Dancers Demonstrating Dazzling Moves at Thomas Reddall: Last Friday the Ambarvale Dance Group run by Mrs Duffield and Ms Campbell Head, Teacher (rel) PD/H/PE performed at Thomas Reddall High School. I was lucky enough to attend the performance along with a number of our parents. Our students were initially nervous but once the dance began they were brilliant. Many of them were keen to perform again. Once again I would like to thank Ms Campbell for all the time she has given up, to come to Ambarvale Public School to teach and guide our dance group and to Mrs Duffield for her commitment and organisation. I would also like to thank all the Thomas Reddall students who were so supportive and encouraging. Check out photos of our dancers further on in the newsletter.

Zone Athletics Carnival: Congratulations to our athletic students from Ambarvale P.S. who represented our school in the Zone track and field events at the Zone Carnival at Campbelltown stadium last week. On Wednesday we had 45 students competing in track events and on Thursday 30 students represented our school in the field events.

Many thanks to Miss Bray for her work in coordinating this zone team. All of our students were a credit to our school in their efforts and behaviours. Some students performed particularly well. Students who placed 1st or 2nd have made it to the next level, representing Campbelltown Zone at the Regional Carnival in Bass Hill on Wednesday 11th September. (Students who placed 3rd are reserves and will only attend if another student pulls out.)

Congratulations to the following students on their great performances:
- Seturi Iakopo – 1st 11 boys High Jump, 1st 11 boys Discus, 2nd 11 boys Shot Put
- Aleksandra Stoiiova – 1st 8 year girls 100m
- Beau Lidbury – 2nd 11 Year boys 100m, 3rd 11 Year boys 200m
- Journee Proctor – 2nd Jnr girls Shot Put
- Shylove Tanga – 3rd 11 girls Discus
- Kamryn Sale – 3rd 11 girls Shot Put
- Jeremiah Alatasi – 3rd Jnr boys Discus
- Jnr Girls relay 10th out of 16.

We wish these students the best of luck at the Regional Carnival.
**Father’s Day Stall & P&C:** Many thanks to everyone who donated gifts. The P&C stall was a great success and I’m sure many dads appreciated the gifts. Money raised goes to helping the P&C who then aim to help the school with resources. Don’t forget we are trialling P&C nights instead of days so if you’re interested come along tonight at 7pm in the school library.

**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 2012 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.

**Award Nominations: Congratulations, Ambarvale PS!** Ambarvale is an outstanding school. In my short time here I have found that we possess a hardworking, committed staff who want to see our students do well in their learning and in their social interactions with others. Our students are on the whole diligent and hardworking with a desire to learn and improve and we have a large group of supportive parents who value education and the school. Looking at school data, NAPLAN and Best Start information I can see that Ambarvale Public School has achieved outstanding growth in learning for 3 years in a row. As such I have nominated our school for a regional award for **Excellence in school and student achievement demonstrating growth and improvement**. The school has strategically implemented a number of initiatives to make a significant difference in this area, resulting in higher student engagement levels, enhanced engagement in curriculum and significantly improved student results in Literacy and Numeracy. This award nomination was supported by the Acting Director of Public Schools New South Wales (Campbelltown), recognising our outstanding work and success in this area. Congratulations to all members of the school community for working in partnership with us, allowing us to make gains in this area.

**Congratulations to these individual members of Ambarvale PS who also received nominations for their excellent work:**
- **Mr Gray** - nominated for excellence as an Early Career Teacher.
- **Mrs Spowart** - nominated for an award for exceptional work as an SLSO, supporting students within the Support Unit.

**K-6 Assembly Monday 9th September:** Parents/Carers are invited to our whole school assembly next week on Monday 9th September where many special awards will be presented, including: merit awards (bronze, gold, silver, platinum) and our next Aussie of The Month. We hope that you can join us at this assembly to help us celebrate the successes of our students.

**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.

**Footy Finals:** Footy Finals time is upon us and as a fundraiser Year 6 will be holding a wear your Jersey Day on Tuesday 17th September, 2013. So put on your favourite sport top or jersey, back your team and have a fun day all for the cost of a gold coin.
Public Speaking K-6: Our school oracy competition is currently taking place. I have been pleased to see two students from each class will compete in the school final. From this school competition, two students from each stage will be selected to compete in the Campbelltown/Macarthur Area Oracy Competition against other schools in our zone. Good luck to all our students participating in the school competition tomorrow.

Year 5 & 6 Camp: The Year 5 & 6 camp to The Great Aussie Bush Camp is getting closer. The total cost for the excursion is $230 (Note: The camp has already been subsidised by $20 per child by the school). Permission notes and a deposit are now required to secure a place for students. Please note inappropriate behaviour at school may prevent your child from attending.

Federal Election and the Special Olympics: When you come to school to vote on September 7 why not grab a sausage sandwich from the Special Olympics Group who are raising money to send Kurtis Becker, Peter Becker's son to the Special Olympics. Peter has been a great supporter of our school for a number of years and works tirelessly with a number of other volunteers to serve our students breakfast every Tuesday and Friday morning. So why not grab a snag and help him and the school too.

