Tuesday 13th October, 2015

PRINCIPAL POPE’S PARAGRAPHS

The world belongs to the Enthusiast who keeps cool.

William McFee

End of term 3 fun – Disco Divas & Demonstrating Reading for Kindergarten Buddies.

Check out the photos below. We wrapped up the term with our Year 6 buddies assisting kinder with a reading program that has been running consistently throughout Terms 2 and 3. Our students had fun, got groovy and boogied away to finish of a successful term in an enjoyable and somewhat colourful manner. – Who owns these kids?

We also celebrated with those who made the attendance criteria with more movies and popcorn. Unfortunately our attendance figures dropped last term for various reasons. Please note that when sick children are best cared for at home with a note or medical certificate to cover the absence. Regular school attendance though is vital for a child’s learning and social development. It is also the law. So let’s make Term 4 our best attendance yet.

Going for Gold!

This Wednesday Aleksandra Stoilova will be running the 100m in the 11 Years girls at the State athletics carnival at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, Homebush. Aleksandra for the past few years has been going from strength to strength as a runner and at the end of term finished 1st at the Regional Carnival. With a good result she will move to the 100m final on Thursday. We congratulate her on her efforts and wish her both luck and speed on the track.

Check out Aleksandra in her Regional uniform (she is representing South West Sydney as well as Ambarvale PS and herself) and in another shot getting ready to run.
Stay Cool – in the weather.
The weather has been strange indeed. Sometimes hot, sometimes humid. Sometimes cool or wet and then hot again. We suggest students bring extra water to stay hydrated. Label jumpers or jackets so they can be removed (and not lost). Wear a hat.

Now Stay cool – behaviour.
Problems arise and are made worse when someone loses their temper and lashes out. It is important that all students keep hands, feet and objects to themselves. If someone is upsetting you or you think they are: ignore, move away and tell a teacher. Other things that may help are: breathe deeply, find a quiet place to sit, find a friend or adult who can help keep you calm and think positive thoughts. People who lash out often suffer more serious consequences such as damaged friendships, scaring others, hurting someone (when you didn’t really want to and then regret it later), reflection, parents being informed, warning of suspension or even suspension. So as our student leaders have talked about this week. Be safe, stay calm and keep hands and feet to yourselves.

P&C and parent forum -Parent consultation and involvement – We need you now!
After some difficulties with illness, other commitments and a few hiccups we are set to go ahead with our P&C AGM and second parent forum.
Last term many parents and carers joined me in the library to share their thoughts on a range of subjects. This was both informative and helpful to the school and will hopefully grow greater mechanisms to support and involve our community.
I would also like to hold an evening session for working parents on 20/10/15 at 7.30pm in the school library (supper will be provided) following our P&C AGM, which will begin at 7pm. If you are able to attend the P&C and support them and the school into 2016, you will be warmly welcomed.
Being part of the P&C is simple, just pay $1 to vote on decisions that will help the P&C and our school. For the Parent forum at 7.30pm, we would like your involvement and ideas on a range of school programs. This will include student, parent teacher interviews, attendance and any other areas of school life.

We are particularly interested in what support and or learning you would like to better assist you with your child and their learning and development both at home and school. All parents are welcome. From this meeting I would like to create a community action team with a mixture of parent and staff representatives to ensure that parents have an ongoing voice in our school. If you intend on coming please contact the school or indicate on Facebook.

COMMUNITY LINKS– TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

**Monday Morning Playgroup** – Miss Wendy and her crew are here at Ambarvale P.S every Monday morning. This outstanding program runs every Monday morning for preschool age children from 9 -11am. This is a great place for students to attend before starting school. Come along and get to meet other parents too.

KINDERGARTEN 2016

We are currently enrolling now for Kindergarten 2016. Please contact the office for an enrolment form if your child commences next year and spread the word that we are now accepting enrolments. This information is required for our planning and organisation for 2016.

Kindergarten Orientation dates have been scheduled for **Friday 20th November and Friday 27th November**. Please keep these dates free if you have a child starting next year. Please ensure that enrolment forms are returned to school ASAP so that enrolment information can be sent.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

15/10 - Public Speaking Final
11, 12 & 13/11 - Stage 3 Camp

TERM 4 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

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PBIS Focus

This week (Week 2), our PBIS focus is **be safe**. Students are reminded to:

- Keep your hands to yourself
- Follow the 3 step rule

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Our farewell night for our Year 6 students is being held on **Friday, 11th December 2015** at the Campbelltown Catholic Club. An invitation and RSVP slip has been given to all Year 6 students. Please return the RSVP to your child’s class teacher by the given date.

**Farewell Information**

**Time:** 5.30pm – 9.30pm  
**Where:** Campbelltown Catholic Club: Lachlan Macquarie Room  
**Dress:** Smart Casual

Since this is a special evening for the students, it would be appreciated if the children could wear their best clothes. Recommended clothing would include:

- Collared shirts and long pants (or full length dress jeans) for boys.
- Dresses, skirts or pants for girls, (knee length and shoulders covered).
- Appropriate footwear (boys: closed in shoes, girls: flat shoes).
- No offensive logos or language on clothing items.

We look forward to an enjoyable evening with our departing Year 6 students. If you have any questions, please speak with your child’s class teacher or Miss Page.
STAGE 3 CAMP

Final Instalment Due!
Our final instalment for the Stage Three camp is due Wk 3, Term 4 (Friday 23rd October). The payment amount is $45. An instalment slip is included with this newsletter.
A number of students are not up to date with their instalments. Please ensure any additional amounts owed are sent with this instalment. Students who are behind in repayments will receive a reminder note in the coming weeks.

We have a limited number of positions still available for camp. Please contact the office if you would like your child to attend.

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 2015 are Wednesday 11th November – Friday 13th November (Week 6, Term 4). The total cost for camp will be $245.
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 if you have any questions or queries.

STEWART HOUSE BAGS

Last term everyone was sent home a Stewart House Bag. Tomorrow, Wednesday 14th October is collection day. If you still have any clothing or linen you would like to donate please bring it to the school office tomorrow morning. Thank you for your support.

LIBRARY CHAT

I have been very busy behind the scenes during the last term, preparing for a new library system which will replace the 27 year old DOS based system that we have been using. The new system will be much more user friendly for children and staff, and will hopefully be up and running this week. There have been some disruptions to lessons due to the changeover, but from next week all should be not only business as usual, but business even better than before.
Book club magazines will be coming home this week, with orders due in by Thursday of Week 4 (29.10.15) I know that some of you like to buy Christmas and birthday presents through book club. If you would like book purchases kept secret from your child put a note on the order form with a phone number for me to let you know when orders come in.
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