To raise new questions, new possibilities, to regard old problems from a new angle, requires creative imagination and marks real advance in science.
Albert Einstein

Science, Sport & Success

Firstly, the science
Last week our amazing Stage 3 students and teachers (Miss King and Mr Nicholls), along with Mrs Sullivan our librarian / science fanatic, presented their amazing science projects. It was great to see them work with such enthusiasm, whilst collaborating, applying problem solving skills, and thinking critically and creatively.

“Science and Technology are skills expected by many employers and are valuable tools to understand the future. As Twenty-First Century citizens, students will have to make some of the toughest decisions of any generation, based on their understanding of emerging science and technology. In light of this, Ambarvale Public School conducted our own Science Fair, which involved students in the practice of science, requiring them to apply skills to a topic of interest to them, as doing science is key to understanding science. The Fair provided an opportunity for students to showcase the results of their own science research projects and encouraged the development of both research and communication skills. All Stage 3 students worked on a research task of their choosing. This was done individually, in pairs or groups of three. Hands-on scientific investigation was the focus at our fair. Stage 3 students designed, tested, analysed, and presented a project that used scientific investigation methods. The sky was the limit!

Students were judged based on five main areas; Scientific Processes, Student Explanation, Written Communication, Project Creativity and Project Presentation. The judges found it extremely difficult to pick only two groups to progress to the UOW Science Fair next term. Thank you to all the parents that support their students throughout this process.”

Miss King

Later this afternoon many of our students will be attending and presenting science projects with Mr Nicholls at Thomas Reddall High School. Some staff including myself, Mrs Sullivan and Mr Byrne will be acting as judges for our students and for students from many other schools. Well done boys and girls; science is such great fun but it is also a way to solve the problems of the present by making the future a place of endless possibilities.

For more amazing photos of our scientists why not check out the Ambarvale Public School facebook page.
Secondly, the Sport
Last week with some rain delay 3-6 and then yesterday K-2 students competed in their athletics carnivals. Much joy was had and it was great to see so many students participating in running, jumping, putting, hurdles and even the age old throwing of the rubber chickens. I would like to thank all the parents who attended our carnivals (and maybe even got a little bit wet). I want to thank all the boys and girls for your efforts and good sportsmanship and thanks to the staff for all your hard work, in particular Mrs Byrnes and Mr Nicholls with support from Miss Bray 3-6 and Mr Carrett K-2.

Thirdly, the Success
Thank you to all of our amazing teachers who are working so hard to bring success to our students. Throughout our school, teachers have been providing their classes and students with Learning Targets and Success Criteria (I’m successful when…) in their lessons (particularly writing). This helps our students by clearly stating what they are working on, what the aim is and what they have to do to be successful. This helps students take greater ownership and control of their own learning and leads to improved results and engagement. Our teachers demonstrated these skills to a number of visiting schools last week and both our students and staff were impressive.

Parent consultation and involvement
Last week many parents and carers joined me in the library (the great new modern library) to share their thoughts on a range of subjects. This was both informative and helpful to the school and from that we aim to support and involve our community even better. If we get enough parents I would also like to hold an evening session for working parents on 1/9/15 at 7.30pm in the school library where supper will be provided. We as a school would like your involvement and ideas on a range of school programs. This will include student, parent teacher interviews, attendance and any other area of school life. We are particularly interested in what support and/or learning you would like to better assist you with your child and their learning and development both at home and school. All parents are welcome.

(Thanks if you have already indicated that you will be attending.) From this meeting I would like to create a community action team with a mixture of parent and staff representatives to ensure that parents have an ongoing voice in our school. If you intend on coming please contact the school.

KC welcomes Miss Belinda Strange for the rest of the term. Miss Strange will be teaching in KC under the guidance of Mrs Clarke until the end of Term 3. Welcome to a wonderful new teacher!

NO DOGS
Just a reminder that while most dogs are friendly and extremely playful, it is Department and school policy that no dogs come into school grounds as it would be unfortunate if a dog was to snap and hurt a child or member of the public. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
We all had a wonderful time at the K-2 Athletics Carnival. The sun was shining and there were plenty of smiles going around on the students faces. We had a number of different activities on offer for the students to discover and develop their athletic skills. The age races at the end were great fun and it was amazing to hear all the cheering. The highlight was witnessing students being respectful to teachers, kind to one another, keeping everyone safe and being learners. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us on the day. It certainly helped make this occasion a very special one. Check out the photos from the day further on in this newsletter.

