PRINCIPAL GREEN'S PARAGRAPHS

Week 10 is here and the end of year will soon be upon us! 2015 has certainly flown by. It has been a busy year with many achievements.

Schools Spectacular
Over the past term, Mrs King, Miss Bray and our Schools Spectacular Dancers- Isabella Eaves, Lillian Greaves, Jasmine Jennings, Mackenzie Kelly, Serafina Logai-Lusiano, Navara Mataipule, Shiloh Mauigoa, Maya Naiker, Hayley Prince-Francis, Dakota Turski and Sheldon Williams; have been travelling back and forward to Sydney for Schools Spectacular rehearsals. They then had a very busy few days from Wednesday 25th November to Saturday 28th November where they did final rehearsals and then performed for National TV on the Friday and Saturday night. There were many early mornings and late nights, and all involved should be congratulated on their efforts. It was definitely a huge commitment and something that will be remembered forever. I’d like to say a big THANK YOU to the team for representing Ambarvale Public School.

Thanks also to the parents for your support!

Reports
Reports will be going out at the end of this week. If you have any questions regarding your child’s report, please feel free to contact the school to make an appointment with your child’s teacher.

Good Luck!
I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff at Ambarvale PS to wish Miss Page all the best in her new role as Deputy Principal at John Warby PS for 2016. Miss Page will certainly be missed by all here at Ambarvale.

Mr Pope will be starting 2016 at Thomas Acres PS and a decision on his return to Ambarvale will be made before the end of Term 1, 2016. We wish him all the best for the beginning of the school year.

Thanks
I would like to thank the dedicated staff at Ambarvale PS who have worked extremely hard over the past year to support your child/children with their learning.

On behalf of the staff, I would also like to thank the students of Ambarvale PS for their achievements this year. We have certainly made significant academic progress across the school K-6. I look forward to seeing further progress in 2016. Remember to read over the holiday break when you get a chance. And last but not least, a huge thanks to our parents/carers and school community for your support throughout the school year. We hope you have enjoyed watching your child/children grow as learners throughout 2015.

Holiday Time and 2016!
Myself and the staff at Ambarvale Public School would like to wish you all a very safe and enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to seeing all of your familiar faces in the New Year. The 2016 school year starts on Thursday 28th January. Kindergarten students start on Monday 1st February. Have a great break!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December
10/12 - Presentation Day
11/12 - Year 6 Farewell
15/12 - Talent Quest and Class Parties

TERM 4 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

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PBIS Focus

This week (Week 10), our PBIS focus is be respectful.

Students are reminded to:
- Listen to and follow teachers instructions

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Our Year 6 Farewell is being held at Campbelltown Catholic Club this Friday 11th December. The farewell commences at 5.30pm and will conclude by 9.30pm.

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.

Below is the approximate outline of the evening:
5.30pm Students arrive at the Campbelltown Catholic Club, meet out the front/in the foyer
5.45pm Parents leave the venue
6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Dancing
8.00pm Formal part of the evening (speeches and presentations) - Parents invited
9.30pm Conclusion of evening

Please note that parents are invited to return for the formal part of the evening at 8:00pm where all students will receive a graduation memento.

Important: Parents and Carers must sign in at reception and follow the club's dress code regulations to enter Campbelltown Catholic club and attend the formal part of the evening! No parents and carers will be permitted to enter if they do not sign and follow the Campbelltown Catholic Club dress code.
The end of the school year is here and I’m sure everyone is ready for the holidays. It's been a busy year and the business continues as we lead up to Christmas. This can be stressful for many; but the end of another year is a good time for celebration.

In 2016, like any other year, there will be some changes for students and staff at Ambarvale. Sean Pope, Mellissa Page, Tim Byrne will all be leaving Ambarvale Public School this year! A special thank you and farewell to these wonderful people for their outstanding work and service to our school. Our very best wishes for the future, we will all miss you.

Changes can be emotional and exciting, in fact life is all about change, and how we adapt to it. Schools especially understand this as they support and develop our young people for the future. Schools are very supportive places, and Ambarvale school community is very fortunate to have such caring staff, and a small but dedicated P&C. They continue to go above and beyond in their support of students and families all year, and for this we should be thankful!

I would like to wish everyone at Ambarvale; especially our Year 6 students, a peaceful and joyful Christmas and very best wishes for 2016. It is again timely to think about Party Safety…everyone likes to party and everyone likes to have fun. When you party it is important to do so responsibly and consider these tips.

- Plan your party with parents/carers (notify police if you intend to party at home)
- Invited guests only, avoid text message and internet invitations.
- Look after and care for each other.
- Plenty of food and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Don't serve alcohol to people under 18…it’s against the law.
- Consider security and what to do if things get out of hand.
  eg: contact police, music off, lights on, party over.
- Seek help if needed; call 000 for police or ambulance.
- Respect each other and property to reduce risks. Violence, trespassing and disturbances are dangerous and could lead to an arrest.
- Beware of spiked drinks.
- Mixing drugs or using alcohol with drugs is dangerous and against the law.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who continues to support the Pastoral Care program at APS, your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

Safe and Restful Holidays to All,

Rob Hodgson, JP

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**STORY BY EMILY POLESON**

El viernes (Friday) mi mamá (Mum), papá (Dad) y yo fuimos (went) to “Mojado y salvaje” (Wet’n wild).

