Tuesday 23rd June, 2015

PRINCIPAL POPE’S PARAGRAPHS

Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions.
Dalai Lama

Checklist for the term -

We are now half way through the term and things are on track -

- Student led conferences and the beginning of goal setting
- Establishment of Learning Target and I’m successful when in classrooms
- L3 (Language, literacy, learning) training of teachers and implementation in K-2 classes
- TEN (Targeted Early Numeracy) training of teachers and implementation in classes
- Reading Hub making a difference for students in Year 3
- Lots & lots of new reading resources to support all students in literacy
- Writing focus leading to improved learning and teaching in classrooms
- Mentor support from Mrs Green, Miss Page and Miss Hartley for students K-6 and Support unit
- New Positive Behaviour & Learning strategies being implemented to support school rules of – Be a learner, Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be Kind
- New reports sent home – almost (going home this Thursday)
- Sporting Opportunities – Cross country, school sport, gala days (3-6)
- Dance opportunities for talented Dance Groups and for all throughout the year
- Technology access for all, with devices for all students and access to an effective network – almost

- Great events such as Harmony Day, Easter hat (end of term 1), Dance festival, World Autism Day and NAIDOC celebration today
- Excursions – Kindy at the farm, Stage 1 at the Science centre, puppies at school
- Almost there – brand new, innovative library with an engaging learning environment

Checklist for your school holiday -

- Relax
- Have fun
- Keep reading (with mum, dad, the pet and to yourself)
- Do something you’ve never tried before (as long as its safe)
- Keep learning – this could be from a walk, a visit somewhere, from TV, from a book or magazine, from an adult or other kid
- Stay safe

Checklist for next term -

- Come back to us safe and sound
- Set some goals – learning and otherwise – for example, be positive, what I can improve on, try and come to school everyday, be kind and friendly to everyone you meet, don’t give up … etc.
- Attend a student, parent teacher conference (see notes coming home soon)
- Athletics carnival – training in events start this week and the carnival will be in Week 4, next term
- Attend & celebrate Education Week – notes coming home early next term
- More excursions, camps and opportunities for our students
- School offering more opportunities for parents to become involved in school to support learning at home and school
- EdVenture time for students (more about this later .. but I think It'll be exciting)
**Staffing changes**

As of next term Ms Carruthers will no longer be on 1/2C or at Ambarvale Public School. Ms Carruthers has been working at Ambarvale PS for a number of years as a highly effective learning support teacher and for this year with 1/2C. In that time she has proven to be great teacher who has made many significant contributions to our school community in a range of areas both inside and outside the classroom. She has made a positive difference to the school and to the lives of the children she has worked with.

Ms Carruthers has been successful in gaining a learning support position at Camden Public School. Ms Carruthers will be missed but I know she will go on to improve the lives of students in Public Education for a long time to come. On behalf of the school I would like to congratulate her and wish her every success for the future.

Miss Callinan who has been working at Ambarvale PS over the past term will become classroom teacher of 1/2C, starting next term.

**Gigabyte Thanks**

I would like to thank the Tonna family who spent many years with our school up until the end of the last year, when their son Hayden went onto high school. They recently gave the school a very generous donation which has assisted in the air conditioning/heating of the computer lab (Gigabyte junction). It will also assist with signage for Gigabyte junction which incidentally was named by Hayden when we opened it at the end of 2013.

**We are in the NEWS**

Check out the Advertiser this week for a great news story on our Festival Dancers.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.

Mr Pope
PRINCIPAL

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**STAFF PROFILE**

Hello my name is Miss Callinan and I will be teaching 1/2C starting next term. I've lived at Taree and taught within the area until I moved to Wollongong at the start of this year. Some of my favourite things are arts and crafts, dancing and going to the beach. I'm very excited to start working with 1/2C and be part of the Ambarvale Community.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**June/July**

26/06 - School Disco & Last Day of Term
14/07 - 1st day back for Students

**TERM 3 ASSEMBLY ROSTER**

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**SCIENCE CENTRE EXCURSION**

Stage One had a wonderful time at the Wollongong Science Centre yesterday. They enjoyed watching a planetarium show and participating in the Bubbles and Balloons show. Students were given the opportunity to engage with many hands on exhibits based around science. Some firm favourites were the giant moving dinosaurs and the blow tunnel which sent parachutes flying into the air from where they tumbled back down to earth. The students were well behaved, representing their school with pride. Thank you to Ms Carruthers who organised the day. A good day was had by all.

