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Week 4 Term 2 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,
It is hard to believe that Week 4 has come around already! Thankfully, our local area has had a nice downpour of rain and our tanks and dams are filling up again. The grounds around the school have certainly appreciated the rain, and have responded by turning green for the first time in a very long time.

I would like to send a big thank you to the hard working members of our P and C committee for manning the raffle ticket stall on the weekend at the school during the election voting. An extra thanks to the Anschaw family for supplying the wood for the raffle. Thank you also to all the families who sold raffle tickets. Congratulations to the winners ☺ I urge all families of the school to consider joining the committee, as the more members we have, the lighter the load on individuals. The funds raised through the P and C help us to purchase additional resources for the school that in turn benefit each student throughout their time at Yerong Creek Public School.

Last week Mrs Noske and I attended a Writers Workshop in Wagga. This workshop is aimed to assist teachers to target the specific skills needed for students to master writing at each stage of learning. There will be a continued focus on these skills, with

class awards being introduced from Term 3. Exemplary writing will be celebrated and visible to the school community in the front foyer. Please check out our Writing Wall from next term.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the cross country at Bowna Reserve last week, and thank you to the parents who provided transport. Congratulations to those students who participated in the 1500m race on Monday as well. A list is being finalised with the names of those students who were successful in progressing to the next level. Details will go home shortly with results.

Please accept my apologies for not attending the Assembly next Tuesday. I will be attending the Principal Network Meeting. These meetings drive the decisions made between our Community of Practice and assist in the planning of initiatives to be rolled out across the schools in our Hume network.

NAPLAN testing progressed at Yerong Creek without any issues. This is, in no small part, a result of the hard work behind the scenes undertaken by our committed staff. I would like to thank Mrs Noske and Tracey for their efforts in assisting in the smooth running of the tests. Results will be available later in the

year, and will assist us in refining the teaching and learning programs in the school. We have secured a Virtual Reality kit for next term as part of the STEM Share program. I had the opportunity to investigate this earlier in the year at the Principal conference in Narrandera. I am sure the students will be just as excited as I was to explore this during Term 3!

Please remember that if you have any issues you would like to discuss about your child, or the school in general, contact the office and a time will be made as soon as possible to meet with you.

Until next time, stay safe and well,

Kym Poidevin
Relieving Principal

K-2 News

This week we have begun doing a unit of writing focusing on narratives. We have been jointly constructing texts, and unpacking characters, settings, and plots. At the end of the unit, we will be compiling a book of short stories and each student will get to take home a published copy.

Our literacy rotations are now 15 minutes in length, with 4 rotations each morning. All students are advancing in their reading levels, and comprehension strategies are being explored weekly. Our class is becoming more skilled in being able to discuss each text in depth. It is great to see each rotation being used to full advantage, with students settling straight into their activities with enthusiasm and eagerness to learn.

Over the next two weeks, our class is investigating money. This unit of work involves a high degree of concrete materials and rich discussions. Students are practicing skip counting in 5, 10, and 20 increments, which then transfers to our money lessons. During STEM lessons, we are doing investigations into the weather. Embedded in this learning unit is understanding time- days, months, seasons, and recognising ordinal numbers.

Thank you for taking the time in your very busy evenings to listen to your child reading. The benefits of reading at home are huge in the progress of your child's language development. If you have any questions regarding home learning, please make a time to see me.

Yours in Learning

Mrs Poidevin

3-6 Class News

It was great to be involved in National Simultaneous Storytime 2019 today! This was the 19th year of the event that is designed to promote the importance of reading and literacy in Australian schools.

In our classroom, the students have been learning about the structure and language features of information texts. Students will be putting their learning into action next week when they produce their own information text to showcase their learning.

In maths, students will be focusing on whole number and area over the coming weeks.

Leading up to our excursion to the Wagga Art Gallery students have been looking at the art works of Indigenous artist Reko Rennie. Students have been producing various pieces of artwork inspired by Reko. Next Tuesday we will be participating in a virtual art lesson with Reko.

Premier's Debating kicks off next week with two debates. On Thursday 30th, we will be debating against Culcairn Public School at Culcairn and Friday 31st, we will be hosting Holbrook Public School.

