Tuesday 26th May, 2015

PRINCIPAL POPE’S PARAGRAPHS

“If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning. That way, their children don’t have to be slaves of praise. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence.”

— Carol S. Dweck

The Reading Hub is Underway

Much excitement and enthusiasm is being had in our new literacy room, ‘The Reading Hub’. It started last week for our Year 3 students. Everyone is itching to get in there for the explicit 1 teacher to 3 students reading instruction, the exciting new books and reading texts ($4,000 worth of new readers), the special furniture designed to maximise learning and the colourful and informative displays. The Reading Hub is run by Miss Page and a group of outstanding School Learning Support Officers, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Hassarati, Mrs Goh and Miss Shepley. I can just tell it will have a great impact on learning at Ambarvale PS for our Year 3 students. As mentioned last week our K-2 students are receiving explicit and additional in class support through the L3 (Language, Literacy Learning) Program.

Aboriginal Performance Group – Our Students

Last week our Aboriginal Students met with Russel from Koomaria. This great initiative is being offered in partnership with the school and Murramingna. It will give our indigenous students the opportunity to engage culturally and learn traditional dances, their significance and ultimately lead to performances later in the year.

Spelling Bee TV Stars – Maybe

Shine Australia (producers of MasterChef, Junior MasterChef and The Voice) are currently working on an exciting new show for the TEN network called The Great Australian Spelling Bee to be aired later this year.

The show aims to celebrate young academic achievement and the ability to recognize and spell increasingly more complex words.

Shine are currently in the final stages of pre-production and are running our dress rehearsal later this week

8 children from Ambarvale PS will be selected to trial this Friday at Fox Studios.

The session will be filmed but will not be broadcast. The footage will be for our research purposes only.

We wish the students a great day at the Channel TEN Studios. Who knows they may just end up famous!
Zone Cross Country
We wish our runners all the best today as they compete for regional representation up at Thomas Acres Reserve. Well done on being selected to represent Ambarvale PS. We know you will do yourselves, your parents and school proud with your typical good sportsmanship like behaviours and good manners. Thanks to Miss Bray and Mr Nicholls for taking our students to this event.

Mastering spelling
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

Find out more:

Breakfast & Lunchtime activities
I want to welcome Rachel Goldsborough and her team from the nearby church, the Church of Christ. They are supporting our school community by providing breakfast for students on Tuesday mornings. (Breakfast is also available on Wednesdays and Fridays thanks to the Goldstar foundation, parent helpers and staff). Rachel and her team have also started offering lunchtime activities to keep Ambarvale students fit, healthy and engaged while learning sports skills, collaboration and co-operation.

Is your child making friends at school?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:

- Making friends for children is critical to enjoying school and learning.
- Guide children to control their impulses.
- Role model good social behavior, turn taking etc, for your child.
- Many children prefer just one special friend.
- Help your child to think of ways to start conversations or games with others.
- Invite other children over for play dates and watch their behaviours.
- Speak to your child’s teacher if your child is having difficulties making friends.


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May
27/05 - State of Origin Lunch Pack Day
01/06 - Dance Festival Rehearsal
04/06 - Dance Festival Performances
12/06 - Gala Day & Kindergarten Excursion

TERM 2 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

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**LIBRARY CHAT**

**Change of library day:** This term there were some adjustments made to timetables and some classes have changed the day that they have library. The new timetable is:

- **Wednesday:** 5/6B, 5/6K, 2B, 2/3K
- **Thursday:** 1/2W, 1/2C, KB, KC

Please help your child to remember to bring their book in a library bag on that day.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge:** It is not too late for children in years 3 to 6 to register for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Many children have been recording the books they have read but have not yet given me a signed permission note to register them. Children must remember that they need to choose books from the PRC lists; our school library books are marked with a green spot for Stage 2 and a yellow spot for Stage 3. If children are reading books from home or other places they can check on the PRC website to see if their book is on a list.

