Tuesday 3rd March, 2015

PRINCIPAL POPE’S PARAGRAPHS

Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.

*Maya Angelou*

There have been many highlights so far for 2015. Here are a few.

**Meet & Greet**
Thanks to our staff and community for such a great afternoon. This was a great way to get to know each other, share some information and grab a sausage sandwich. On the day almost 160 students were represented by their mums, dads, carers, siblings and extended family members. Research shows that when parents, students and teachers come together then learning outcomes are improved.

**Swim Carnival**
The rains came but we still went and a great day was had by all. We had many students participate which was pleasing to see. The Zone carnival will be held on Tuesday 10th March. All other students cheered and participated in a range of novelty events both in and out of the pool. The teachers even raced against the students in the relays with the teachers only just coming last against the boys and girls relay teams. Most importantly our students were extremely well behaved and both students and the community were incredibly supportive of all participants.

Sporting Champions
Many of our students have been trying out for district teams. These students have been successful at being selected to represent the Campbelltown district.
- Max S - AFL
- Cyrus P – AFL
- Filemu L – Basketball & Touch Football
- Zac J – Touch Football

Learning is a priority
Take a look at these engaged, hardworking students.

Students and parents/carers can play a vital role in learning by having a positive “I can learn attitude”. This is best achieved by listening and thinking, working with others, doing your best and not giving up. Keep going for all of 2015.

Parent, Student, Teacher Interviews
In Week 8 we will be hosting interviews for all of the above. This will be a great chance for parents to share important information with their child’s teacher. It will be a wonderful opportunity too for students to show their parents what they’ve been up to, what they’ve been successful at and what they need to work on; while teachers also provide some basic information about the child’s start to the year. (See additional note going home today).
Please assist your child’s school: A voluntary contribution is requested from parents to support your child’s education. The amount requested at Ambarvale PS is $20 per student or $30 per family each year. This money will be used to purchase educational equipment and resources; which are identified by teaching staff as useful in helping them provide your children with the education that we know all children deserve. Please forward your contributions to the school office.

Mr Pope
PRINCIPAL

STAFF PROFILE

Hi my name is Mrs Brennan and I am lucky to be teaching KB this year! Kindergarten students are doing a wonderful job of settling into new routines. I have been a teacher for 16 years and have worked in both Liverpool and Camden areas. I grew up in Campbelltown and look forward to working with the teachers and parents at Ambarvale Public School. I have two gorgeous children, one in Year 2 and my youngest started Kindergarten this year too! I enjoy teaching visual arts and using technology in the classroom. I love drinking coffee and eating chocolate!

CALANDAR OF EVENTS

March
10/03 - Zone Swimming
11/03 - Canteen Showbag Day
19/03 - Harmony Day
24/03 - School Photo Day

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REMINDERS

Due to Departmental and School Policy we ask the following for safety reasons.
- No dogs on school grounds
- No parents/carers to use the staff car park

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

I’m getting excited for our Easter Hat Parade which is a super hero theme this year. The parade is always a great community event and also a great fundraiser for the P&C and the school. We are asking families to donate Easter Eggs for a raffle. Please send into your child’s class with your child’s name and class. The class with the most donations will win a special Easter prize.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School photos this year will be held on **Tuesday 24th March**. Information packs/envelopes were sent home with your children last week. Please return your envelopes by **Friday 20th March** to your classroom teacher. Family photo envelopes are also available at the front office.
ZONE SWIMMING

Congratulations to everyone who made it to Zone level at our Swimming Carnival. We will be taking a girls and a boys relay team to Zone as well as the following students that achieved great individual results. Kaitlin G, Tara G, Ysabelle O, Jeremy I, Tat M, Bronson G, Blagojce S and Zintori M.

LIBRARY CHAT

The library timetable has now been finalised. Lessons will vary in length and time on alternate weeks, but will always be on the same day. Please make a note of the day your child/children have library, and help them to remember to return their library book on that day.

Tuesday: 5/6K, 5/6B, 1/2W, 1/2C, 1-6C
Wednesday: 2B, 2/3K, K/1R, K-2H, 2-6B, 3-6G
Thursday: 3/4B, 3/4T, KC, KB

Children in years K-2 may borrow one book, while those in years 3-6 may borrow two.

Catherine Sullivan
LIBRARIAN

PLAYGROUP

Monday Morning Playgroup – Our playtime and transition program operates every Monday morning for pre-school age children from 9 to 11am. This free program operates in one of our classrooms and is staffed by three wonderful, experienced staff. This is a great place for students to attend the year before school. Come along and get to meet other parents too. We look forward to seeing many new faces on Monday. Please contact our school office if you require further information.