2015 National Child Protection Week (NCPW) 6 to 12 September is less than a week away.

The 2015 NCPW will kick off on Father’s Day, Sunday 6 September, inviting all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

“Protecting children is everyone’s business.”

This is a great opportunity for us all to consider how precious our children are to all of us. We all want our children and indeed all children to have happy and safe lives. There are many things we can do as parents and neighbours… as suggested by the NAPCAN website

PARENTS PLAY THEIR PART TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITY BY SHOWING HOW TO HAVE RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS.

Being a parent can be challenging. Accept offers of help (especially the ones where cooked meals are involved!).

Link in with services that support you – New Parent Groups and Playgroups can be fantastic.

Parenting isn’t always easy. Share your experiences and skills with other parents – it can help you realise that you are not alone!

It’s ok to reach out and ask for support, from family, friends, services, health professionals, schools and so on.

NEIGHBOURS PLAY THEIR PART TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY BY SUPPORTING AND HELPING EACH OTHER AND WORKING TOWARDS A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

Be a positive role model. Be aware of your behaviour, what you say, how you say it and the way you act. Children and young people learn from the people they spend time with, so make your influence positive!

If everyone in the neighbourhood works together to make protecting children everyone’s business this will increase the circle of people your child knows and can learn from which increases their safety.

For more information see the following webpage http://napcan.org.au/ncpw/

Attending school is also a vital aspect of child wellbeing and ensuring they learn and have their best opportunities for later in life. If parents need help open and honest communication is also a great resource to help families… not just children.

Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Check out our senior students on the next page in this newsletter making great connections with our younger students while helping them learn.
Also, a ‘big’ thanks to all of our Stage 2 teachers and students for the camp last week. Behaviour was great and a good time was had by all. For some pictures check out our school Facebook page. I would like to extend a special thanks to Mrs Clarke who went out to stay the night at camp when sickness struck some staff at the last minute.

Sean Pope
PRINCIPAL

**STAFF PROFILE**

Miss Belinda Strange is the Intern teacher on KC until the end of term. She has come from Wollongong University. Miss Strange has a pet puppy called Benji. She loves chocolate, shopping and bush walking and particularly her boyfriend Blake. She is looking forward to her new teaching Career and is learning a lot from her lovely Kindergarten class KC.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**September**
- 02/09 - Zone Athletics (Field)
- 03/09 - Zone Athletics (Track)
- 04/09 - Gala Day
- 09/09 - Regional Athletics
- 10/09 - Get Active Macarthur

**TERM 3 ASSEMBLY ROSTER**

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<td>Mon 7th Sept (Week 9)</td>
<td>Whole School</td>
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<td>Presentation of bronze, silver, gold, platinum awards</td>
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**PBIS Focus**

This week (Week 8), our PBIS focus is **be kind**. Students are reminded to:
- Speak kindly to others
- Use your best manners
- Be friendly
- Be accepting of others’ differences
STAGE 2 CAMP

Our Stage 2 camp was held last week in very rainy and cold weather! This did not dampen our spirits and we had a fantastic time. Many students participated in activities that they had never considered attempting before – Amelia S even managed a BULLSEYE in archery! Overall we had a great 2 days, with some students even wishing they could stay for another night – I’m not sure if Miss Toovey and Mrs Clarke would agree!

STAGE 3 CAMP

The Great Aussie Bush Camp, 4th Camp Instalment due Soon!

Our fourth instalment for the Stage Three camp will be due **Week 9 Term 3 (Friday 11th September)**. The payment amount is $50. A number of students are not up to date with their instalments. Please ensure any additional amounts owed are sent with this instalment.

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.
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.

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

Schools Spectacular Tickets on sale now!

Come watch 13 of our marvellous year 2 students’ dance in this year’s Schools Spectacular! This is Ambarvale Public School’s first time participating in this world-class arena production. Tickets selling fast!

Surprise Attendance Reward Day, Term 3

It’s that time of the term again where we reward our students for their great attendance. To say thank you to our students’ excellent attendance we have an Attendance Rewards Day – Movie Day. We are making the movie day a surprise where the date will not be known. We can confirm however, that it will be in week 10.

The table below outlines if your child will or will not be attending Attendance Reward Day Term 3.

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<td>• Had only 3 days off and have brought in absence notes for being away within 7 days. Please note student absences are exempt if they have brought in a medical certificate to justify their days off</td>
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*Please note late arrivals and early leavers will be marked as a partial absence. Students arriving after 9.10am will be marked as partially absent.
SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

WHEN ARE THE CLINICS HELD? Monday – Wednesday both weeks.

SEPTEMBER 21st - 22nd – 23rd (FIRST WEEK)

SEPTEMBER 28th - 29th – 30th (SECOND WEEK)

WHERE – Wests Tennis Club - 16 Old Leumeah Rd Leumeah

COST – $90.00 for 3 days (9am till 3pm)

OPTION 2 - $35.00 per day (9am till 3pm)

OPTION 3 - $20.00 per day (9am till 12 noon)

WHO CAN COME? – Any children from the age of 5 up to 16 (beginners welcome)

TO REGISTER OR MAKE ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL IAN ON 0411 330 107

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12-13 SEPTEMBER

COME AND TALK TO YOUR LOCAL BRIGADE ABOUT THE FIRE RISK IN YOUR AREA, IT COULD SAVE YOUR FAMILY AND HOME FROM BUSH FIRES.

LYNWOOD PARK STATION OPEN DAY

Saturday 12th September

9am – 4pm

Cnr Lynwood Park & Rangers Rd

St Helens Park

GET READY WEEKEND

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

TO FIND OUT MORE GO TO RFS.NSW.GOV.AU
Challenging Behaviours Collaboratively Workshops

The workshop is aimed at parents only with children diagnosed with ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), or Conduct Disorder (CD) or challenging behaviour.

Highlights

- Child development and the relationship to seriously challenging behaviours
- Looking for and identifying lost skills in AD/HD, ODD, CD.
- Parents as partners in managing behaviour
- Strategies to reduce outbursts

Presenter: Dr. Steven Walker

This workshop is not for workers. For families only

Venue: Community Links Wollondilly, 6 Harper Close, Tahmoor

Date: Wednesday 7th October 2015 and every Wednesday after until Wednesday 25th November 2015. Time: 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm. Cost: Gold coin donation.

All sessions need to be attended.

No child care available. To register phone Community Links Wollondilly.

Phone: (02) 46832776