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**AWARDS**

**Bronze Award Winners**

KB - Harrison Clark, Damon Mostyn, Lusila Solomua, Lainie McCubbin, Logan Evans-Elwell, Ken Naiker, Claudia Ciarrocca Caligaris.

**Silver Award Winners**

1-2W - William Foster.

**Gold Award Winners**

1-2C - Lillian Heapy. 1-6C - Breeanna Call.

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**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 – Cooper Pollard  1-2C
- Primary – Aleksandra Stoilova  5-6K

Congratulations to these worthy recipients!

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**RESPONSIBLE PET PROGRAM**

Our infant’s students will participate in the Responsible Pet Education program on **Thursday 18th June**. There will be an adorable four legged furry visitor who will entertain the students while at the same time provide valuable knowledge about how to be safe around dogs.
WORKSHOP BOOKINGS

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

CatholicCare
392 Campbelltown St
Campbelltown
9am - 11:30am
2nd Thursday Morning

Avoiding the Whirlwind: Family - 11 September

Self-care: a Monthly Reflection: Group - 11 September

Workshop Fee: No Fee

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2nd Thursday Morning

Keeping Kids in Mind

Workshop Free: $15 per session

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Building Healthy Routines with Older Children

WE ARE MARRIED! NOW WHAT?

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My Kids and Me

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123 Magic of Emotion Coaching

CAMPELLTOWN TERM 3, 2015
Getting the most out of support – a fantastic new initiative

Disability Macarthur Family Support and Care are offering a new ADHC funded (so free to you) programme...

You will actually be getting your own personal coach !!!!

We know successful people have their own personal coach – look at sport, and business. So this is your chance to get access to your own coach through Disability Macarthur’s MAX-FAMILY program.

Next Session Starting June 2015

Who –
Families who have a child with a disability between the ages 0-12 years old.

10 Week Program

Group Session 1:  Gain clearer understanding about funding and planning for the NDIS changes

Group Session 2:  Sharing progress, understanding how to add to your support network and making great decisions for your family

Group Session 3:  Sharing and showcasing achievements then conclude with a Celebration

Between Group Session 1 and Group Session 2 you will work on your goals with your coach with 1 x 1hr home visit and 1 x 1hr coaching session at Campbelltown RSL.

Between Group Session 2 and Group Celebration you will have a minimum of 1 coaching session to work towards your goals and add to your NDIS funding plan.

Download our app (DisMac).
www.disabilitymacarthur.org.au

For more Information or to apply
Please phone Julie : 4677 0263 or email j.blazic@disabilitymacarthur.org.au

Macarthur District Temporary Family Care Inc – For over 30 years supporting our community
Now trading as Disability Macarthur Family Support & Care for the future
As a service provider, we at Disability Macarthur understand your concerns about the changes to funding and what this will mean for your family. Our new 10 week program offers you an opportunity to take control and be proactive in making choices regarding what you need within the framework of changing service delivery.

Participants in the 2014 program told us:

“I feel much more confident about having a written plan before the NDIS funding comes in”

“Working with my coach really helped me get focused on what was important, not just about creating a plan for my child with a disability, but to meet the needs of everyone in my family”

“This program has really helped me take the time to reflect on the needs of myself and my family and to set and achieve goals that are important to me”

“The coaching was great. It helped me understand what some of my ‘triggers’ are that stop me setting and achieving goals. I’m more confident and more positive about the future”

Having your own coach means –

Help to take the ‘pain’ out of the new funding arrangements and ensuring quality service delivery for your child

Help to create some ‘me time’ just working on goals that are important to you

Help to set up your own goals as your child’s carer,

Help to do help you think through your best options to achieve your goals,

Help to learn in a safe environment with people who understand your situation

Help to have some fun and enjoy living while achieving your goals,

Help to build a way of ‘life long care’ for your child.

We do more than wish

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