Have a great fortnight. ☺

Mrs Noske ☺

Recorder Practise at Borambola

Four students will be attending the Recorder Cluster Practise Day at Borambola on Monday 3 June. Mrs Noske will be driving the students and staying for the day. This will be the last time they can all practise together before the practise and concert at the Opera House in August.

Civic Theatre and RSL Lunch

All students are attending the show-"Me and My Shadow" at the Civic Theatre. Students will then enjoy a yummy lunch at the RSL Club before returning to school.

Me And My Shadow is about the fanciful escapades of a girl making friends with her shadow.

Children love to play with shadows, but making friends with your shadow can be a tricky

business. There are things to sort out, problems to solve, adventures to have and laughter to be shared.

Me And My Shadow is a gentle magical visual poem for children, using paper, light, shadow, colour, water, music, sound and words to create a world of play where the imagined becomes real. With fantastical imagery, quirky physical performances and an intriguing score, Me And My Shadow ignites the imagination in a poetical experience that explores the trials and joys of friendship.

National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 19th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

Assembly

The school assembly will be held on Tuesday 28 May at 2.45pm. All families and friends are invited to attend.

Dhaganha HOME Art Workshop

All students will travel to Wagga for the first instalment of the HOME program on Wednesday 5 June.

HOME connects professional Aboriginal artists, students, and teachers with local regional galleries and the Art Gallery of NSW to explore cultural practice and art making. It is an expansive three-term program exploring Aboriginal and Torres Strait art and artmaking. The program includes professional development for teachers followed by the support to deliver a bespoke visual arts program for Stage 3 - 4 students culminating in an exhibition opportunity at your regional gallery.

Virtual Artmaking Lesson with Reko Rennie

Reko Rennie is a Kamilaroi artist based in Melbourne whose works explore issues of Aboriginal identity within an urban environment.

His commanding works are largely biographical and combine the iconography of his Kamilaroi heritage with stylistic elements of graffiti and street art. This event gives students and teachers participating in the 2019 Home program the opportunity to work with a professional artist in the creation of a collaborative artwork in their own school. Information on the artist can be found on his website: <http://rekorennie.com>

Melbourne Ballarat Excursion

This year the excursion will be to Melbourne/ Ballarat. It will be in Term 4 Week 1 (Wednesday 16 October –Friday 18 October). Students from Pleasant Hills and Boree Creek will also be attending. The cost will be approximately \$350.00 per student. Please return the expression of interest note by Friday 28 June with the deposit or full amount.

Greater Kengal Cross Country

Apologies for mistakenly leaving Annaleise from our results in the last newsletter.

Annaleise – 1st 6 Yrs Girls

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Our school is participating in the Earn & Learn Program by collecting the stickers from Woolworths. Sticker sheets are available at the school; please send in your completed sheets or the stickers.



Woolworths is helping kids across Australia get exciting new equipment for their schools and Early Learning Centres. After delivering over 300,000 pieces of equipment for science, technology, maths, arts and more last time, we have brought Earn & Learn back.

RRRR Pirate Show





School Calendar

Week 4

Friday 24 May	School Sports
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Week 5

Monday 27 May	Chess Club
Tuesday 28 May	Virtual Art Lesson @ 12pm Assembly @ 2.45pm
Wednesday 29 May	Bake Sale
Friday 31 May	Bake Sale School Sports

Week 6

Monday 3 June	Recorder Practise @ Borambola Chess Club
Tuesday 4 June	Civic Theatre – Wagga
Wednesday 5 June	Dhaganha Home Art Program @ Wagga

Friday 7 June	School Sports
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Week 7

Monday 10 June	Public Holiday
Wednesday 12 June	GK Science Day @ Boree Creek
Friday 14 June	School Sports

Week 8

Monday 17 June	Chess Club
Friday 21 June	School Sports

Week 9

Monday 24 June	Chess Club
Friday 28 June	School Sports

Week 10

Monday 1 July	Chess Club
Friday 5 July	School Sports Welfare Reward Assembly @ 2.45pm.

SRC Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to inform you that next week (5), we would be holding a bake sale at school on Wednesday 29 and Friday 31 May.

On the Wednesday morning, could your children please bring in a container of baked goodies? Could you also send in some money so that the students can buy other children's baked items?

Please label all items especially if they contain nuts.

Thank you,

SRC Members