



## Newsletter

### Dates for the Diary

May 2022	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 – 6 Table Tennis – Albury SRPSSA Cross Country
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 – 6 Table Tennis – Albury
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 – 6 Table Tennis – Albury

*This week's focus expected behaviour is  
**Right Place, Right Time***

#### From the Principal's Desk

We have had a really busy start to the term – we are already nearly at the end of week 2! I have met and chatted with every one of our amazing students and am working on getting to know them even better – not just as learners, but also for the individuals that they are. I have had the opportunity to visit classrooms and see learning happening and the way that the school's value of kindness is in action as our students help each other and collaborate on tasks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the families for being so proactive with the return of the table tennis notes for sport. You responded to the very short notice admirably and everyone was able to attend and begin to develop (or improve) their skills. We really appreciated your assistance. This week in PBL we have focused on prioritising 'right place, right time', both in the classroom and the playground. By being in the classroom for learning and remaining in learning spaces, our students are able to focus on the instructions and tasks to ensure that they are making progress in their learning. Our classrooms have been very settled this week as we 'get back into routines'. Our students have done a fantastic job of being in the right place to eat their lunches and then playing in the correct areas of the playground.

For the next two weeks, we will be focusing on Respect – caring for belongings, equipment and the environment. Both classes will have lessons on what this looks like, feels like and sounds like at Rand Public School.

#### Some Sad News...

Yesterday, Mr Gordon's father passed away unexpectedly and he will be on leave for a while. Our thoughts are with him at this time.

Mrs Bain and Miss Wright will be working with the 3-6 class in his absence.

#### Walbundrie Small Schools Cross Country Carnival

What a lovely, sunny day we had for our Cross Country Carnival last term. Our students performed well on the day and showed great sportsmanship.

Congratulations Ivy, Lexi, Taya, Eli, Charlie, Emily and Alvin who have been selected to attend the Southern Riverina PSSA Cross Country carnival.

### **SRPSSA Cross Country Carnival**

Congratulations Ivy, Lexi, Taya, Eli, Charlie, Emily and Alvin who have been selected to attend the Southern Riverina PSSA Cross Country carnival.

Just a reminder that this event is on this Friday, 6th May at the Lockhart Golf Course. Students need to arrive by 9:45am and be dressed in school sports uniform. It looks like it might be a chilly day, so jumpers (with names on them) will be important!

### **Anzac Day Community Service**

We have had Bill Warburton visit the school to express his thanks to all of the students who participated in the ANZAC Day March and contributed to the service.

Their pride and respect was commendable.

Thank you too, to Karen Williams and Sara Muller for sharing their photos with us.



### **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN assessments begin next Tuesday for students on Years 3 and 5. These assessments, with the exception of Year 3 writing, will all be completed online in 2022. Students will complete assessments in Writing, Reading, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy. Each test is between 40 and 50 minutes in length and gives the school an overview of each student's strengths and areas for new learning. NAPLAN can be stressful for some students, please reassure them that this is one test (for each area), on one day and all we ask of them is that they do their very best. They will receive support from staff if they are feeling overwhelmed.

### **Digital Classroom Officer**

Miss Wright has been appointed to the role of Digital Classroom Officer in our school for 2022. This government initiative is designed to 'close the gap' between country and city schools in relation to access to, and use of, digital technology. Miss Wright will have regular meetings and training sessions, then bring her new skills back to school to upskill both staff and students. This week she has worked in the K-2 room to help students set up a word document, type their name and change the font - with 100% success. The Year 3-6 class have started to explore Microsoft Teams and are already accessing tasks in their shared classroom drive.

### **Year 6 Initiatives**

Last Friday, the Year 6 students asked to meet with me to discuss their ideas for making our school a more inclusive space and fundraising. They had some excellent ideas (including getting chooks back) that we are going to work on actioning, in collaboration with them. Our top 3 (at this stage) are:

#### **• Milo on Monday**

Starting next Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, students will be able to buy a hot or cold Milo for \$1 before school. All money raised will go towards plants for the raised garden beds.

- **Family Fun on Friday**

The year 6 students are very keen to welcome parents back into the school to help with their learning. We would like to have a Family Fun Friday afternoon on June 24<sup>th</sup>. This would involve parents helping run some activities after lunch for students and we would finish the afternoon with a sausage sizzle. Activities could include sport, craft, cooking, gardening, board games or an idea that you may have! We will send a note home for families to complete so that we can get this day organised.

