Welcome to Week 2 Term 3. It is the start of a very busy fortnight!

**Education Week:** Next week we will be celebrating Education Week at school. There will be a number of events occurring, so please read the additional information contained in this newsletter. Our open day, assembly and classroom visits will be held on **Wednesday 31st July**. We look forward to celebrating this important week with our parents and community. Miss Hartley, Mr Gray and Mr Byrne are organising this special event.

Due to the Education Week assembly, there will be no Infants and Primary assemblies held in Week 3. 3/4P and K/6M will hold their assemblies during Term 4.

**Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser:** As part of our celebrations during Education Week we will be holding a Sausage Sizzle to raise money for the Year 6 farewell. The cost for a sausage and a drink will be $4 for a pre-order and $5 on the day. There will be a limited number available on the day – so get your orders in early!

**PSSA Sport Gala Days:** Our winter sport teams will be continuing for this term and we will be competing in touch football, netball, AFL and soccer. The first Gala Day for this term will be on **Friday 9th August**. The permission and payment note was sent home with students on Monday. The cost for both Gala Days will be $15. Please ensure that the money and permission note are returned to the school by Wednesday 7th August.

The results of Gala Day 2 are included in this newsletter. Congratulations to all students who participated on this day, particularly those selected by their coaches as Best & Fairest.

**Gymnastics - Get Active:** Our gymnastics program is continuing this term. The coaches from Get Active have been impressed by the enthusiasm of our students for gymnastics. Due to the Sports Carnival being held on Thursday Week 3, gymnastics will be extended for one week and finishing in Week 7.

**Year 5 Opportunity Classes:** Applications for Year 5 Opportunity Classes (OC) placements for 2014 have now closed. The test will be held at Thomas Reddall High School on Wednesday 24th July at 9am. We wish all students undertaking the test the best of luck.

**Child Protection Lesson:** During this term all classes will be implementing Child Protection lessons. These lessons are taught as part of the Personal Development syllabus every year. There is a strong body of evidence suggesting that students who understand their bodies and have the opportunity to discuss protective strategies are less likely to become the victim of abuse. Teachers at Ambarvale P.S. will be teaching the mandatory Child Protection units. If you would like any further information about what will be taught, please contact your child’s teacher. Parents have the right to request that their child not take part in these lessons if they are uncomfortable about the concepts to be taught.
PLASST Trial: During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students. This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning. The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students' education provisions. Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers. If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child’s involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the school on 46261485.

Year 5 & 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp: Just a reminder that the next payment (3rd instalment) of $50 is due by Wednesday 31st July (Week 3). A payment slip is included at the end of this newsletter. The information and medical forms will be sent to families in the next few weeks. We look forward to a great camp in Term 4!

Parent/Teacher Interviews: Our Parent/Teacher interviews were held in the last week of Term 2 and some are continuing this Term. Thank you to all of the parents who met with their child’s teacher to discuss their progress. Parents are reminded that they are able to make appointments to meet with their child’s teachers at any time during the school year.

Photos: School photos were handed out at the end of Term 2. The photos of students who were absent have been stored in the office for safekeeping. Please come and see Mrs White or Mrs Delaney in the office to collect your child’s photo if they were absent during the last week of school.

High School Students: If your child has an older high school brother or sister who collects them from school in the afternoon, could you please remind them that they will need to wait under the COLA area to collect their younger siblings. This ensures that classes are not disrupted and a central collection point is known to all students.

On a final note, Mr Pope returns to school on Tuesday 30th July. We hope he has had a fantastic break!

Thank you for your support,

Mellissa Page
Relieving Principal

Attendance: Attendance has an enormous impact on student learning and it is for this reason I am delighted to be taking over attendance for the remainder of 2013. I am very eager to have the highest percentage of students ever attending our end of Term attendance extravaganza! For a student to attend they need to have no more than three absences and to explain all absences. These extravaganzas are a great way of celebrating our school and commitment to learning! I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that, by law, any absence needs to be explained to the school either verbally or with a note. If you have had an extended holiday and your child missed the beginning of Term 3 please ensure you return an absent note as soon as possible.

