Welcome to Week 7 and an incredibly busy week with our Book Week Mad Hatter’s Parade this afternoon and Southern Stars Concert for our dance group.

**Craig Smith Illustrator visit**

Last Friday our school had the good fortune to host Craig Smith, an illustrator of children’s books. It was amazing to see all of our students’ faces as they listened in raptures to Craig as he explained how he draws and he had every child participate in drawing along with him. Every student realised that they could indeed draw and sketch and create different meanings in their illustrations simply by the way they formed their lines.

**Southern Stars**

Southern Stars is a wonderful performance opportunity that is held annually in Wollongong for public primary and secondary schools in the southern coastal areas of NSW. We have 25 very excited young ladies from Years 4-6 who have practised and practised to ensure their dance routine is of a very polished standard ready for this week’s performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre. Our thanks go to Mrs Corcoran who has trained these girls all year, to Mrs Talintyre and Mrs Malsom who have assisted with sewing costume pieces and to the girls themselves who rehearse before school each Friday morning. Congratulations to all and good luck performing this week.

**Books for Kinders**

Today each of our Kinder students have received a beautiful picture book donated by Mr Russell Matheson MP, Federal Member for Macarthur. It is wonderful to know that our local member is sending such a powerful message about literacy and reading to our youngest members of our school community.

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**Dates to Remember:**

School times changing from Tuesday 6th October: 9am to 3pm (Please set your alarm clocks!!)

- **25th Aug**  | Book Week Parade
- **28th Aug** | Southern Stars Performance
- **29th Aug** | Southern Stars Performance
- **30th Aug** | P&C Markets
- **31st Aug** | Playgroup returns
- **1st Sept** | Father’s Day stall - Bring $5 on the day
- **2nd Sept** | Zone Athletics Carnival - Field
- **3rd Sept** | Father’s Day Breakfast
- **3rd Sept** | Zone Athletics Carnival - Track
- **4th Sept** | Gala Day - $7.50 bus money due by 2/9
- **9-10th Sept** | Stage 2 - Zoo Snooze Camp - (No Dance Group item at assembly)
- **9th Sept** | Regional Athletics Carnival
- **14th Sept** | Swimming Scheme - FULL!!

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**From the Principal**

This Kinder preparation program starts next Thursday 3rd September 2015 at 9:30am. Please bring your excited child to the COLA area outside our Kinder rooms ready to meet Mrs Goldstein and Mrs Quince. Parents are then invited to the Library to meet Mrs Harrison and have tea, coffee and cake. There will not be any presentations for parents, just an opportunity for parents to meet each other. Mrs Harrison will have a suggestion box and post-it notes where parents can write down what information they wish to know about starting school. Mrs Harrison will answer these later in this Kinderstart Program.

**Father’s Day Stall**

Father’s Day is fast approaching! Our annual P&C organised Father’s Day Stall will take place on Tuesday 1st Sept 2015. **Students need only bring their $5 on this day.** For K-2 students you may like to consider placing their $5 in a lock seal plastic bag clearly labelled with your child’s name. They will take it to the stall and hand their money over as they buy their gift.

**Fathers’ Day Breakfast**

This special breakfast for our students and their dads has once again been organised by our local Rosemeadow Anglican Church and will be held on Thursday 3rd September 2015 commencing at 8:15am. Our Mothers’ Day Breakfast was a huge success with lots of mums and grandmothers in attendance so we are anticipating the same response from dads and grandfathers. The food was exceptional and served with lots of big smiles.
Student Achievements
Canakkale class have been learning about workers in our community and had a visit last week from Lily’s parents who are paramedics. What a surprise I got when I visited Canakkale class and saw so many bandaged students and two had an ECG done. What a great learning opportunity! Thankfully Justin, Ethan, Lily, Sophie, Shejana, William, Jayden, Braidyn, Logan, Angus and Ava have made a full recovery!
Once again some commendable writing has been occurring in all of our classes as students focus on their learning intention based on what they are learning to do in writing and why. Chloe, Emily K, Nevaeh, Annalise, Cooper and Joel in Dardanelles class have written about Craig Smith’s visit. Lucas, Nate, Emily L, Mia and Joshua in Dardanelles class have written a response to the book Little Humpty. Way to go Kinders! Emma in Throssell class has worked hard to get her ideas down fluently when writing. Well done!
Rhys in Lemnos has been focusing during maths activities.
Earning certificates in Mathletics from Lone Pine class are RJ, Lucy, Bridget, Star and Georgie which is an ongoing fantastic effort. Congratulations to all!

