Tuesday 31st March, 2015

PRINCIPAL POPE’S PARAGRAPHS

Whoever is happy will make others happy too.  
Anne Frank

There will be a couple of staff changes for Term 2. Due to unforeseen circumstances Mrs Brown has had to move to the far south coast and as a result she will not be able to continue in her role at Ambarvale PS. Mrs Brown has contributed greatly to both our school and the classes she has taught. She will be greatly missed and we wish her well for the future. I am currently in the midst of selecting a suitable replacement to take 5/6B.

Mrs Hogg, who has been relieving Assistant Principal at Ambarvale PS for the past 12 months, has been successful in gaining a promotion to Currans Hill PS as a permanent Assistant Principal. Mrs Hogg has been a real asset to our school and community. She is to be congratulated and she too will be missed.

Term 1 Highlights

Learning as always has taken a high priority. The school has been developing and implementing our new school plan for 2015 which focuses heavily on Engagement, Learning and Innovation for all. This plan was developed in close consultation and feedback from our school community, students and staff.

As a school we are involved in the Early Action for Success Program being led by Mrs Green which focuses heavily on improving literacy and numeracy for all students in years K-2. Within the program students who require additional support are supported whilst teachers are provided with outstanding professional learning and mentoring in quality teaching practices. A similar model is being provided for years 3-6, through school resources, to allow Miss Page to work with and support students and staff in this section of the school.

Other highlights include;

- Successful school, zone and regional swimming carnivals,
- A fantastic and inclusive Harmony Day celebrating all the wonderfully diverse cultures from our school community; as you can see in the photos below.
- Meet and Greet BBQ and information sharing with Parents,
- Student led conferences with Parents and Teachers,
- Parents and extended family engaging with us on Facebook,
- A great deal of individual sporting success.

This week I am looking forward to our discos, attendance extravaganza (Don’t forget how important it is to come to school to maximize learning) and our family friendly, always successful, Easter Hat Parade. (Don’t forget that this year’s theme is Superheroes.

Holidays are almost upon us. I want to wish you a great break and Easter long weekend. Stay safe, have fun and relax. While on holidays keep your child’s learning rolling by encouraging them to read, or read to or with them. We’ll see you next term. Students start Tuesday 21st April.

Mr Pope
PRINCIPAL
**STAFF PROFILE**

Hello all! My name is Miss West. I am new to Ambarvale Public School this year and am very excited and fortunate to be teaching the gorgeous 1/2W. Staff, students and parents have warmly welcomed me which makes working in a new school a lot more pleasurable. We have settled very nicely into the new school year. 1-2W have been extremely hard working and have made great new friendships in the classroom. Keep it up! I look forward to what we will achieve in term two!

Some quick facts about me - my hobbies include swimming in the ocean and going out for breakfast!

**ATTENDANCE REWARD DAY**

It’s that time of the year again when we reward our students for their attendance. To say thank you to our students’ excellent attendance we are having a movie day to celebrate. Students are able to attend if they have had:

- No more than 3 days off (please note that serious medical conditions with medical certificates will be considered)
- Have brought in a note for every day they have had off explaining their absence.

Partial absences are not included but please be aware that they may be included in future attendance rewards days.

Students who have outstanding 100% attendance will be receiving a gold class pass. A gold class pass gives students 1st preference of movie and VIP treatment on the day.

Please remember that education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.

Mrs King

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**March**
- 31/3 - School Disco

**April**
- 01/04 - Attendance Reward Day
- 02/04 - Easter Hat Parade & Last Day of Term
- 21/04 - Students return to school

**TERM 2 ASSEMBLY ROSTER**

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**HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENTS 2016**

All Year 6 students should have returned their *Expression of Interest* form for high school in 2016.

If you have yet to do this, please do so by Thursday 2nd April (last day of Term 1). The information in these forms is to be forwarded to the high school so it is important that all students return the form. Please speak with Miss Page or your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Thank you
Miss Page
Assistant Principal

**PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup will resume next Term on **Monday 27th April**. We invite all parents with pre-school aged children to come on down with Ms Wendy and crew. Have a blast, meet other parents, give your child a head start in learning and prepare your child for ‘big’ school.
STAGE 2 CAMP INSTALEMENTS

Due Date: Thursday 21st May (Week 5 Term 2)

Our Stage 2 camp this year will be held at Wedderburn Christian Campsite which is an outdoor education and recreation camp, located near Wedderburn. The camp will include 2 days and 1 night accommodation, meals and all activities. The cost of the camp includes transport to and from Wedderburn by coach.

The dates for our Year 3 & Year 4 camp for 2015 are Wednesday 26th August – Thursday 27th August (week 7 Term 3). The cost for camp will be $120.

