Infants News

Kindergarten has been learning about Bus Safety. On Wednesday last week, we participated in a safety programme run by the NRMA, local Police and Busabout, Wagga Wagga. We focussed on making bus safety fun for kids and learnt about bus and road safety issues. The program included a classroom discussion, presentation and an educational and interactive bus ride. A huge thank you to Chris (NRMA), Senior Constable Andrew Richardson (The Rock Police), Don Gregor (Busabout) and Leeanne Evans for driving the bus.

Natalie Malsem
Kindergarten Teacher

Primary News

LITERACY PLANET

This year our school has subscribed to several interactive learning websites for students to utilise at school and at home. Each week I will be introducing a new and interactive learning tool for your child. This week I am introducing LITERACY PLANET!

Literacy Planet:

- has 1000s of interactive and engaging exercises for students in Kindergarten to Year 10.
- offers pre-reading, phonics, sight words, reading, spelling, vocabulary, comprehension, grammar and punctuation.
- is developed by Australian educators to support the Australian Curriculum.
- is proven to improve learning outcomes.
- has full suite of teacher tools to monitor, record progress and adapt for differentiated learning.
- is fun game-based learning that students love!

By the end of this week all students will receive their user name and login. All teachers monitor student progress and set 'must do tasks' for students to complete.

Jessica Higginson, Assistant Principal

Secondary News

ATTENTION SECONDARY PARENTS / CARERS

I would like to inform all secondary students, parents and carers of an important school initiative designed to improve student wellbeing. Our School Plan includes processes and procedures ensuring improved student wellbeing with the expectation that it will improve student learning outcomes, meaning ‘happier kids are more eager to learn’. Communication in all facets are key to providing and enjoying a more productive learning environment and enhancing wellbeing. Staff are presently training in the ‘How to Learn’ program, which focuses on the process of learning and in combination with a focus on improving wellbeing, will enhance student learning, all school communications and community engagement.

In Secondary, our student enrolment numbers have increased substantially and data reflects improved student behaviour. It is important to me, my secondary colleagues and the school, that we provide a safe, happy and academically productive work environment and as teaching staff, our communications with students are fair and respectful. The present school initiatives inform and strengthen this culture, which provides positive principles for our students and a responsible practice for our staff.

I look forward to enjoying another successful year with our students in 2016.

Gavin Price-Jones, Head Teacher, Secondary
Dear Parents/Carers

School Plan Update
Strategic Direction 2 - Student and Staff Wellbeing led by Gavin Price-Jones

Purpose - Our purpose is to enhance the quality of student and staff well-being by providing an educational environment that is supportive, stimulating and innovative, fostering a positive culture acknowledging and facilitating 21st Century learners.

As part of the strategies to address this, we will be sending a team to a Leadership Briefing on MindMatters. MindMatters is a wellbeing program, which was developed with Beyond Blue to assist students, schools and communities to develop resilience, tolerance and acceptance for others, in our young people. After the Leadership Briefing staff will then decide how best to implement strategies with our students.

The Wellbeing Team will also be holding a Communication training afternoon for all staff, tying in How2Learn and Team Building Skills, so communication expectations can improve.

Evacuation Drill
On Monday just before lunch the school had an evacuation drill so that our new Kindergarten students and students new to the school, know what to do in the event that we have an emergency and need to evacuate. After each evacuation drill we carry out an evaluation of the process and how we can improve our practice to ensure that safety for all.

Primary Swimming
Congratulations to our Swimming Stars at last Friday’s Zone carnival. The report from Mrs Higginson indicated great sportspersonship and excellent behaviour.

Callum Gardiner once again shone through with personal bests achieved, however it is not every day you smash a swimming record that has stood for 25 years, congratulations Callum.

Swimming Awards
All swimming awards were given out at today’s whole school assembly, so please check your child’s bag, you might find a certificate in it.

Clean Up Australia Day
This Friday we will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day by cleaning up around the school. It shows students how to have pride in their environment by looking after their school and the area around the school.

Donna Rockley
Principal

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**Year 8 HSIE**

Year 8 have been studying ancient history and its civilisations in HSIE during this term and have been looking at some of the technologies that were used during that time. Sherds are fragments of pottery that is used by archaeologists to depict when specific civilisations occurred. Right, is a picture of Year 8 utilising some of the primitive technologies and techniques to make small water containers.

