PRINCIPAL POPE’S PARAGRAPHS

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.

*Colin Powell*

**Dancing Superstars**

I can’t believe how fantastic your children and our students were at last week’s NSW Public Schools Sydney Dance Festival.

Both our Junior Superheroes and Senior Jungle dancers were superb. Their dances were original, entertaining and innovative. Our school has been successful on many levels in this area. Firstly we were successful in audition to be selected for the festival. Secondly we were also selected on quality to perform on the VIP night. In fact, we were the only Campbelltown Primary School represented that night. During the night our school received special recognition by Mr Murat Dizdar (the Executive Director of Public Schools NSW).

Our students were well mannered (very important) and very committed (very important too). A big thanks to our staff and community for doing a tremendous job of organising, supporting, developing and rehearsing with our students. Later in this newsletter Mrs King will give special acknowledgement to staff and community for their tireless hardwork and efforts, which has allowed our ‘kids’ to receive such a wonderful opportunity. There is a quote somewhere that goes while other endeavours (like reading, writing and number) are vital it is the arts such as dance that makes life meaningful. This experience is certainly one that our students will remember for the rest of their lives and I know it was an event that I, our staff and our parents will treasure for a very long time.

Miss Cunningham from Thomas Reddall HS who is a key player in our success (see Mrs King’s report in this newsletter) continues to provide dance to all of our students. She is currently working with Early Stage 1 and by the end of the year will have taught dance to our whole school.

Now before I leave dance; I’d like to say two words – SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR!. A small group of Year 2 dance students have been successful in gaining entry (again through audition) to the Schools Spectacular. This is not an easy task as very few schools are chosen each year to be part of this amazing event. This is the school dance / performance that is shown on television later in the year. It is a unique experience and I thank those staff and community in advance for the hardwork they will put towards making this opportunity become a reality.

**School Report – It’s almost that time**

Teachers have almost finished writing their school reports with final checking and signing to be done. Your child’s report will come home at the end of week ten. There have been some changes from previous years. With changes from the Australian curriculum being reflected in English and Mathematics. You will notice that in the past English and Mathematics only received grades for each strand while now both English and Mathematics have a series of markers that students have either mastered and are beyond (outstanding or high), are competent in (sound) or need assistance with or are well behind (basic). There is still a comment section to elaborate on their work in this area. The other key learning areas will only have markers that indicate their progress. In this section for the first half of the year we will report on Science and in the second half of the year it will be Human Society and its Environment. There is still a general comment and attitudes to learning that reflect efforts and attitudes. Please remember that a strong effort and positive attitude is paramount and should be encouraged and praised. Shortly I will send home a brief note offering meetings for parents who would like further information about our school reports.

Student Led Interviews will again be available early next term. These will be a vital opportunity for students and parents to celebrate success and to focus on improvement.
P&C
It was a pleasure last night to see and catch up with many parents both new and old at our P&C meeting. They supported the school last night with funds to assist our sporting representatives, as is the tradition, and also with funds to make our school leaders look the part. This will be through the purchase of school jackets/blazers for our captains and vice captains to wear on formal occasions.

At the meeting I was able to share with our parents the key points from our Annual School Report (thanks again Miss Page for all your hard work in collating this) and our 2015-2017 School Plan and current directions. Please be reminded that the Annual School Report and School Plan is available on the School Web Page.

Gala Day
This Friday 12th June is our next Gala Day. Good luck to all our participating teams.

Venues are as follows:
Touch Footy – Oswald Reserve, Rosemeadow
Netball – Coronation Park, Minto
Soccer – Ambarvale Sporting Field

Mr Sean Pope
PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June
12/06 - Gala Day & Kindergarten Excursion
22/06 - Stage 1 Science Excursion
23/06 - NAIDOC Assembly
26/06 - End of Term Disco

TERM 2 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

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KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION

Kindergarten is very excited about their excursion to the farm on Friday. Remember to wear your uniform, bring a healthy lunch, a hat and good walking shoes. Please get to school on time as the bus will be leaving at 9am sharp.

With Great Excitement
Mrs Clarke
Kindergarten Supervisor

RESPONSIBLE PET PROGRAM

Our infants’ 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.
DANCE FESTIVAL 2015

Well done to everyone involved in our Stage 1 and Primary dance groups who performed on Thursday 4th June at the Public Schools Dance Festival. Our students were fantastic on and off stage! I would love to thank Miss Cunningham for her amazing choreography and help with Stage 1 costumes. Also, I would like to thank Miss Bray and Mrs Lewis for giving up their lunch breaks and weekends to create these fabulous costumes. Thank you to Miss King and Hayley Turski for all their work with the dance groups. Finally, thank you to our wonderful students who made us so proud to be a part of the Ambarvale PS community! We are lucky to have an amazing school community who support us. We definitely heard you cheer us on!

Thank You
Mrs King

SHINE GREAT AUSTRALIAN SPELLING BEE

On Friday 29th May, 8 lucky Year 5 & 6 students were invited to attend Fox Studios in Moore Park as part of a new television program on Channel 10. The students were asked to try out the games and ideas from the new TV show – The Great Australian Spelling Bee.

It was a long day, with students needing to be at school by 7.45am and not returning until 7pm. Throughout the day the students were ‘put through their paces’ as spellers, both individually on stage and in small groups. All of our students were wonderful ambassadors of our school, with a special mention going to Emmanuel, whose dancing prowess on the stage was commented on by the stage manager! The students also had the chance to meet and speak with Grant Denyer and Chrissie Swan who will be the comperes of the show. It was a great day and one that I’m sure the students will remember!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2015

This Sacrament will be celebrated on Saturday 15th August 2015. It is available to all children who are in Year 6 or above and have made their first Communion. If you wish your child to receive this sacrament and did not come to the enrolment night last year you MUST attend the first lesson for this program on Saturday 18th July 2015 commencing at 4.15pm. Children will participate in group lessons within the parish school classrooms. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2015. The program fee of $25 is also payable at the first lesson.

NOTE: If you will be enrolling at the first lesson, then please arrive at 3.45pm to the parish meeting room before the lesson to complete the paperwork. You will need a copy of your child’s birth and baptism certificates. Thank you.
Ambarvale Public School's Jnr AECG leaders
Would love for you to join with them in celebrating
NAIDOC WEEK
THURSDAY 23rd OF JUNE 2015
Assembly will be at 10am
Students are allowed to wear red, black and yellow clothes to celebrate!
AASS proudly invite parents/carers who have children with Autism to our next Support Group. The group is facilitated by Lina, a mum of a child with Autism.

Come and browse our Book Library, Sensory Toys or simply enjoy Morning Tea and Refreshments and share your Autism experience with other parents.

Date: Friday 12 of June
Time: 10am To 12 pm
Where: AASS House
88 Memorial Ave
Liverpool 2170

RSVP: Via email
EMAIL: aass.lina@gmail.com
TEL: (02) 9601-2844
Mobile: 0488077542

COST: Gold Coin Donation
AASS proudly invites parents who have children with Autism to our next Arabic Support Group. Come along and enjoy a cup of tea and share your Autism experience.

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