Mr Gray

100 days of Kindergarten

KV, KT and KC will be celebrating 100 days of Kindergarten and are ready to party! We have all worked very hard and want to celebrate our achievements. We will be holding our celebrations on, Tuesday 30th July, 2013. The children can come dressed as their “Favourite Book Character” on the day. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate footwear. Parents are invited to attend the celebrations from 2:10pm.
## Term 3 Assembly Roster

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### PBIS Focus

This week (Week 2), our PBIS focus is, “Following Instructions by being obedient”

The rule is: **Be Respectful**

*Students are participating in explicit lessons focused on following staff instructions the first time.*

Following staff instructions the first time means:

- That you will be able to stay safe
- You may receive positive consequences
- You are being respectful
- You will learn more
- You will be following school expectations

At Ambarvale we expect people to follow **all staff** instructions the first time. When you do this, you are being respectful. You can show this by.....

- Following the instructions of all teachers, including visiting teachers
- Following all instructions quickly
- Bringing all required equipment to school
- Being on time everyday
- Bringing a note to explain an absence on the day you return
- Helping others to follow instructions by not laughing or encouraging them when they are behaving in a negative way

*Next week, (Week 3), we will be focusing on entering a room respectfully and correctly.*

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### Lego Club

Ambarvale Public School is starting a Lego club and we are searching for more Lego. It would be appreciated if anyone in the community has some Lego that is unwanted, could donate it to Ambarvale Public School for our Lego club. Please hand it to your class teacher.

By Jessica and Jordan (SRC members)
Athletics Carnival Our annual school athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 1st August, 2013 at Ambarvale Sports Complex, Field 1 (outside the back gate). All students who are 8 years and older will participate in this event.

Students will receive points for every event that they enter on the day. These points go towards the overall point score for the winning house of the year. With the house points extremely close this year, every event entered will make a difference. All students (especially those in Wirana!) are encouraged to give all events a go to earn points for their house.

Children should wear their sports uniform (house colour t-shirt), shorts and a hat. Students should also wear running shoes. Students should bring lunch, recess and a large water bottle. Please note No spikes. Please note that the school canteen will be closed on this day.

To assist in the successful running of this event we require some parent helpers on the day. If you are willing to assist please see Miss Bray prior to the day.

Parents are welcome to attend and support their child.

Miss Bray
Carnival Coordinator and Wirana Supporter!

Library Chat

Book Fair

The library will be holding a book fair during Education Week. Books will be on sale on Wednesday and Thursday during and after school, and children will be able to view them in their lesson time before then.

This year I have chosen to use Carnival Books instead of Ashton Scholastic, so there will be many books that are not seen in the book club magazines.

I look forward to seeing lots of children, parents and grandparents at the book fair (remember there are only 154 days until Christmas!)

Mrs Sullivan
Librarian

From the Pastoral Carers Desk

Welcome back to school for Term 3. I hope everyone enjoyed the break and are now settling into another busy term. The calendar this term is filling fast with many events and activities planned, but one of the highlights for this term will be Education Week (Week 3). Education Week showcases the achievements of our inspirational teachers, staff, students and school community. The theme this year is “Celebrating Our Stories” and is an opportunity to reflect upon Ambarvale’s proudest moments. It’s a great time to focus on the positive energy in our school and celebrate the many happy stories and experiences.

And, did you know? Happiness is contagious… It’s a proven fact. When you are happy, it can spread to your friends, family and co-workers, but sadness is catching too. In addition to experiencing empathy, we also actively share our emotions, and as human beings want to share our feelings. Whether they are positive or negative! However, you are more likely to become happier, because each happy friend you have increases your probability of being happy by about nine per cent. It can be surprising how much our social networks shape our lives. So, be aware of your mood and the mood of others. And if you have leadership responsibilities remember that your emotions are more “contagious” than others.

“Happiness is contagious…but worry is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do but it doesn’t get you anywhere.”

I would like to remind everyone that I am at APS on Monday and Friday this term. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cheers and I hope everyone has a happy Term 3.
Rob Hodgson JP
PSSA Gala Day

We had fantastic weather for our 2nd Gala Day of the year in week 8 Term 2. Our students participated in soccer, AFL, touch football and netball. All teachers reported that our students were great sports and tried their best in all games.