A payment plan will be available to make it easier for families to afford. Parents may choose to pay for the camp by making 1 payment in full or by 3 instalments. Students who miss a payment or miss the payment dates may not be eligible to attend the camp. Should any family require financial assistance with the payments it is essential that you contact Mr Pope (Principal) at the school prior to the first instalment date to make these arrangements.

The first instalment payment of $50 is due by Thursday 21st May (week 5, Term 2). An information sheet outlining the payment plan will be sent home this week.

Please be aware that attendance at this excursion is a privilege given only to Stage 2 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 or the Year 3 and 4 teachers if you have any questions or queries.

STAGE 3 CAMP INSTALEMENTS

Due Date: Friday 8th May (Week 3 Term 2)

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 cost for camp will be $245.

A payment plan will be available to make it easier for families to afford. Parents may choose to pay for the camp by making 1 payment in full or by 5 instalments. Students who miss a payment or miss the payment dates may not be eligible to attend the camp. Should any family require financial assistance with the payments it is essential that you contact Mr Pope (Principal) at the school prior to the first instalment date to make these arrangements.

The first instalment payment of $50 is due by Friday 8th May (week 3, term 2). An information sheet outlining the payment plan will be sent home this week.

Please be aware 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 or the Year 5 and 6 teachers if you have any questions or queries.
AWARDS

Bronze Award Winners

3-4B - Bobby Foster

Aussie of the Month

An AUSSIE OF THE MONTH is someone who:

- Consistently obeys the school rules.
- Is helpful to students and teachers.
- Is caring to other class and school members.
- Is a good friend.
- Always gives their best and tries hard to improve.
- Displays a wonderful attitude to school.

The ‘Aussies of the Month’ for March are:

- Infants – Shiloh Mauigoa 2B
- Primary – Filemu Logai-Lusiano 5-6K

Congratulations to these worthy recipients!

LIBRARY CHAT

Many children have made a great start on their Premier’s Reading Challenge with one keen reader nearly finished! Please return notes for those in years 3-6, as I cannot register books read until then. There are lucky dip prizes along the way to achieving 20 books read. If you need a permission note please see me.

Children will be able to borrow during these holidays which will be a great chance to read something slightly longer or more challenging. If your child chooses to borrow during the holidays please take care of the books and make sure that they are not lost during this time. Enjoy your holidays and remember to read every day.

FROM THE PASTROL CARERS DESK

The end of first term is approaching. Our school community has been very busy this term with so much activity. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated staff; who as a team, continue to work tirelessly to support our boys and girls.

Ambarvale Public School has strong core values of excellence, respect, responsibility, co-operation, participation, fairness and caring for others. These values and focus are the foundations for our whole school community.

The April School Holidays (which include Easter) will be a welcome break and opportunity to recharge the batteries. And this year the Anzac Day centenary will be commemorated when we return in Term2, at the end of Wk1.

The messages of hope and sacrifice that Easter and Anzac Day bring are really worth thinking about and represent much we should be thankful for…although, the cultural diversity of our nation today is reflected in the many ways Australians spend these holidays. Some will spend time with family and friends, or relax on a beach, some will be working…and others will stand together in reverence!

However we choose to spend these times, we should be united and rejoice in the freedom and tolerance we all enjoy. These are precious values, and maybe it’s a good time to be encouraged, take stock of our lives and consider all our opportunities.

Now, I’ll ask you these questions…

- Will you respect differences and accept others?
- Are you going to show tolerance?
- And will you stand strong to support these values of freedom and tolerance?

These qualities of decency are important to learn, practice and live in order to have a fair and caring society for all!

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and safe, happy and restful holidays.

Next term I will be at Ambarvale on Monday and Friday.

If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Until next time, cheers.
Rob Hodgson JP


**Monday 13 April**

- **6:30 to 7:30 am**
  - Starbucks Pre-Workout

- **10:30 to 11:30 am**
  - Morning Mindfullness

- **12:30 to 1:30 pm**
  - Lunch and Learn

- **2:30 to 3:30 pm**
  - Midday Massage

- **5:30 to 6:30 pm**
  - Evening Yoga

**Wednesday 15 April**

- **6:30 to 7:30 am**
  - Starbucks Pre-Workout

- **10:30 to 11:30 am**
  - Morning Mindfullness

- **12:30 to 1:30 pm**
  - Lunch and Learn

- **2:30 to 3:30 pm**
  - Midday Massage

- **5:30 to 6:30 pm**
  - Evening Yoga

- **7:30 to 8:30 pm**
  - Fitness and Dance

**Thursday 16 April**

- **6:30 to 7:30 am**
  - Starbucks Pre-Workout

- **10:30 to 11:30 am**
  - Morning Mindfullness

- **12:30 to 1:30 pm**
  - Lunch and Learn

- **2:30 to 3:30 pm**
  - Midday Massage

- **5:30 to 6:30 pm**
  - Evening Yoga

- **7:30 to 8:30 pm**
  - Fitness and Dance

**Friday 17 April**

- **6:30 to 7:30 am**
  - Starbucks Pre-Workout

- **10:30 to 11:30 am**
  - Morning Mindfullness

- **12:30 to 1:30 pm**
  - Lunch and Learn

- **2:30 to 3:30 pm**
  - Midday Massage

- **5:30 to 6:30 pm**
  - Evening Yoga

- **7:30 to 8:30 pm**
  - Fitness and Dance

**Sunday 12 April**

- **9:00 to 10:00 am**
  - Sunday Service

- **11:00 to 12:00 pm**
  - Sunday Lunch

Other activities include:

