PRINCIPAL POPE’S PARAGRAPHS

Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you’ll start having positive results.

Willie Nelson

It’s almost halfway through May already! Where is the time going? I hope all of our wonderful mums and grandmas (nans) had a fantastic Mother’s Day.

Learning is well and truly underway again this Term with classes and students in K-2 being involved in L3, a quality teaching and learning initiative for literacy. Students are receiving support through upskilled teachers in L3, mentoring support for teachers and students from Mrs Green (school instructional leader), additional support through increased numbers of teacher’s aides (SLSOs in classrooms), a lot of new books, magnetic letters and boards, as well as some innovative new furniture to support the learning. Just the other day I had the absolute pleasure of listening to three kindergarten students who have just moved a level in their reading. It made my week.

In primary we are almost ready to launch our new Reading Hub, which will be run by Miss Page and a group of teacher’s aides (SLSOs). This innovative intervention will lead to great things by supporting the reading of our Year 3 students. The Reading Hub also has had a large injection of books and modern furniture. Primary staff and students continue to be supported in class by Miss Page in her school mentor role and are also accessing increased support from teacher’s aides (SLSOs).

It is so important that we as teachers and parents give positive encouragement and celebrate success. It is also important for students to take and seek feedback for how they can improve.

Remember that, with reading, writing, number skills or just about anything, you always get better with practice.

Work hard boys and girls as teachers are just starting to organise your half yearly reports. Show them that you are a positive hardworking learner.

Not only should we celebrate our learners but I’d also like to celebrate our dance groups who have been yet again selected to perform at the NSW Dance Festival on the VIP evening and matinee session. This wonderful event is coming up later this term. (See more details further in this newsletter). Thanks to all who supported our mufti / dance off event which will aide in reducing costs in costumes and transport. Thank you to all our hardworking staff and parents with special mention to Mrs King, Miss King, Miss Bray and Miss Cunningham (from Thomas Reddall PS).

But wait …I’m not finished there; we also had outstanding participation at our Primary Cross Country Carnival last week. It was great to see so many enthusiastic and speedy runners. Thanks to Mr Grimes and Miss Bray for all your efforts and hard work. The Zone Carnival is coming up on the 26th May. Congratulations to all our representatives.

NAPLAN started today for Year 3 and 5. (I hope it wasn’t too stressful). Keep in mind that this is just one assessment but you can help by ensuring your child has a good night’s rest, a healthy breakfast and a positive ‘I’ll have a go attitude’. Breakfast Club is also a great chance to get some thinking fuel in. This runs now on Tuesdays – being run by the Church of Christ (Ambarvale), and on Wednesdays and Fridays being run by some of our amazing parents and staff with financial and food support from the Daystar Foundation. If you would like to help out with breakfast club please contact the school.
Our school P&C are hard at work finalising some administration matters and as such we are unable to hold our AGM this week. Please stay tuned as we will be holding this shortly.

Why not keep up to date like many of our parents do by following us on Faceboook (just look up Ambarvale Public School). You don’t have to be a regular facebooker… I’m not I only use it to share information and exploits from school.

**STAFF PROFILE**

Hi, I’m Mr Nicholls and I am looking forward to working with the fabulous 5/6B. Thank you to all the staff and students for welcoming me into the Ambarvale community. I became a teacher last year. I am a life saver at a beach in Wollongong in which I have been a member of for over 15 years. I am currently the Vice-President and Vice Club Captain. I love to watch all sports however my two favourites are tennis and NRL. I look forward to meeting and chatting to new people, so please come up and introduce yourself.

**GALA DAY**

Before we get to what’s on in Week 4, I’d like to thank all the staff and students who were a part of the cross country carnival. Everyone had fun and the day was a great success!

Week Four is another big week at Ambarvale PS. Friday is Gala Day One and we have students entered into Soccer, Netball and Touch Football. Permission notes and bus money are due back now. Just a reminder that if you are having any difficulty with the notes or bus money please see myself, Mr Byrne, Miss Page or Mr Pope.

Have a great week!
Mr Grimes

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**May**
15/05 - Gala Day
26/05 - Zone Cross Country
27/05 - State of Origin Lunch Pack Day

**TERM 2 ASSEMBLY ROSTER**

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**CANTEEN**

Coming home with this newsletter is a blue order form from the Canteen. On **Wednesday 27th May** the canteen is selling a State of Origin Pack.

You can choose between a NSW or a QLD Pack. Both packs are $6 with $1 from every bag ordered being donated to the school. Please place your order by Tuesday 26th May to ensure your child receives their lunch.
**STAGE 2 CAMP**

**1st Camp Instalment Due Soon!**

Our Stage Two camp is being held in Term 3 from Wednesday 26th August –Thursday 27th August (Week 7 Term 3).

50 places are available for our camp and all students in Year 3 and 4 are able to participate.

In order to attend, the first payment of $50 **must** be received by the due date of Thursday 21st May (Week 5 Term 2).

Parents are also able to make the full payment of $120 and therefore not make any further repayments if they would prefer.

An instalment payment slip is included with this newsletter. Please return it with your child's payment by the due date.

**There are 50 places allocated for camp – please ensure you return the 1st instalment by the due date to secure a place for your child.**

The camp will include 1 night and 2 days accommodation, meals and all activities. The cost of the camp includes transport to and from Wedderburn by coach.

Please remind your child 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 if you have any questions or queries.

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Did you know? If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they’ll have missed over a year of school.**

At Ambarvale Public School, we reward our students for their great attendance. To say thank you to our students’ excellent attendance we have an Attendance Rewards Day to celebrate. The activity for the Attendance Rewards Day at the end of Term 2 is still to be determined. The table below outlines if your child may or may not be attending Attendance Reward Day Term 2.

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*Please note late arrivals and early leavers will be marked as a partial absence. Students arriving after 9.10am will be marked as partially absent.

This criteria commenced in Week 3 of Term 2 on Monday 4th May 2015.