3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Athletics Carnival was on Wednesday the 12th of August where it was a beautiful morning; unfortunately the good weather was washed out. Mrs Byrnes and Mr Nicholls would like to thank everyone for all their help on the day. Congratulations to all competitors. Photos further on in this newsletter.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August
25-26/08 - Stage 2 Camp
26/08 - Stage 3 Sporting Challenge at High School
02/09 - Zone Athletics
04/09 - Gala Day

TERM 3 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

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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.

LIBRARY CHAT

The library has been such a busy place recently. Stage 3 have been working on their science projects and are to be congratulated on their reports. It is gratifying to see that they have understood the principles of scientific investigations and are learning to report results correctly. Mrs Kumar from Thomas Reddall High School was pleased to see the high quality of work and is looking forward to so many budding scientists coming to the high school next year.

Meanwhile Stage 2 are developing their research skills by studying the first European encounters with Australia and Stage 1 are learning to locate non-fiction books and to use email.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is nearly over for the year. Next week is the last chance for me to register books read. I would love to have a few more children complete the challenge, so keep on reading!

STAFF PROFILE

Hi everyone, for those who don’t know me, I’m Rob Hodgson (Mr Rob).
I am the Pastoral Carer (School Chaplain) at Ambarvale Public School.
I joined the team at Ambarvale in 2008 and love coming here…
I especially like helping our wonderful students, families and staff, it is a real privilege to be here. I have a background in Community Services and Youth Work.
I live in Camden and I am married to Ros, we have 4 adult sons and a cat called “Inky”. I love family times, sport and holidays! I like music and play drums at our Church…reading, movies and art are also things I enjoy. And yes; the Ambarvale School motto “Learning to Live” is something I’m trying hard to do.
This term I am at Ambarvale on Fridays only, but please contact me anytime if there is a need.
**Bronze Award Winners**

KB - Cailyn Miller, Leland Sutherland, Sadhika Santhosh  
KC - Bailey Macdonald, Simmone Tukaki Johnson, Destini Fowler, Moana Mauigoa, Ambar Durrant, Rose Bueters.  
3-4B - Christina Heapy.  
3-6G - Bailey Preston

**Gold Award Winners**

1-6C - Breanna Call

**Platinum Award Winners**

1-2C - Helenka Baillie.  
3-4B - Joshua Terry

**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 August are:  
Infants – Mackenzie Kelly  2B  
Primary – Devanshi Sharma  5-6B

Congratulations to these worthy recipients

**3-6 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Just a reminder for parents in years 3-6 that your child's speech must be ready to go for the following week (week 7).  
Students in 3/4T, 3/4B, 5/6B and 5/6K are all expected to prepare and rehearse a 3 or 4 minute speech as part of their English Speaking and Listening outcomes. Students are encouraged to speak with their teachers for any assistance prior to their speeches due date.

**GET ACTIVE MACARTHUR**

Primary students of Ambarvale Primary School have been invited to attend the Macarthur Sports Day event on Thursday 10th of September at Minto Indoor Sports Centre. The excursion will give students an opportunity to participate in a variety of fun and hands on activities such as ten pin bowling, sumo wrestling and laser tag, as well as the chance to collect free goodies.  
Students will be provided with a healthy lunch pack, consisting of either a ham and salad, chicken and salad, or vegetarian roll, as well as snacks and a bottle of water. Please advise Miss Toovey if your child has any dietary requirements (halal, gluten free or allergies etc.) no later than Monday 24th of August.  
The cost of the excursion is $10.00. Permission notes must be returned to your child's class teacher by Thursday 3rd of September.

**PBIS Focus**

This week (Week 6 & 7), our PBIS focus is be a Learner. Students are reminded to:  
- Be prepared - Bring what you need  
- Do your best  
- Be a good sport  
- Follow the rules of the game
K-2 Athletics Carnival

Sack race
3-6 Athletics Carnival