Tuesday 2nd February, 2016

PRINCIPAL GREEN'S PARAGRAPHS

Firstly I would like to welcome all of our students and families to Ambarvale Public School 2016. The year has started off well and we are looking forward to a year full of learning, engagement and success. 2016 has brought some changes to our school-

- We are welcoming a few new staff members:
  - Mrs Jelic has joined our teaching team and will be teaching 3/4J throughout the year.
  - Mrs Gower has joined our teaching and executive team and will be supporting our students in their learning as well as taking on the role of Assistant Principal.
  - Mrs Homer has also joined our teaching team and will be teaching 1/2H.

- Mrs White, our School Administration Manager (SAM), will be taking leave for Terms 1 & 2. Ms Delaney will be taking on the SAM role in this time, while Mrs Thomas will be our school administration officer assisting Ms Delaney in our front office.

- Senora Vera is currently visiting family overseas and will be taking 4 weeks off. In this time there will be no Spanish lessons. Miss Strange will be taking classes during teachers RFF time whilst Senora Vera is away.

- Rebecca Davis, our school counsellor, has been appointed to another school and will no longer be with us at Ambarvale. I would like to welcome Hayley Peterson-Connor as our new school counsellor.

- Our 2016 executive team include:
  - Mrs Hartley: Assistant Principal Support Unit
  - Mrs Riley: Assistant Principal (rel.): Kindergarten -Year 2
  - Mrs Gower: Assistant Principal (rel.): Year 3 -Year 6
  - Mrs King: Assistant Principal (rel.): Learning Support Team, Library and RFF
  - Mrs Green: Principal (rel.)

- Our classes are as follows:
  - KB- Mrs Brennan
  - KR- Mrs Riley
  - 1W- Miss West
  - 1H- Mrs Homer
  - 1K- Mrs King
  - 2C- Miss Callinan
  - 3D- Mr Carrett
  - 3S- Mrs Corner
  - 3J- Mrs Jelic
  - 5C- Mrs Clarke
  - 5N- Mr Nicholls
  - K3H- Ms Hartley
  - 1B- Miss Bray
  - 2T- Miss Toovey
  - 2G- Mr Grimes

- I would also like to officially welcome the Ambarvale Public School Student Leaders for 2016-
  - Aleksandra Stoilova: School Captain
  - Brodie Paul: School Captain
  - Devanshi Sharma: School Vice-Captain
  - Zac Jones: School Vice-Captain

I look forward to hearing about and sharing the great success stories taking place within our classrooms throughout 2016.

Mrs K. Green
Rel. Principal
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**February**
- 10/2 - Y3-6 School Swimming Carnival
- TBA - Meet the Teacher

**PBIS Focus**

This week (Week 2), our PBL focus is **be respectful**.

Students are reminded to:
- Wear full school uniform
- Wear a green school cap

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

**Who:** Students in Years 3-6 and students in Year 2 who turn 8 this year.
**Date:** Wednesday 10\textsuperscript{th} February 2016 (Term 1, Week 3)
**Where:** The Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, The Parkway, Bradbury
**Time:** Students need to be at school by 8:50am as buses will be departing by 9:00am sharp and will return by 3:00pm.
**Cost:** $10.00
**What to Wear:** Students need to wear their swimmers under their sports uniform, a hat and covered shoes (NO THONGS). They may wear a t-shirt in their house colour.
**What to Bring:** Please clearly label all belongings: towel, sunscreen, lunch/recess drinks (No glass bottles), a plastic bag for wet clothing and underwear for the end of the day.

**Please Note:** Students will not be able to purchase items from the canteen at the venue on this day.

**Spectating:** $3.00 entry fee
Permission note and money are due by **Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} February**.

**FROM THE PASTORAL CARERS DESK**

Wow it’s 2016 and good to be back!
I hope everyone is settling into the new school year.
It is always an exciting time when we return after the holidays.
Although, it can be a little hard, as we all get back into our routines.

I would especially like to welcome our new students and families to Ambarvale.
Our best wishes for your future learning and development at the school.
Ambarvale is a supportive and caring school community, we encourage parents and friends to get involved and participate…and with our wonderful staff, Ambarvale Public School provides great opportunities for our students.
We want it to be an enjoyable experience for all.

Classroom Reward systems have changed this year and each student now has an ‘Ambarvale All Star Chart’ in their room. Students will receive star stamps for following the 4 school rules. When the chart is full, they will receive an "All Star PBL Award" which will be kept at school. 5 of these awards will equal a school merit award which will be sent home. The existing merit award process will remain in place.
A tip in making your life a little less stressful at this time is to **establish routines.** Having predictable patterns and routines in your day; or over a week, can be very calming and reassuring. It’s also important for your health and wellbeing.