**Best and Fairest**

All coaches are selecting a 'Best and Fairest' award at each Gala Day. This is awarded to students that coaches believe are great team players and give of their all during matches. Each 'Best and Fairest' player earns 100 points for their house group. Congratulations to those students selected as our 'Best and Fairest' players for this Gala Day round.

The results of our matches are below:

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Our next Gala Day is Friday 9th August. **All permission notes and money for this gala day MUST be returned by Wednesday 7th August. No late payments will be accepted.**
The following story was written by a student in Miss Page’s class. I’m sure you’ll be impressed!

The Cave by Lleyton Kumar

Once upon a time there was a dark jungle and in the dark jungle there was a mean old tiger. The tiger was so mean that he would attack you with his claws and teeth. One day the tiger saw a warrior and the tiger attacked the warrior. They fought for three days. Finally the tiger lost and the warrior won. The tiger was still alive and so he found a cave. He went and lived in it but he was never seen again!

Stage Three Camp - The Great Aussie Bush Camp
3rd Camp Instalment Now Due

Our Stage 3 camp this year will be held at ‘The Great Aussie Bush Camp’, which is a curriculum-centred, outdoor education and recreation camp, located near the beaches of Port Stephens and Myall Lakes. The camp will include 2 nights and 3 days accommodation, meals and all activities. The cost of the camp includes transport to and from Tea Gardens by coach. The dates for camp for 2013 are Wednesday 13th November – Friday 15th November (week 6 Term 4). The cost for camp will be $230.

Our next instalment for the Stage Three camp is due by Week 3 Term 3 (Wednesday 31st July). The payment amount is $50. Parents who have already paid the full amount of $230 need not make any further repayments. An instalment payment slip is included with this newsletter. Please return it with your child's payment by the due date. Please remind your child that attendance at this excursion is a privilege given only to Stage 3 students. As such, only students who maintain appropriate behaviour will be permitted to attend. Any inappropriate behaviour may prevent your child from being allowed to attend. Please discuss this expectation with your child. Please speak with Miss Page or the Year 6 teachers if you have any questions or queries.

Stage 3 Tea Gardens Camp - INSTALMENT NUMBER 3 – $ 50.00

DATE DUE: Wednesday 31st July (Week 3, Term 3).

Please find enclosed $ ____________ as payment for the Stage 3 Tea Gardens camp.

Childs Name__________________________________    Class_______________
Signed __________________________(parent/carer)          Date________________
Extra! Extra! The book fair is coming! Start saving your money for the book fair, you never know what types of books you’ll find, fantasy, non-fiction, or just for fun. Save up to be able to buy some books! Books, books everywhere you look, ready to be bought and read. Wonder into a world filled with imagination or learn about an animal or two. Books for teachers, books for students, books for parents and books for elders so come up to the Ambarvale Public School Library for amazing books.

Niel, Tremayne and Xavier from 1/2K have put together a great piece of writing.

How do Bees Make Honey?
Bees make honey by making a visit to the flowers and getting nectar. To get the nectar, they use their long tongue, and then the nectar goes into the bees honey stomach. Then enzymes turn the honey into different sugars called fructose and glucose. Then the bee’s spit the honey out into the hive.

My adventure to the castle of mop.
Sometime in the past on a dark, cold night, I was playing with my toys then I saw something in front of me. A windy thing pushed me into a hole. Then I saw a castle, it was dark and cold. I went into the castle and I saw people in dungeons. They were hungry. I tried to look for them but when I got there, I saw some soldiers, so I hid and found some food for the people, and then I went back and gave it to them. I went to put the food back. I was trying to get back home. Then the same thing scared me all the way home.

Teacher Interview

Before Mrs Potter left we interviewed her and asked her some questions. Mrs Potter is very enthusiastic about writing and her favourite poems are ones that make her think and feel emotion, sometimes even laugh. She likes to write poems, sometimes for classes, birthdays and other special occasions. She says the best way to understand a poem is to make connections with the outside world and look for clues in the text. How she knows so much about poems because her grandmother inspired her at a very young age.