Principal Pope’s Paragraphs

Ambarvale Public School – ‘A Place of Learning’: I can’t believe how fast this year is going and we’ve had many wonderful events and experiences. However, as I’ve been going around visiting classes or as students have been bringing their work to me, I am reminded of the hard work teachers and students do every day to improve and grow in their learning. Below is a whole raft of pictures where I have seen focused and engaged students in class or visiting me in my office. Here are some examples of them doing great work on writing, or learning about data collection in maths or designing and testing boats in science. I have seen and heard about our great ‘Oracy’ students, who did a great job with public speaking. Many teachers have told me how our students just keep getting better and better in their communication skills each year.

Anyway how about I let the pictures do the talking.

SASS Recognition Week 2013: Every year the Public Service Association organises Recognition Week to acknowledge the vital role that School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) play in schools across NSW. It's that time of year again to celebrate SASS Recognition Week.

As modern schools step up to the challenges of educating students in this century and the demands of an ever-changing world, SASS are the backbone of the great work being done. SASS include:

- Administrative Managers
- Administrative Officers
- School Learning Support Officers
- Aboriginal Education Officers
- General Assistants

This year's theme is School Administrative & Support Staff: Vital to Education. I would like to acknowledge the great work of Mrs White who is our School Administration Manager. Mrs White manages many roles ranging from supervision of administration staff, to finance and orders, through to daily communication with our community and outside agencies, just to mention a few. Mrs White also regularly gives up time in her holidays to beautify gardens or to make the school environment more welcoming.
Mrs Delaney, our School Administration Officer greatly assists Mrs White and teachers by preparing resources, assisting in the library, organising the newsletter and caring for our students in her first aid role just to mention a few. Mrs Ferry also joins us approximately once a week to assist in the office while Mrs Delaney works in the library.

Our new General Assistant Mr Royce has already been hard at work keeping our school looking good as well as doing all those jobs that keep the school running or keeping things maintained and in good working order. Mr Royce has probably lost count of the number of sports equipment and balls he’s had to rescue from our rooftops.

At Ambarvale PS we have many dedicated School Learning Support Officers who work diligently in classrooms (both mainstream and support) and the playgrounds to assist with student learning and welfare. As I mentioned earlier in this newsletter I have seen a lot of great learning happening in classes and this is only improved by these hard working and friendly ladies. Our excellent team of SLSOs include Mrs Spowart, Mrs Wignall, Ms Shepley, Ms Brandes, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Salmon, Mrs Goh, Mrs Pessotto and Ms Shepley (Jana) who has just joined our team.

If you have the opportunity please take the time to thank some or all of these people as without them running a school or teaching a class would be nigh impossible.

**Regional Athletics Carnival:** Congratulations to our athletic students from Ambarvale P.S. who represented our school at the Regional Carnival last week last Wednesday. We had 4 students who accompanied Miss Bray to Bass Hill to compete in track and field events.

Beau, Journee, Aleksandra and Seturi excelled with great effort and skill. There were some personal bests and Seturi and Aleksandra progressed to the State level in Shot Put and the 100m sprint respectively.

Congratulations to the following students on their great performances:

- Seturi Iakopo – competed in 11 boys High Jump, competed in 11 boys Discus, 3rd 11 boys Shot Put
- Aleksandra Stoilova – 2nd 8 year girls 100m
- Beau Lidbury – competed in 11 Year boys 100m
- Journee Proctor – competed in Jnr girls Shot Put

We wish Aleksandra and Seturi all the best at the State Carnival in Homebush next term.

**Kindergarten Enrolments for 2014:** We are currently enrolling now for Kindergarten 2014. Please contact the office for an enrolment form if your child commences next year and spread the word that we are now accepting enrolments. Such information is required for our planning and organisation for 2014.

Orientation dates for 2014 are as follows: Thursday 7th November and Thursday 21st November. Please keep these dates free if you have a child starting next year. Please ensure enrolment forms are returned to school by Friday 13th September so that enrolment information can be sent out to parents.

**Student Attendance:** We really want your child at school every day, unless they are sick or there are special circumstances that require them to be absent. Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education? **By law, you are required to send your child to school every day.** If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please either tell your child’s teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible and within one week of the absence. If you’re having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child’s teacher or principal. A really exciting hip hop extravaganza is coming our way for those who have had 3 days or less absent with an explanation. I can’t wait to bust a move.
Please let us know - student absences from school: Please inform the school if you intend on taking your child out of school for a period of time, such as an extended family holiday or need to visit family interstate/overseas. It is important that such leave is discussed in order for the school to put the necessary procedures in place to support such leave occurring.

Hip Hop for excellent attendance & even greater awards next term: I’m looking forward to busting a move this Wednesday with all of our excellent attenders thanks to the Benevolent Society. If you’ve had too many days off this term... you can always aim for an improvement next term. Get really excited because next term our attendance reward is a day at the movies! All our great attenders will be invited.