- **Book Week**

This is in Term 3 – there will be a parade! Students are also planning on providing breakfast for parents before the parade so that we have the opportunity for the community to come together. The theme for this year is 'Dreaming with eyes wide open' – if you are like me, you need to start thinking of costume ideas now. I know one member of staff already has most of their costume!

The Year 6 team and I will be meeting once a fortnight and I am very impressed by their initiative, drive and enthusiasm for making the school a happy and welcoming place to be.

### **GRIP Leadership**

On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of spending the day at the GRIP (Generosity, Respect, Initiative, People) Leadership conference in Albury with all of the Year 5 and 6 students. The conference gave them the opportunity to learn what leadership can look like for students and to interact with students from other schools. Charlie, Taya & Beth were all brave enough to participate in activities on the stage and all of our students contributed to the 'Loud Noises' parts of the day, as well as thinking of ideas. A huge thank you to all of the parents who transported or students to Albury for the conference. It was unanimously decided by our students that the school desperately needs a crossing out the front and this is going to be their first teamwork leadership activity – trying to see what they can make happen!

### **Kimochi**

Intereach at Corowa is offering the school the Kimochi (Kimochi means 'feelings' in Japanese) program free of charge. This highly successful program is designed to help students of all ages identify their emotions and deal with them in an appropriate way. The program consists of 6 one hour lessons (these will be done for individual classes) and involves games, puppets and role play. For your child to participate in this whole school initiative, we need written permission. These forms have been sent home today.

This program is supporting our PBL program in the school.



### **PSSA Netball Knockout**

Next Monday, Taryn & Emily will represent the school as members of the Walbundrie Small Schools netball team in the PSSA Netball Knockout. They will be competing at Burrumbuttock in Round 1 against Henty – we wish them luck.

### **A Date for your Calendar**

School photos have been booked for Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Scholastic book club brochures were sent home on Tuesday. A reminder that orders can be placed using the LOOP site – please see the book club brochure for more details. Orders due by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

A big thank you to those parents who have ordered books for their children. Our school gets a small percentage of sales to purchase books for our library and your children get some beautiful books to read.





..... and finally, but by no means least, this Sunday is Mother's Day and I sincerely hope that each and every one of you is spoilt and shown the appreciation that all mothers deserve. Unfortunately, the beautiful weather may have disappeared, but perhaps it will be a nice morning to have a 'cuppa in bed'. Whatever you do on Sunday as a mum, nan, nonna etc may your day be memorable for all the right reasons.

Yours in lifelong learning,  
Angela Stanton  
Relieving Principal

### K-2 News

In writing we are learning to write recounts and retell events in order. In maths we are learning about multiplication and division by doing lots of groups of and sharing counters into equal groups. Our MAPPEN unit this term is 'stimulating science' in which we investigate how things change. We are practicing skipping, throwing and catching for fundamental movement skills this term. Miss Wright is teaching the K-2 students technology and creative arts.



### 3-6 News

Students in Years 3 – 6 will be making dioramas this term. They are asking for donations of boxes to use for this project. If you have any boxes that you do not need, please send them in to school next week.





## COVID Guidelines



Term 2 COVID guidelines remain largely similar to those at the end of Term 1 with the exception of changes to students and staff who are household contacts.

Information on this is detailed below.

### Attending School as a Close Contact

Last week's announcement to ease the isolation requirements for close contacts will enable students and staff who are close contacts and have no symptoms to continue to attend school if they follow guidelines agreed

with NSW Health. Close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following:

- They must notify the school and their outside of school hours care (OOSHC) provider if they are intending to return under this provision.
- They should conduct a **daily RAT** and return a negative result each morning before attending school **for 5 school days**.
- Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).
- Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times. Schools should consider if the visit can be conducted virtually.

### Student Illness

If a student is unwell and **has any COVID-19 symptoms** please have them perform a test.

***If the test comes back negative for COVID-19, the student should still not return to school until they no longer have symptoms***, or they have a medical certificate confirming that symptoms are explained by another diagnosis (such as hay fever).

Health advice is that students who are sick should always stay home to rest and recover and avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick.

### Positive Cases

If a student receives a positive RAT test, they need to:

- record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app
- notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible
- follow NSW Health advice to isolate for 7 days.

**Registering your child's positive RAT with Service NSW is a requirement of the Public Health Order** and helps NSW Health track COVID-19 in schools and address any public health issues early on if required.