Tina Yewen
AWARDS

Bronze Award Winners

Silver Award Winners
1-6C - Micah Holmes.

Gold Award Winners
1-2C - Helenka Baillie.

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 – Hanna Dei Rossi K-2H
Primary – Bailey Harris 3-4B

Congratulations to these worthy recipients!

STAGE 2 CAMP INSTALMENTS

Stage Two Camp – Wedderburn Christian Campsite
2nd Camp Instalment Due Soon!

Our Stage Two camp is being held in Term 3 from Tuesday 25th August – Wednesday 26th August (Week 7 Term 3)

The second instalment of $50 is due by this Thursday! An instalment payment slip is included with this newsletter. Please return it with your child's payment by the due date.

There are still a number of places available for camp – please contact the office if you would like your child to attend and have not indicated this already.

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.
STAGE 3 CAMP INSTALMENTS

**Stage Three Camp - The Great Aussie Bush Camp**

3rd Camp Instalment Due Soon!

Our third instalment for the Stage Three camp will be due **Wk 3 Term 3 (Friday 31st July)**. The payment amount is $50. An instalment slip is included with this newsletter.

A number of students are yet to pay the 2nd instalment, which was due last week. Please make this payment to the office by then end of term.

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.

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FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!

**Know if your child is over a healthy weight?**

Go to **www.go4fun.com.au** to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities and learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.
Stage 3 Tea Gardens Camp - INSTALMENT NUMBER 3 – $ 50.00
DATE DUE: Friday 31st July (Week 3, Term 3).

Please find enclosed $ ____________ as payment for the Stage 3 Tea Gardens camp.

Childs Name__________________________________

Class_________________________

Signed __________________________ (parent/carer)

Date______________

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Stage 2 Wedderburn Camp - INSTALMENT NUMBER 2 – $ 50.00
DATE DUE: Thursday 25th June (Week 10, Term 2).

Please find enclosed $ ____________ as payment for the Stage 2 Wedderburn camp.

Childs Name__________________________________    Class_________________________

Signed __________________________ (parent/carer)          Date______________

Signed __________________________ (parent/carer)          Date______________

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

@ CENTRE COURT TENNIS
Jared Zeeman & Ian Brabazon
Tennis Australia Qualified Coaches

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WHEN – JUNE  29th, 30th & July 1st, 2015 “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 half 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 ENQUIRIES CALL – Jared 0404-457-088  or Ian 0411-330-107
Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation Holiday Program

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation are offering activities throughout the Winter holidays for families to attend.

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Please contact Waranwarin, Tharawal Child and Family Centre on 02 98207447 to register for any of the above activities. There is no cost for these activities and refreshments will be provided.

COME JOIN IN ALL THE FUN WITH THE MOB

Holiday Clinics

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC
WHEN: Thursday 2nd July 2015
WHERE: Campbelltown Stadium

For more information and to register please visit playnrl.com/programs
You are invited to

Jaanimili Early Links Library Launch

Come and celebrate the very first Aboriginal specific Library for Children with Disabilities

**When:** Thursday 2nd July 2015

**Where:** Waranwarin ACFC
(105 Townson Avenue Minto)

**Time:** 11am - 1:30pm

**RSVP:** Amanda Roa by the 25th June 2015 on 0477 707 792 or 02 9820 7447 for catering and transport
Symbio Wildlife Park has provided every child at your school with a **FREE ADMISSION TICKET**. Symbio Wildlife Park is home to some of the most exotic and endangered species in the world as well as all your Australian favourites. Offering a family friendly and hands-on experience like no other, where you can:

- hand feed and pat kangaroos
- cuddle a koala
- come face-to-face with our tigers
- smile at a crocodile
- walk through our world renowned reptile house
- meet our keepers and learn about our wildlife during our daily shows
- have a behind-the-scenes close encounter experience with koalas, meerkats, dingos and little monkeys
- become a keeper for a day

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**Learn about conservation**

**Perfect for School Excursions & Parties**

**9.30AM - 5PM**

**7 DAYS A WEEK**

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**HOW TO GET HERE...**

Symbio Wildlife Park is located just a short 15 minute drive South of Sutherland along the Princes Hwy at Helensburgh. Symbio borders the world famous Royal National Park and Sea Cliff Bridge on Grand Pacific Drive.

Catch a train to Helensburgh train station and hop on one of the regular bus services that stop on our doorstep. Visit www.transportnsw.info for timetables.

Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Helensburgh