NAPLAN DELAYED: Due to a printing error Naplan reports nationwide will be delayed until early next Term.

Free Community Program for children 0-5 There is a wonderful free Playtime & Transition program operating at our school this term. This fantastic program is called ‘Community Links’ and is available for children 0-5. Please share this information with other families in the area with young children. It is a wonderful opportunity for young children and their families, and the best thing- it is absolutely free. Enrolment forms and flyers are available at our front office. It runs each Monday morning. This is a great way to prepare for Kindergarten too.

Sean Pope
Principal

Friday 20th September- Disco (Week 10)
On the last day of school there will be a K-2 disco and a 3-6 disco. Children can wear mufti clothes on this day, but must not wear singlets or midriff tops as sun safety is paramount. Thongs and sandals are unsafe at school, so enclosed shoes such as joggers must be worn.
Please start saving around $5 for the disco. This should cover your child’s entry and snacks and drinks which will be available on the day. All funds raised from the disco will be contributed to the Year 6 Farewell.

PBIS Sport Tabloids
Following our school rules in the playground has remained strong this term and to celebrate there will be a series of fun tabloid events for those students who have been doing the right thing consistently and have adhered to our school’s behaviour policy for the term. This terms PBIS sport tabloid is on this Friday 20th September from 10am-11am.

K-2 Oracy Competition
All children in K-2 participated in presenting speeches to their peers in class. Students, who achieved at a high level when presenting their recent speeches to their class, were involved in presenting their speeches to a larger audience. The K-2 Public Oracy Competition was held on Friday 13th September in the library.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent their class:
KV: Shiloh Mauigoa, Lillian Greaves, Phoenix Ngan-Woo
KT: Karthik Sunder Raj, Maya Naiker
K/1C: Aminah Hudaja
1/2M: Holly Pentecost, Christina Heapy, Kaitlin Glumac, Milica Rudic,
1/2K: Tremayne Mauigoa, Xavier Mataipule

Special congratulations to the following students who have progressed as representatives of Ambarvale Public School in the K-2 Area Public Speaking Competition to be held next term at Ruse Public School.
Kindergarten: Maya Naiker and Phoenix Ngan-Woo
Stage One: Kaitlin Glumac and Tremayne Mauigoa

Di Vest
K-2 Oracy Coordinator
3-6 School Oracy Competition Final

Our 3-6 School Oracy Competition Final was held in Week 9 in our school library. Congratulations to our class winners who delivered very engaging speeches and demonstrated exceptional public speaking skills. The final results were extremely close.

Our junior school competition winners were: Brodie Paul (3/4P) and Sage Deeley (3/4P)

Our senior school competition winners were: Jordan Paul (5/6D) and Jessica Luu (5/6D)

We wish these students all the very best when they compete in the Zone Final as representatives of Ambarvale Public School. A special mention goes to our other finalists, who gave very professional performances during class and during the school final. A special award assembly was held last week to present school final certificates, highly commended and encouragement awards. Congratulations to all recipients.

Tina Duffield
3-6 Oracy Coordinator

PBIS Focus

This week (Week 10), our PBIS focus is, “Wearing a hat in the playground”
The rule is; Be Safe, Be a Learner

Students are participating in explicit lessons focused on sun safety and the importance of wearing a hat when we are in the sun and not under the sheltered areas.

When we wear a hat in unsheltered areas we are;
- protecting our head and face from the damaging effects of the sun
- protecting our eyes from sun damage
- following the same rule that all schools must follow

At Ambarvale we expect people to behave safely. We must wear a hat in the areas which are not sheltered.

Term 4 Assembly Roster

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From the Pastoral Carers Desk

A busy Term 3 is coming to an end and there has been much to celebrate this term. Education Week, Book Fair, Athletics Carnival, Zone Athletics, Gala Days, Excursions, Public Speaking Competitions, Performance Day, Multicultural Dance Group tour, Parent Workshops and Staff Development were all highlights. This is in addition to the usual great teaching, learning, leadership and support the dedicated staff at Ambarvale provide. But all these events would not be a success without the wonderful support of many parents and the wider school community. Congratulations to all! It's no wonder we are all feeling a little tired!

In my role as Pastoral Care Worker at Ambarvale Public School, I support the whole school community; students, staff and families. I can provide welfare support and referral, as well as supporting the staff and school in a range of activities including sport, camps & excursions. I can also provide pastoral care and spiritual support, if requested. My focus is to support the wellbeing of young people and to strengthen the school community. Parents have the option not to participate in this program by requesting no contact with the Pastoral Care Worker.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Pope for his leadership and all the staff at Ambarvale for their support this term, it is sincerely appreciated.

I would also like to wish everyone a safe, happy and restful holiday. Next term I will be at Ambarvale on Thursday and Friday. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Until next time, Cheers,

Rob Hodgson JP
(Mr Rob)