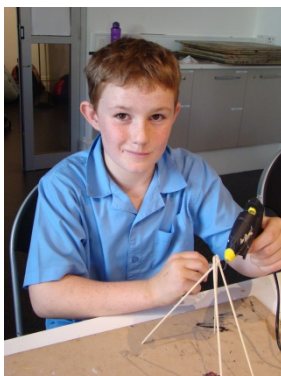
Last Friday we had Ruth visit the school to conduct the first of four sessions in the Aboriginal Language program. Students were responsive and inquisitive in regards to the information Ruth presented about the traditional Wiradjuri ways of life. They had the opportunity to handle a number of artefacts and view a range of images to enhance their understandings of the Aboriginal people's connections to the land. We also learned a number of Wiradjuri words, some of which students recognised such as 'Wagga Wagga'. We look forward to extending our learning through Ruth's visits and continuing to develop and apply our understandings beyond the program.

Class News

Primary Class

Our participation in the Rural and Remote Schools Art Program – Nguram-gang has provided our primary students an opportunity to visit and participate in two workshops at the Murray Art Museum Albury (MAMA). Our first workshop included the learning of the Aboriginal language through singing a song in Wiradjuri language. We played various games based activities to learn Wiradjuri words for colours, greetings and numbers. The second workshop involved students making traditional Aboriginal huts out of pieces of bark. Some of us made dome shape huts and some made modern tent shape huts. The huts will be part of an exhibition to be held at the end of the year. The biggest challenge was learning to use a hot glue gun!

We had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed our excursion to MAMA.



Infants Class

We have been focussing on retells both orally and through our writing. In order to enhance students comprehension of texts they have been practising oral retells of both their readers and other books we read in the classroom. We are working towards the skill of summarising which involves identifying the main ideas in a text. The development of this skill can be complemented at home through discussions with your child about what they are both reading and viewing. This can be as simple as getting them to retell you the story or asking them to identify what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story.

Using inspiration from the many exciting events that students have been involved in we have also been learning about the structure and language features of recounts. Here are some samples of what students have produced in Year 1!

Learning Awards

Jazmine – For great use of descriptive language in her narrative; 'The Red Planet'.

Charlie – For applying strategies in his reading and consistently practising his sight words.

Pie Day Friday

Every Friday during Terms 2 and 3 students can bring something for lunch that can be heated in the school oven ie pie, sausage roll. If your child is bringing food to be heated please wrap it in foil and write your child's name in permanent marker on the foil. Please also remember to pack cutlery if your child needs it to eat their food.

K – 2 Student Writing

