



## Newsletter

### Dates for the Diary

May 2022	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 – 6 Table Tennis – Albury
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Author Visit
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Kimichi lessons
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	National Simultaneous Storytime
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – 2.35pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Kimichi lessons

*This week's focus expected behaviour is*  
**Best Effort**

#### From the Principal's Desk

We are getting settled into routines for the term and there is active learning going on in classrooms. For the rest of this term, the 3-6 class will be taught on Mondays and Tuesdays by Mrs Bain and Miss Wright for the rest of the week. I would like to thank them for their flexibility and know that the class will benefit from their experience and professionalism.

It was great to see parents being able to attend assembly last week and to have our school leaders be able to run the assembly. Our next assembly will be next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 2:35.

Congratulations to Isaac, Hazel, Lexi & Alvin who were lucky enough to have their PBL tickets drawn out last Friday at assembly. They enjoyed being able to choose a prize.

For the next two weeks, we will be focusing on Best Effort: Be an Active Participant, which will include in the classrooms and playground so that we get the maximum impact and engagement out of both learning and play time.

#### Table Tennis Change

For this week, the bus to table tennis will leave school at 11:45 and return by 3:00pm as the Table Tennis club have organised a gala day for the students with all of the Walbundrie Small schools primary students competing. This will be the last table tennis session

#### High School Transition

Billabong High school are organising a series of Zoom meetings with the Year 6 students who are going to be attending their school next year. The first one of these will be next Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Covid-19

We have had several members of our school community test positive for Covid-19 this week. Please remember that children who are exhibiting **any** symptoms at all (even if they have a negative RAT result) are to remain at home until they are well.

We have rapid antigen tests available for families who need them – please give the school a ring to arrange collection.

### Author Visit

Ben Hall will be visiting our school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May as part of the Federation Libraries initiative. Ben is a children's book illustrator and he has illustrated picture books, junior fiction and non-fiction titles. "Ben's work has had notable listings for the Children's Book Council of Australia, been shortlisted for Readings Children's Book Prize and shortlisted for the Australian Book Industry Awards." He is co-creator of the bestselling series Real Pigeons by Andrew McDonald and has illustrated books for Ailsa Wild and Roland Harvey.

### National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Rand Public School has participated in this initiative for a number of years and we are excited to be listening to this year's story - Family Tree by Josh Pyke.



### SRPSSA Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the students who travelled to Lockhart for the Southern Riverina PSSA Cross Country. It was not a very warm day, but the participation and support for each other displayed by the Rand PS students was commendable. An extra big congratulations to Taya, who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 10 years girls event and will now be travelling to Gundagai to compete in the next level! She has been training hard at school during lunchtimes and we wish her all the best.



### Netball Knockout

The Walbundrie Small Schools netball team won their first round netball match against Henty and are now training hard for their next game which will be played in Burrumbuttock next week – good luck Taryn & Emily!

### NAPLAN

Today we have completed the last of the NAPLAN assessments – Numeracy. I would like to acknowledge the positive attitude and the resilience that our Year 3 and 5 students have shown when completing these assessments. They all gave their best effort and even attempted questions that they found quite challenging. We did discuss how some of the questions were set at above their grade level, but everyone had an open mind and some of these questions were even described as 'not too bad'. Parents will receive their child's NAPLAN results later in the year.

### Walbundrie Small Schools Activities

The following activities have been planned for students and notes/information will come home in the near future:

- Harmony Day – 9<sup>th</sup> June at Bonegilla
- Athletics Carnival – 17<sup>th</sup> June (parent transport to this event will be necessary)
- NAIDOC Day – 30<sup>th</sup> June

## Year 6 Initiatives

This week, we have had another meeting and the enthusiasm of the group is great to see!

- **Milo on Monday**  
After a slow start last week, this week the leadership team had a lot of customers! They are making 'delicious' Milo (from a genuine customer review) and have taken the initiative to do the dishes as well. They are looking forward to making more Milo every week!
- **Winter Woollies**  
On Friday, 1st July (last day of term) we will be having a 'Winter Woollies' Day. Students can come dressed on their oodles, pyjamas or warm clothes and we are asking that they bring a gold coin donation to support our 'Bring the Chooks Back' project.
- **Book Week – an update**  
It has been suggested that the parade could be extended to parents and younger siblings – as a way of celebrating having parents back on site. Start thinking now – there will be a prize for the 'Best Dressed Family' – all characters from the same book!

## Thank you, Bunnings Yarrawonga

I would like to offer a huge thank you to the staff at Bunnings in Yarrawonga who donated 30 native trees to the school. These trees will all grow to between 4 and 7 metres tall and have been planted as the start of our new Yarning Circle. The year 6 students created a pattern for the trees, Sara helped to dig the holes (she actually REALLY enjoyed this) and the students worked with their buddies to plant their trees. We have included some photos of the happy, smiling faces for you to enjoy! There has been a very positive attitude towards caring for these trees and we are never short of volunteers to water and weed them. We have put in stakes to keep them strong and, by the end of next week, we hope to have tree guards in place as well.

Our next step in our yarning circle will be to create some wooden seats (from rounds of timber) that we will cover in artworks inspired by the Wiradjuri people.







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

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

### **K-2 News**

In MAPPEN we are learning about change. This week we have been learning about living and non living things and what plants need to grow. Last week we made popcorn. Ruth very kindly brought in her popcorn machine and we all watched the popcorn being made. Changing from corn kernels into popcorn when heated.

### **3-6 News**



### **Minions of Rand**

This is the name that our 3-6 class uses for their shared Microsoft team. Our relieving cleaner, shared this picture with us and is happy to paint us some minions if we can have them made. I have had an offer of a welder, we just need the parts. If anyone has spare items that they think would be a valuable part of a minion to decorate outside the 3-6 room, please let us know!



# Community News



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## 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.

### Attending School as a Close Contact

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.