If you are interested in further primitive technologies, look up ‘primitive technologies’ on YouTube. It is a great channel that gives an awesome insight into some of the ways homo sapiens created pottery, homes, hunting weapons, tools, etc. It is well worth your time.

Scott Bromley

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**Student Wellbeing Room**

In Secondary, we are currently setting up a student ‘Wellbeing Room’ at the back of Mrs Loes classroom. This space will be designed to assist students with regulating their own behaviour and help in reducing their anxiety.

Students will be required to sign in and out of the room and parents/carers will be notified when their child has attended the ‘Wellbeing Room’ by a slip your child brings home.

Please contact me at the school if you have any questions.

Rebecca Loes
Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

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**Library Bookmark Competition**

Create your own bookmark and win prizes!!!

Design and make an original bookmark during Monday & Tuesday lunchtimes in the library.

Be creative and have fun….

Bookmarks due to the library by Monday 14th March.

Good Luck, Miss Terzi!
Sports News

PSSA Tennis Trials
Last Friday Lucy Bennett (left) and Sophie Bruckner (right) went to the PSSA tennis trials at Griffith for a position in the Riverina tennis team. There were about 50 students who represented Griffith, Wagga, Deniliquen, Narrandera and Albury. Both girls went very close and a big congratulations to Lucy who was one of the five girls to make the Riverina team, which will go to Tweed Heads at the start of May.

Thank you to our parents for taking us to Griffith and being very supportive the whole time. A big thank you to Doug Bruckner for being our tour guide and comedian!!

by Lucy Bennett & Sophie Bruckner

PSSA Swimming Carnival
Last Friday, I had the pleasure of taking 11 students into The Oasis Swimming Complex, Wagga to compete at the PSSA Swimming Carnival.
Our students competed in multiple events throughout the day. Alice Kingston and Kipling Flinn won their heats in breaststroke and backstroke. Our Senior boys relay, consisting of Callum Gardiner, Tom Manning, Cameron Terlich and Luke Mazzocchi, narrowly missed out on progressing further by just milli seconds. Callum Gardiner swam magnificently for all events and broke two records on the day.
One record had been standing for over 20 years. Callum was also awarded 11 years boys champion and will be heading to Albury next week to compete at the Riverina Swimming Carnival.

Jessica Higginson
Assistant Principal

Secondary Riverina Swimming Carnival
On Friday 4th March, Leighton Marsh, Year 9 (below) will compete in multiple events at the Secondary Riverina Swimming Carnival in Leeton. He has performed exceptionally at our school and Zone carnivals and has earned his right to represent TRCS and himself at this event. Good luck Leighton!!

Gavin Price-Jones
Secondary Sports Co-ordinator

Canteen News

2016 ROSTER
Day & Date       Name
Thurs 3rd Mar    Caroline Mazzocchi
Fri 4th Mar      Michelle Chaplin

THIS WEEK’S SPECIALS

RECESS
Yoghurt Fruit Cups
$1

LUNCH
Sweet Corn & Ham
Pasta Salad
$5
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* If students are riding a bike or scooter to school, THEY MUST WEAR A HELMET.

**KID’S CORNER**

**Caiden**

(Year 3)

energetic polite inquisitive happy

These dates can change without notice. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.
Come and enjoy a great night out
(and support our school)

Bring the kids and have a sausage sizzle,
eat some popcorn
and relax while you all watch a great movie.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Venue: The Rock Central School Oval

Friday 4th March

PAPER PLANES

Presented by The Rock Central School P&C

Gates Open 6.30pm – Movie starts 8pm

Sausage Sizzle, Popcorn, Slushies and Drinks Available
(strictly no alcohol)

Please bring picnic blanket, pillows, beanbags & fold up chairs

GENERAL ADMISSION $5 (tickets available at the gate)

GOLD CLASS VIP SEATING OPTION

Includes entry to front row seats in the VIP Seating area, cheese and biscuit platters,
choc top ice cream & popcorn.

Full service provided by our wait staff...all this for $20pp

(Prepaid Tickets only for Gold Class – Tickets Available from TRCS Office)

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