Primero(first) I got in the carro and we drove por (for) mucho tiempo (very long time) y cuando (when) llegamos (got there) I had some deliciosa comida, I had a jam sandwich and cuando I finished it, fui al parque Nickoloadian and Dora and Boots were allí (there) and luego (after that) fui (I went) on a ride (paseo) on the water side. Fui de paseo a la playa artificial (beach) y salté (jumped) en el agua (water) there were muchas olas (waves) que iban y venían (that stoped and started). También fui (I also went to) a la Bahía de Boomerang and you had to sentarse (sit) on swimming rings (anillos de natación) when I got of it, I went on one more (uno más). Después fui (then went) al agua (water slide) con mi mamá (with mum) y finalmente a casa (went home).

Fue divertido! It was fun!

Escrito por (written by) Emily Poleson
ALL BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED THIS WEEK! If you still have a book hiding away on a bookshelf, or under a bed, or down the back of a cupboard, now is the time to find it and return it to school. Notes will be coming home this week to all those with outstanding loans. If books are lost then payment is expected, so that I can purchase a replacement book.

Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates will come home this week to all those excellent readers who participated. Some children have been awarded a gold certificate for completing their fourth Challenge.

We will be having a library book sale on Wednesday and Thursday at 3.00pm in the playground. Books will be 10 or 20 cents each. These are books that are never borrowed, old or worn out. There will be a mix of picture books, non-fiction and some senior fiction.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas break with time to read a great book or three.

Mrs Sullivan

Old Library Books for Sale
Wednesday and Thursday after school

CHARITY STALL

Tomorrow 9th December, there will be a charity stall at recess under the COLA. Students will be selling cakes and craft to raise money for an animal charity. The students have been busy creating websites about animals and making items to sell during Edventure. Items will be priced from 50 cents.

Mrs Yewen

ATTENDANCE REWARD

Your child may be invited to our Attendance Reward Day at school if they have met the Attendance Reward Day criteria. The movies will be shown from 9.30-11am in classrooms on a surprise day during week 10. Your child may watch one of the following movies:
- Polar Express (PG)
- The Santa Clause (PG)
- Elf (PG)
- Toy Story (PG)
- Inside Out (PG)
- Despicable Me (PG)

Students are provided with a free drink and popcorn on the day. If you do not wish your child to watch a “PG” movie, eat and drink the food provided or attend the movie reward please let your classroom teacher know by Friday 11th December.

The criteria for students attending this extravaganza is as follows:
- 100% attendance – Gold Class
- Have had only 3 days off and have brought in absence notes for being away within 7 days. Please note student absences are exempt if they have brought in a medical certificate to justify their days off
- Have had 6 or less partial absences unless justified, ie speech pathology

Mrs. King
Relieving Assistant Principal
Challenging Behaviour's Collaboratively Workshops

The workshop is aimed at parents only with children diagnosed with ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), or Conduct Disorder (CD) or challenging behaviour.

Highlights

- Child development and the relationship to seriously challenging behaviours
- Looking for and identifying lost skills in AD/HD, ODD, CD.
- Parents as partners in managing behaviour
- Strategies to reduce outbursts

Theoretical program developed by Dr Steve Walker will be presented by

Ms Carmel Flavell, MasterChild/Adoles.Welfare, BA(Socio/Wom'sStudies), TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

This workshop is not for workers. For families only.

Venue: Buzy Bee Kindy 102 Merlin Street, The Oaks
All sessions need to be attended.

No child care available. To register phone Phone: (02) 46832776
For more information, check us out on our website.

Online registrations available from early January

Wednesday February 10th 5pm – 8pm
Lynden Park – Number 1 Road, St Helens Park
Saturday February 13th 11am – 2pm
Saturday January 30th 11am – 2pm

Campbelltown Uniting Church - Alhambra St, Campbelltown

Registration days:

- Registrations from 9:30
- Up
- Enjoy football
- Providing a positive, family friendly environment to play and
- For more than 40 years, CUCC has been dedicated to
- Want to play football in 2016?

Soccer Club
Church
Campbelltown Uniting Church

Holiday Session Open Times

From the 14th Dec to 25th Jan

School Holiday Sessions

Saturday 12pm - 3pm
Thursday 10am - 1pm
Wednesday 10am - 1pm
Tuesday 10am - 1pm
SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

WHEN ARE THE CLINICS HELD? Monday – Wednesday both weeks.

DECEMBER 2015  21st - 22nd – 23rd (FIRST CLINIC)
JANUARY 2016   18th - 19th – 20th (SECOND CLINIC)

WHERE – Wests Tennis Club - 16 Old Leumeah Rd Leumeah

COST – $90.00 for 3 days (9am till 3pm)
OPTION 2 - $35.00 per day (9am till 3pm)
OPTION 3 - $20.00 per day (9am till 12 noon)

WHO CAN COME? – Any children from the age of 5 up to 17 (beginners welcome)

TO REGISTER OR MAKE ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL IAN ON 0411 330 107