

## Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

May	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Riverina Cross Country
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	PSSA Netball Knockout Gymnastics Commences
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Albury Excursion – Author Visit
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	GRIP Leadership – Year 5/6
June	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Riverina Cross Country
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Riverina Athletics



Class Learning

### ANZAC Day

Thank you to the students who joined in the community Anzac Day march and service over the school holidays. You have represented your school and community with great pride on such a significant and special day. Thank you to Mrs Williams for coordinating the students on behalf of our school.

### Southern Riverina Cross Country

A reminder to students and parents that the Southern Riverina Cross Country Carnival will be held next Monday at Burrumbuttock Recreation Ground. The carnival is due to commence at 9:45am. Good luck to Taryn, Edward, Tammy, Isabelle, Toby, Turner, and Jai, who will be representing our school on the day.

### PSSA Netball Knock-Out

Jazmine and Tammy will be joining some girls from our Walbundrie Network of Small Schools for the first netball game to be held in Walla on the Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, commencing at 10:30 am. Mrs Helen Duncan from Walla Walla Public School will be sending out more information and permission notes in the near future. Good luck girls!

### Rep Shirts

Could families please return their school Rep shirts as soon as possible. Please ensure shirts have been laundered prior to returning. Thank you.

### Hot Lunch Friday's

Students may bring their choice of food to go in the school oven for 'Hot Lunch Friday's' during Term 2 and Term 3. Please ensure that the food item is wrapped in foil with student's name on it. Students will need to bring their own cutlery and sauces on the day if they wish to use/have them with their lunch.



## Coles Sports for Schools Program

The Coles Sports for Schools Program has now ended. If you have any vouchers at home please return them to school next week so we can include them in our count. We have collected approximately 4500 vouchers!!

Thank you to all of those families and community members who have collected vouchers. We are looking forward to receiving our final count so we can 'purchase' our sporting goods.



## NAPLAN

This year our school has opted to transition into doing the NAPLAN Online tests. Our students have already had a successful trial on participating with the online format during this term. The tests will be scheduled during the following dates; 15 - 25 May – NAPLAN Online tests.

### Supporting your child

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning in school.

Teachers will ensure students are familiar with test formats prior to NAPLAN tests. The best way to support your child through NAPLAN is to encourage them to do the best they can on the day.

### Withdrawals and exemptions

You can withdraw your child from NAPLAN tests.

Your child may be exempt from NAPLAN tests if your child has:

- significant disabilities
- a language background other than English, has recently arrived from overseas and has been attending school for less than a year.

Contact your child's school for further information about withdrawals and exemptions.

## Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) and How does the AEDC work?

Our school will be participating in this program this term.

The AEDC is a nationwide measure that looks at how well children across Australia are growing up or 'developing'. The AEDC looks at five different elements or domains that are important for children's development. These are:

- physical health and wellbeing
- social competence
- emotional maturity
- language and cognitive skills (school-based); and
- communication skills and general knowledge.

Every three years since 2009, teachers of children in their first year of full-time school used an early development instrument – similar to a questionnaire – for every child in their class.

The Australian version of the Early Development Instrument is completed based on a teacher's knowledge and observations of the children in their class. There is no need for parents or children to provide any new or extra information to schools for the AEDC. Children are not taken out of class and do not need to be present while their teacher uses the Early Development Instrument.

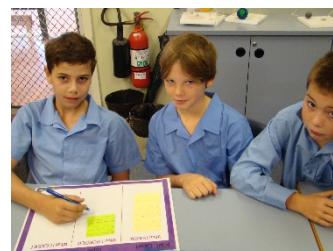
The AEDC is collected every three years in schools across Australia. The data collection was completed in 2009, 2012 and 2015.

An information sheet for parents have been provided and was attached with the school newsletter.

## Class News

### Primary

Students will be learning about many aspects of Australia in History throughout this term. The first learning intention for the primary class is to understand the factors that led to Federation and the experiences of democracy and citizenship in Australia. Questions were also posed in relation to what they would like to learn about Federation and democracy in Australia. We will be sharing some of our learning throughout this term. Pictures showing students working in small groups and sharing what they already know about how Australian history and the Federation are included in this newsletter.





## Infants

It was great to see all students back at school and ready to learn. This term we will be starting a speaking and listening program which will involve weekly news items from students. A note will be sent home next week with more information on this for parents and students.

For History this term we will be conducting a historical inquiry into how agricultural practices have changed over time. Later in the term we will be inviting guest speakers from the community to come into the classroom, please keep your eye out for further information on this!

## The Amenities Block

As you can see renovations are underway at our school. As part of the department's annual school maintenance program, we are having major work in refurbishing our toilet block. Window fixtures, taps, toilets, doors, floors and gates will be replaced with new items. We are looking forward to being able to use our new toilet block by the end of May.





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