- **Monday 13 April**
  - Morning Mindfullness

- **Tuesday 14 April**
  - Midday Massage

- **Wednesday 15 April**
  - Evening Yoga

- **Thursday 16 April**
  - Fitness and Dance

- **Friday 17 April**
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- **Sunday 12 April**
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**Family Fun Week**

10-15 April 2015

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**Youth Week**

10-15 April 2015

In campbelltown

**Youth Week**

- **10-15 April**
  - Various activities and events for young people
**Camper Guidelines**

- **Bringing to Camp**
  - Please do not bring radios, cell phones, or any other electronic devices.
  - Bring your own personal hygiene products, such as toothbrush and toothpaste.
  - Bring your own medications and ensure you have a prescription for them.

- **Weather Information**
  - Please check the weather forecast before packing.
  - Be prepared for warm weather and bring sun protection:
    - Sunscreen
    - Hat
    - Sunglasses
  - Bring appropriate clothing for outdoor activities:
    - Shorts
    - T-shirts
    - Sneakers

- **Food and Nutrition**
  - Please bring your own food and drinks.
  - Bring a water bottle.

- **Medical Information**
  - Bring your medical ID and any necessary medications.
  - If you have a medical condition or if you take any medications, please inform the staff.

- **Communication**
  - There will be limited access to phone calls and internet.
  - Staff will be available to assist with any urgent matters.

- **Behavior Expectations**
  - Respect the staff and other campers.
  - Follow the camp rules and regulations.

- **Dress Code**
  - Please dress appropriately for outdoor activities.
  - No revealing clothing.

- **Emergency Procedures**
  - Familiarize yourself with the emergency procedures.
  - Know where the nearest exits and emergency contacts are.

- **Other Information**
  - Please bring your own personal belongings.
  - Keep your belongings secure at all times.
  - Do not leave your belongings unattended.

Enjoy your camping experience and have fun!
EVER CONSIDERED

BECOMING A FOSTER CARER?

Attend a foster care Information Session and hear about fostering from local foster care agencies and foster carers

You will learn about:
- steps to become a foster carer
- roles and responsibilities of foster carers
- support available to foster carers
- the need for all types of carers, especially immediate 'crisis' carers

Wednesday 29th April
6:30pm - 8pm

Venue: Campbelltown RSL Club
1 Carberry Lane
Campbelltown

To register your attendance contact Savita on:
9281 8822
savita@acwa.asn.au

Find out more about fostering today: www.fosteringnew.com.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

@ CENTRE COURT TENNIS

Jared Zeeman & Ian Brabazon
Tennis Australia Qualified Coaches

WHEN - APRIL 13th, 14th, 15th 2015  "LOADS OF FUN - 3 DAY CLINIC"

WHERE – Wests Tennis Club -16 Old Leumeah Rd Leumeah

COST – OPTION 1- $90.00 for 3 days ( 9am till 3.00pm )

OPTION 2- $35.00 per day ( 9.00am till 3.00pm )

OPTION 3- $20.00 per day ( 9.00am till 12.00 noon )

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

TO REGISTER OR ENQUIRYS PLEASE CALL – Jared 0404-457-088 or Ian 0411-330-107

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www.centreCourtTennis.com.au
Macarthur CDC is offering FREE occupational therapy screening services for preschool and school aged children at our Clinic. These services are for children whose teachers or parents would like to ensure that each child is achieving their skills and occupations age appropriately.

**Macarthur CDC clinicians will evaluate your child’s**

- **Fine Motor Skills**: Pencil grip, scissor skills and hand coordination
- **Gross Motor Development**: Coordination and ball skills
- **Handwriting**
- **Visual Perception Skills**: Which can impact handwriting and reading abilities

Our clinicians will also evaluate information relating to your child’s self care skills, classroom participation and their sensory processing (which may impact behaviour).

**Who:** Preschool and School Aged Children

**When:** Monday 13th April 2:00-4:00 PM

**Where:** Macarthur Children’s Developmental Clinic
Shop 6/38 Exchange Parade Narellan

**Bookings are Essential!** To make a booking please contact:
Macarthur Children’s Developmental Clinic on 4648 0837