Free Community Program for children 0-5: There is a wonderful free Playtime & Transition program operating at our school. 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

GALA DAY THIS FRIDAY!

Our next Gala Day is this Friday 6th September. Money for Gala Day is due by Wednesday 4th September and no late payments will be taken. Any student who has not returned their money for this term’s Gala Days will need to do so ASAP. The cost for this term’s Gala Days is $15.

Details for each sport are as follows:

- **AFL** - Eschol Park Playing Fields, Eschol Park
- **Touch Football** - Oswald Reserve, Rosemeadow
- **Netball** – Coronation Park, Minto
- **Soccer** – Ambarvale Sporting Complex

Parents are welcome to attend and support our students. Most games commence at 10am.

**Students are reminded to:**
- wear full sport uniform
- bring a school hat
- wear runners or sneakers as footwear
- bring their recess and lunch
- bring a water bottle (2 preferable, one frozen is a great idea!)
- bring sunscreen
- bring their asthma puffer if needed

**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 not 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 contribute to the Year 6 Farewell.
Please join us! Carer Workshop on Using Technology for learning at home

If you wish to learn how to use technology at home to support your child at school, please join us at our next Carer workshop which will be held on **Friday 13th September at 9:15 at Thomas Acres Public School.** This workshop will explore effective ways of using technology for your child of any age at home to help improve your child’s knowledge in Literacy and Numeracy, as well as develop a love for learning.

Mr Gray & Miss Bray

Last Friday, the Dance Group performed at Thomas Reddall High School. Mrs Duffield and Miss Cunningham would like to congratulate the Senior Dance Group on their performance. Our Ambarvale students entertained a massive crowd at the Multicultural Day celebrations. We think they were the stars of the show.

PBIS Focus

This week (Week 8), our PBIS focus is, “The new Library rules”
The rule is: **Be a Learner**

*Students are participating in explicit lessons focused on following the rules for our longer Library time. Students have asked for longer Library times. We have been able to do this, however, we needed to make some new rules.*

- After eating time you may quickly line up in the Library line.
- The teacher on duty will wait only two minutes.
- The teacher will then take the students up to the Library. **You may not take yourself up.**
- If you are late you will have to wait until the half time bell.
- At half time a staff member will walk students who wish to return to the playground down and pick up any students wishing to go to the Library.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC PARISH, ROSEMEADOW

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2013** This Sacrament will be celebrated on **Sunday 17th and Sunday 24th November, 2013.** It is available to all children in Year 3 or above who have been baptised and have received the sacrament of Reconciliation. If you wish your child to make this Sacrament and did not come to the enrolment night last year you MUST attend the first lesson for this program on **Saturday 12th October, 2013 commencing at 4.15p.m.** Please get there 15 minutes early to fill in the form. Children will participate in lessons within the Parish School classrooms whilst parents will meet with Father in the Parish Meeting Room. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2013. The program fee of $25 is also payable at the first lesson. Thank you
Congratulations to all those children who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. There were a few children who spent a lot of time reading in the library to get those last books finished and added to their list, but hopefully they felt a sense of achievement when they finished their twentieth book. The Reading Challenge encourages children to read a wide variety of quality books. It guides them into exploring books that they would not normally attempt. More than one child expressed their enjoyment of a book they had read. One comment was, “I thought this book was going to be the most boring one, but it was the best one. It was really interesting.” Overall, 58 children completed the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge. The number of children in Primary (years 3-6) who finished was nineteen, which is a fantastic increase from the six who finished in 2012. Certificates for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge are sent out to the school in the last weeks of Term 4.

Mrs Sullivan
LIBRARIAN

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Why are rules important?

There are rules to be followed everywhere and all for good reasons. They are there to protect you and to tell you what would be the right decision to follow. Parents and teachers tell you rules, but in the end it is actually you that had to decide to follow it. We need rules to be in the safest environment possible. We don’t want kids to think that fighting is the best way to solve a problem, because it’s not! There are rules in zoos, parks, shopping centres and other public places. So what’s the difference between these places and school? Rules apply to staff and students.

Teacher Interview

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Narrative Introductions using a Multimedia Clip without Narration.

James
He ran across the icy vine sitting between two rocky cliffs. Mountains of ice surrounded him. Ice chunks could break off any moment just like the vine he was running across. Scrat didn’t care. He was swift and light on his feet. Scrat’s long, slightly bent nose was sniffing frantically. He could smell the sweet smell of his golden acorn rushing through his nose. It was only one acorn, but in the ice-age scavenging any scrap of food was extremely lucky. In a blink, Scrat rushed forward and flattened into a thick, dead tree. He sniffed around it, checking for unknown threats, and then he saw the acorn.

Leeza
It was morning; snow covered the land like a cold breeze. The cliff face was silent, but the silence was broken as Scrat crawled through the pile of coloured leaves. He leaned against the dead tree and saw the two things he desired most. Surprised, he saw his ticket to survival, being a big, brown, delicious acorn.