

## Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

June	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Musica Viva – Albury SRG Conference – Mrs Morey
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Riverina Cross Country
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Riverina Athletics



### Staff Professional Learning

All staff have attended a number of professional learning workshops throughout the year so far. Some of these have been mandatory training and ongoing professional learning on the new school systems including finance, student management and curriculum. Other professional learning opportunities have been targeted due to new curriculum guidelines and to support the school in working towards achieving the new three year strategic directions of the School Plan. A snapshot of our strategic directions is provided below.

Our full time and casual teachers have attended training workshops on the new National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. These progressions will be slowly introduced into schools to help identify student needs and to support classroom planning and reporting.

A conference delivered by Professor Dylan William on formative assessment was attended by all teachers and principals across our small schools network. Formative assessment involves regular monitoring of student's learning through a range of assessment means to ensure programming is responsive to student needs. We are working collaboratively to focus on implementing these different approaches to assessment based on the current research. There will be an ongoing sharing of this through school newsletters through-out the year.

Mrs Sayasenh and Mrs Morey have participated in a number of online and face to face professional learning to upskill their capacity in using new finance systems including new budget tools and finance reports. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Sayasenh if you have any queries or would like to discuss the School Plan.

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1 Quality Learning

##### Purpose:

To apply evidence based pedagogy and collaborative practice thus enriching and improving learning outcomes collectively and meet the needs of learners, within our community of schools.

Quality learning experiences will contribute to an aspirational learning culture. Students welcome feedback in order to self-regulate and reflect upon their learning. Feedback challenges, motivates and supports learners to reach their goals.

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2 Quality Teaching

##### Purpose:

To develop skilled and high performing educators through collaborative and capacity building practices. Teachers will apply evidence based pedagogy and consistent practices to meet the needs of learners within our community of schools.

### **Student Clothing**

Could parents please ensure their children's clothing is clearly labelled with their name. Children put their jumpers, hats etc down and then don't know which is theirs and take the wrong one home. Could you check that clothing at home is your child's and return any that might belong to another child. Thank you.

### **PSSA Netball**

Congratulations to all of the players of the Walbundrie Small Schools' Netball team who are playing in the NSW PSSA Netball Knockout Competition. The girls played their first rounds on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The games were tough, but the girls showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. The Walbundrie Small Schools played against Henty Public School in the first round and won 17 to 1. The team then went on to play against Holbrook and won 14 to 9.

A special thanks to our coach Narelle McKimmie and our umpire Cindy Wardius and all of the parents who transported and supported the girls.

The next round will be played against the winner of Albury Public School and Howlong Public School. This game will be played before 22nd of June.



### **Musica Viva**

A reminder that students will be travelling to Albury on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June for the Musica Viva performance. We are all looking forward to attending 'The Air I Breathe' show. This fits in perfectly with the music curriculum program that we are implementing this term.

### **GRIP Student Leadership Conference**

Jazmine, Joshua, Tammy and Edward attended a whole day conference in Albury this week with other school leaders from the Albury area. The conference focussed on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. It gave our four leading learners an opportunity to learn about various activities they can use and built their capacity to be effective leaders. We are looking forward to seeing Josh, Jaz, Ed and Tammy implement what they have learnt at the conference!



### **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.

### **2019 Enrolments**

We are now taking enrolments for 2019. Enrolment forms can be picked up at the office and please do not hesitate to have a chat to Mrs Sayasenh if you have any queries or just want to say hello!



## Class News

### Bogandillan Book Launch

Last Thursday was the book launch of 'Bogandillan' that Joshua, Jazmine and Chloe K wrote at the end of 2017. Mr Owen Dunlop from Petaurus Education Group and Wirriminna and members of the Hamilton family; Roy, Sandy and Helen presented our young authors with the published edition of 'Bogandillan'. We are very proud of their effort and achievement in writing this book. The book will be enjoyed by many children in years to come!

It was also a very special occasion as we had four generations of the Hamilton family attend last week's book launch. Bonnie is the youngest generation and is currently in our Kindergarten class.



### Aboriginal Art Workshop

Look at the amazing Aboriginal art work that our students have created with a local Aboriginal artist, David Dunn. Our students were very lucky to be given this opportunity to extend their learning about Aboriginal culture and appreciate Aboriginal art.

David has presented our school with a special artwork that he has created specifically for Rand. He picked the Brolga in hope it would bring the rain and it appears to be a good omen! Thank you to Mr Owen Dunlop who organised this activity for our students and a big thank you to David for supplying us with paints, canvases and for teaching us about Aboriginal art.



## Learning Awards

Edward - Displaying consistent positive attitude towards his learning.

Bethany - Approaching reading with a confident and positive attitude.



## Sport News

### AFL Coaching Session

We are looking forward to welcoming Jack Bradley back to our school next week. Jack will be conducting four AFL coaching sessions as part of our school sport program for this term. AFL will commence from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of June. The coaching program will be modified and enable our students to develop skills and technique in Australian Rules.

Safety guidelines will be in place and in accordance with the Department of Education School and Physical Activity policy and guidelines. Students will need to wear school sport uniform and appropriate footwear.

We have attached some extra information for parents and carers about the importance of physical activity. We hope that you will take the time to read the important messages about the recommended times for physical activity, limiting TV, electronic games and internet entertainment. This information has been endorsed by the Australian Government Department of Health.