Routines can include…
- Regular bedtimes
- Regular waking
- Regular mealtimes
- Regular times for work, exercise and relaxation
- And planning and preparing ahead to do routine jobs or activities

**Establishing routines will also help to develop good organisation skills.**

This term I will be at Ambarvale on Monday and Friday.

If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a great year, and until next time, cheers.

Rob Hodgson JP

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**LIBRARY CHAT**

Welcome back to another great year at Ambarvale. Borrowing for all except Kindergarten will begin this week. Children may borrow one book in Years K – 2 and two books in 3-6. I ask that all children use a library bag to protect their book – this can be as simple as a plastic bag from the supermarket, or an elaborate one made by grandma. Please put your child’s name on it.

Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) will be running this year. For mainstream K-2 this runs in the classroom and for years 3-6 the children will need to record books read at home, from the local library and at school. They can enter this information directly onto the PRC site, or give me a list of their books to enter. Please see me if you wish to know more.

This year we are offering a new option for Scholastic book club. You may now place orders and pay directly to Scholastic, using their LOOP platform, which is available as an app or on their website. See the information flyer in this newsletter for more, or you can still place orders in an envelope and give them to me or to the staff in the office. Book club magazines have changed this year: there is now just one brochure with books for all ages.

Have a great year of reading; remember that the examples you set influence the attitudes of your children.

Catherine Sullivan
Teacher Librarian
**Bluesky Netball Club**

**REGISTRATION FEES**

No Weekly Game Fees:
- Fees to players need 12 (8+6) Passports License
- Nets $120 (5-9 year olds)
- Juniors $150 (10-11 year olds)
- Seniors $185 (for players turning 18 in 2016)

**REGISTRATION FEES**

Wests Leagues Club, Leumeah
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Wed 3 Feb 2016

Macquarie Square
Reef Sports
9:00am - 3:00pm
Saturday 6 Feb 2016

Thursday 4 Feb

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Wednesday, February 10th 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Lynwood Park - Kowang Road $10
Saturday, February 13th 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Saturday, February 20th 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Thursday, January 30th 6:30pm - 8:00pm

For more information, check our on our website

Online registrations accepted from early January

Want to play football in 2016?

Campbelltown United Church Soccer Club

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www.facebook.com/CampbelltownUnitedChurchsoccerc

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Registration Dates:

Registration from $90

Enjoy football!

providing a positive, family friendly environment to play and

Campbelltown United Church Soccer Club
**SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES**

**DOUBLE PARKING**
You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

- **Penalty:** $319
- **Points:** +2 Demerit Points

**Measuring Offence**
Means that in the direction of the arrow, you are not allowed to stop, or in the direction of the arrow, you are not allowed to park your vehicle near the kerb or kerb, unless you are driving a bus.

- **Penalty:** $177
- **Points:** +2 Demerit Points

**Maximum Penalty:** $425

**SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC OFFENCES**

**STUDENT CROSSING**
Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrians or vehicles in a School Zone.

- **Penalty:** $425
- **Points:** +4 Demerit Points

**Children's Crossing**
Do not drive if there is a Children's Crossing sign, or if there is a Children's Crossing sign attached to a stop sign.

- **Penalty:** $531
- **Points:** +4 Demerit Points

**Maximum Penalty:** $425

**SCHOOL ZONE SPEEDING OFFENCES**
School Zone Speeding Offences attract higher fines than other speeding offences.

- **Penalty:** $3,740
- **Points:** +7 Demerit Points

**Maximum Penalty:** $4,900

As at 1 July 2015

**Further Information**
For a full list of all new penalties and offences, please visit: www.mva.mq.gov.au or phone the RMS on 13 22 85.
Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminars Series

Is this you?
Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler will not eat their dinner. Or your six year old will not share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

What is a Stepping Stones Seminar?
Stepping Stones Triple P seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability. Seminars are for large groups of parents – possibly 20 or more. It’s an informal presentation, a little like a public forum. There are three seminars that each last 90 minutes and cover a different topic. We encourage parents to try to attend all three.

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<td>2. Helping Children Reach Their Potential</td>
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<td>3. Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour</td>
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Where: Lifestart Campbelltown
Level 3, Suite 2, 171-179 Queen Street CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

Cost: FREE as part of a research project. No childcare available

Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2-12 years

How: As these programs are being funded as part of a research project please contact either the Stepping Stones research team or Lifestart to register your interest.
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