PRINCIPAL POPE’S PARAGRAPHS

You have to have a big vision and take very small steps to get there. You have to be humble as you execute but visionary and gigantic in terms of your aspiration. In the Internet industry, it’s not about grand innovation, it’s about a lot of little innovations: every day, every week, every month, making something a little bit better.

Jason Calacanis

Welcome back to the second half of the year. Much has been achieved and we are planning to achieve even more with your assistance and a lot of hard work.

What’s New?
Well our long awaited revamp of the library took place in the holidays. Check out the following photos...

Yes it looks great! – although it’s hard to tell from the photos so if you haven’t already, please feel free to drop by for a peek.

We have added a range of colourful furniture which is planned to promote more collaboration. We have improved learning spaces, shelving and have brought the computers out into the library. This is designed to give students greater access to resources, greater choice in what and how they learn, while catering for a range of learning styles and needs depending on the learning tasks provided. The library is now ‘Wi-Fi’ ready and students can bring their XOs and other school devices to enhance their learning. They will be able to work at benches, traditional (but nice looking) tables or café style lounge areas. We have also improved the library to create a modern professional learning area for staff and improved access to teaching and learning resources. The library circulation desk and workspaces are improved and are far more user friendly for staff and parent helpers. (Why not cover a couple of books up there while enjoying a coffee, biscuit and checking out the new learning environment.)

I can’t wait to see our students, teachers and parents using this great resource in the coming weeks and months to promote effective 21st Century learning, so look out for new photos here or on the school's Facebook page in the weeks to come. Hey and if nothing else what a ‘fun’ place to read a book.

P&C

Please note that our next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 28th July from 6pm in the ‘new’ school library. This is a good way of ensuring you have a voice in the school. I look forward to seeing as many parents as I can.
Tooth Fairy is coming! Free Dental care for your child.

On the 10th of August the ‘Tooth Fairy Mobile Services’ will be at our school. All children are eligible for a free oral examination and treatment plan and those that qualify under the Child Dental Benefit Scheme (most, if not all). Further details and queries can be answered directly by the ‘Tooth Fairy Mobile Services’ team on 0423979069 or 0450189591 (also see the information sheet with this newsletter).

Student Led Conferences this week

A majority of teachers will be available this week – (check last term’s interview sheets for availability). All parents are encouraged to make an interview with their child’s teacher and child to discuss their progress and areas for future development. We highly value the opportunity to discuss student progress and celebrate student achievements. You would have forwarded your request for an interview to your child's teacher already. If not, please contact them as soon as possible so arrangements can be made. This is a great opportunity to put the ‘focus on learning for your child and you.’ You can help your child by celebrating their successes and building on their strengths and by working on an area or aspect of their learning that they can improve in, while helping them take more responsibility for their learning.

EdVenture starts this week

A brand new and exciting initiative is beginning at Ambarvale PS this week. It’s called EdVenture and it will be every Wednesday afternoon. The aim is for children to have more choice in their learning by engaging in an activity for the term of their choice where they have strength or interest. Teachers have therefore offered a range of experiences that students have been able to nominate. Activities on offer include: Art, cooking, cheerleading, soccer, science, drama, drawing, boot camp and league.

We hope to build on students strengths while offering them more fun in their learning.

Couldn’t resist

I just had to add these photos of students who are loving school.
STAFF PROFILE

Hello, my name is Mrs Green and I have been at Ambarvale PS for approximately 6 months now. I am the Deputy Principal, Instructional Leader; working mainly with the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers and students. I really enjoy and value being able to support teachers and students throughout their education journey.

Before coming to Ambarvale PS I worked at Briar Road PS for 18 years. I have 3 beautiful children, 2 girls and a boy, who keep me very busy away from school. I like to stay inside through winter because I’m really not a fan of being cold, and I love getting out to the beach in summer, enjoying the sunshine and fresh air. I have 2 dogs, 3 rabbits and chickens. I would really love to own a cow one day!

I am really enjoying my time here at Ambarvale PS; getting to know many new faces and slowly getting to know the names that match those faces! I hope Term 3 is full of valuable learning, engagement and friendships for the Ambarvale PS community.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Wednesday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September, 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we would like to get lots of new resources. If you have any questions, please ask Miss Hartley

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August
29/07 - Education Week celebrations
05/08 - Athletics Carnival
07/08 - Gala Day

TERM 3 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

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INCLUSIONS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

There are a number of notes coming home with this newsletter today. In your child’s bag you should receive:
- A Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker sheet.
- An Education Day sausage sizzle order form.
- A Toothfairy Mobile Dentist note.

PBIS Focus

This week (Week 2), our PBIS focus is be a Learner.

Students are reminded to:
- Follow the rules of the game
- Help others to follow the rules
- Listen to the referee and your friends
LIBRARY CHAT

Our new library furniture has arrived! We now have new library shelves, tables and comfortable furniture in our library. The computers are now a part of the main library space and teacher resources are all together. Thank you to Mr Pope for this wonderful space, where children will be able to work in a less formal environment, as we move to more individual choices in learning. Parents are very welcome to drop in and have a look: the library will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school this week until 4.30, so if you are coming for interviews with teachers come up and visit.

On a different note, the Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes at the end of August, so this term I will be encouraging children to read, and read, and read. It’s not too late to register, and books read anytime this year and from any location can be counted: they don’t all have to be school library books.

STAGE 2 & 3 CAMP

Just a reminder that camps are fast approaching. It’s not too late; there are still spots available if you would like your child to go to camp. Just bring in your permission note and a deposit ASAP. If you need more information regarding camps please see Miss Page or the ladies in the office.

The 3rd instalments are due as follows.
Stage 2 - Thursday 13th August (Term 3, Week 5)
Stage 3 - Friday 31st July (Term 3, Week 3)

EDUCATION WEEK

Next week (Week 3), is Education Week across New South Wales. Here at Ambarvale Public School, we will be celebrating on Wednesday 29th July. We have a big morning of activities and we would like to invite all of our families and friends to join us!

9:00am-9:20am: Mr Pope and our School Leaders would like to welcome you and take you on a tour around the new and improved school library.

9:20am -9:50am: Come and see what your child is learning in K-2! Open classrooms will be happening in KB, KC, K-2H, 1-6C, K/1R, 1/2C, 1/2W and 2B.

9:50am-10:20am: Come and check out our wonderful learning in 3-6! Open classrooms will be happening in 2-6B, 2/3K, 3/4B, 3/4T, 3-6G, 5/6K and 5/6B.

10:20am: Come out to the COLA for a special assembly to celebrate the excellent education at Ambarvale Public School as well as the exciting launch of the upgraded library.

11:00am-11:45: Join your child for a picnic lunch and/or a sausage sizzle. Order forms will be sent out for the sausage sizzle this week. We are really looking forward to showcasing our wonderful school and seeing you here to support your child.