PRINCIPAL GREEN’S PARAGRAPHS

Half Way There!
It’s Week 6 already which means that we have hit the half way mark for Term 1. Time certainly does fly when you are having fun! It has been a great term so far with a lot of learning taking place in classrooms.

Mrs Green’s Tip- When your child/children come home from school ask them a few simple questions that give you a bit of an insight into their school day. As a busy mum of 3, I always ask my kids the following questions when I see them after a busy day at work-

- How was your day?
- Who did you play with?
- Did you learn anything new today?
- What was the favourite part of your day?
- Is there anything you would like to change about your day if you could?

The Team Ambarvale Spirit
I would like to say a big thank you to everybody who has purchased a new school hat and also to every student who has been wearing their school hat. When looking across the playground it’s great to see the ‘sea of green’ with students wearing our full school uniform. The Team Ambarvale spirit is growing. If you have not yet purchased a school hat, they are now in stock and at a bargain price of $13. Hats are available to be purchased from the front office at any time or from the uniform shop every Tuesday and Friday 8.45am-9.15am.

Emergency Evacuation Drill
Every school is required to practice emergency evacuations throughout the year to make sure that staff and students know what to do in the event of an actual emergency situation. We had our first emergency evacuation drill last week and I would like to congratulate our staff and students on how they carried out the drill in such a calm and responsible manner. Well done!

High School Forms
High school forms will be going out this week to all Year 6 students. Please read the information sheet that is attached to the forms as this explains exactly how the form needs to be filled out. All forms need to be returned to school no later than Wednesday 16th March.

I wish you a calm and enjoyable week ahead.
Mrs K Green

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March
08/03 - Zone Swimming Carnival
24/03 - Easter Hat Parade
29/03 - School Photo Day

ASSEMBLY ROSTER – TERM 1

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This year, we will not have separate infants and primary assemblies. Instead, we will have a whole school assembly once a fortnight. The final assembly of the term will be for acknowledging and celebrating those students who have achieved bronze, silver and gold awards as well as other special presentations.
This week (Week 6), our PBL focus is **be safe**. 
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Stay in-bounds on the playground
- Line up when the music plays
- Use the 3 step plan when someone is bothering you or being unsafe:
  - Step 1: Say STOP I don’t like that
  - Step 2: Ignore them or move away
  - Step 3: Tell the teacher

**STAFF PROFILE**

Mangwanani! Ahoy Me Hearties! My name is Mrs Jelic. I am a mum of two and live with my husband. Charlotte, my eldest daughter, is in Yr2 and Matilda has just started Kindy. I enjoy spending time with my family, being active, especially at the beach, reading and of course teaching. I am originally from Zimbabwe and have lots of African stories to tell (just ask 3/4J!). I have been teaching for over 10 years now and know that coming to teach at Ambarvale was a brilliant change. I’m excited to get to know the community and all the students at the school.

**P&C EASTER RAFFLE**

Each year the P&C run an Easter raffle. We ask parents to donate an Easter egg/s for this raffle. Raffle tickets will be going home soon. The class that donates the most Easter eggs will win a class prize. The P&C thank you for your generous donations.

**LONG TERM PERMISSION NOTE and UPDATE of DETAILS 2016**

Last week these 2 notes were sent home for you to fill out and return to school. So far we have had quite a few back however there are still lots more to collect. Please send these forms back to school with your child/ren as soon as possible. Don’t forget there is a prize for the 1st class to return all off their notes.

**COMMUNITY LINKS-TRANSITION TO SCHOOL**

**Monday Morning Playgroup** – Miss Wendy and her crew are back at Ambarvale P.S. This outstanding program is **free** and runs every Monday morning for preschool age children from 9 -11am. This is a great place for children to attend before starting school. Come along and get to meet other parents too.

**LIBRARY CHAT**

**Book club** orders arrived last week and most children should now have their order. However one order did not have a name on it, so if you are missing an order please see me.

The **2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge** will open on the 7th March 2016. It closes on the 19th August for students. I will enter books for children from the 7th although children are able to do this themselves if they wish. If you wish to see what books are on the lists or to check the rules about series that information is available on their web site. K-2 classes complete the challenge in the classroom, and mainstream classes from 3-6 will be monitored by myself in the library.

A reminder that children are expected to protect their library books in a **library bag**. We lost a book last week due to a leaky drink bottle. Children do not need an expensive bag: a plastic bag works well. Names on library bags are also appreciated.

Mrs Sullivan
Teacher Librarian
Would $500 assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, **up to $500** for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.
TO ALL CAMPBELLTOWN AMIGOS!

HISPANICS AND NON-HISPANICS

Taking Enrolments for 2016

- Teaching Spanish for school age children (5 to 15 years old by qualified teachers)

Classes are held every Friday at the Ambarvale Public School, (corner of Copperfield & Woodhouse Drives) from 6:30pm to 8:30pm (Classes are in parallel with the NSW school system).

Enquiries:
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Mobile:         0417 426 881

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