Stamp Chart Superstars!
Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:
Canakkale: Ava, Jayden, Riley, Mitchell
Hamilton: Georgia, Theresa, Hannah, Callum, Zarah, Mia, Amy, Annalise, Emily
Throssell: Jiselle, Allyssa
Lone Pine: RJ, Holly, Jemma, Star
Flanders Fields: Hannah, Alana, Noah, Katelyn, Beau, Darcy, Sienna, James, Lucas, Lexie, Tahlia, Ty
Keep up the fantastic efforts!

Premier’s Spelling Bee
Our Years 3-6 students have been busily practising their known as well as tricky spelling words in readiness for class spelling challenges. Our successful champion spellers will represent our school at district level in this annual state wide spelling competition. Congratulations to Scarlett from Flanders Fields and Rhys from Lone Pine class who will be our Junior representatives and Olivia from Western Front and Jayden from Burton will be our Senior representatives.
P&C News!!!

Markets:
The P&C are happy to announce that the markets will be held on Sunday 30th August 2015 in the school grounds. If anyone is interested in having a stall, please contact Melissa on 0420 662396 or Angela on 0409 312024 for further details. We also require volunteers to help on the BBQ. Please help our school and support this major fundraiser. Return the slip below if you are able to assist.

MARKET HELPERS – Sunday 30th August 2015
I am able to assist with:

- Setting up from 8am
- Packing up from 1pm
- BBQ – please circle time slot: (8am – 9.30am) (9.30am – 11.00am) (11am – 12pm) (12pm –1pm)

Name: _____________________________________ Contact Number: ___________________________

P&C Meeting:
The P&C Meeting will be held tonight at 7pm in the Library. The agenda items are: Grants, Markets, Uniform update, Shades. Please come along and have a say in your child’s school. Everyone is welcome.

Annual Shopping Trip:
The P&C’s annual shopping trip is coming up and we are now taking deposits/full payments to secure your seat.

Date: Sat 24th October
Time: 7am until approx 6pm
Cost: $55, due by 18/9. Includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch.
Seats: 45, 19 already filled

We will be visiting more than 10 outlets on the day. Cash payments can be left at the office or with Sandra Hale. Eftpos payments can be made Friday mornings in the uniform shop with a $2 surcharge applicable. There is more detailed information on the notice board outside the Kindergarten rooms or by contacting Melissa Lovelee on 0420662396.

A fun day out while raising much needed funds for our school.
**Awards this Week: Student of the Week**
- Dardanelles – Joel Blunden
- Tucker – Mikayla Greenwood
- Lemnos – Chloe Donovan
- Canakkale – Lily Atkins
- Hamilton – Theresa Anderson
- Throssell – Sinisha Spajic
- Flanders Fields – Tyler Smith
- Lone Pine - Lucy Wicken
- Burton – Anthony Montano
- Western Front – Shelby Brown

**Woonona Surf Lifesaving Club:** Registrations on Saturday 5th Sept and Sunday 13th Sept from 10am to 12noon at Woonona Surf Lifesaving Clubhouse. For further details go to http://sls.com.au/join.

**Bulli SLSC Nippers:** Registration Days: Sunday 30/8 and 13/9 from 10am to 12 noon. Corrimal Pool, Short Street, Corrimal. Nippers commence 9.30am Sunday 11th October at Bulli Surf Club. Contact bullinippers@gmail.com for further information.

**Book Club**
Book Club brochures were sent home on Friday. Please return orders to school by Friday 28th August 2015. Thank you for your continued support of Book Club at our school.

**Gala Day #4**
Our next PSSA Gala Day is on Friday 4th September. Permission notes have already been returned. Please ensure that your bus money $7.50 is paid at the office before Thursday 3rd September. The bus departs school on Friday at 8.50am so please remember to be at school on time.
Parents are warmly welcomed to attend our Gala Days. The venues are as follows: Netball: Coronation Park, Minto
Soccer: Ambarvale Sporting Complex, Ambarvale
Touch Football: Oswald Reserve, Rosemeadow

**Survey Raffle Winners**
Thank you to all the families who returned School surveys over Education Week. The lucky raffle winners were: Hayley Spiteri, Matilda Peer, Isabella Magnaye, Cooper Bridge, Ayla Cook and Jemma Costella.

**Gentle Fees Reminder**
- Stage 2 Zoo Camp - $150
- Stage 3 Canberra Camp - $295
- Southern Stars Costume and Transport Fee - $132
- CAPA Levy for Band and Senior Dance Group - $20 each term (Total of $80)
- Band Instrument Hire - $100 for the year (For those students hiring a school instrument)
- Photocopy Levy - $20 per student for the year
- Software Levy - $20 per student for the year
- Voluntary School Contribution - $40 per child or $70 per family for the year

Please ensure that all fees are paid before their individual due dates. Financial assistance may be arranged. Please contact Mrs Harrison if required. All fees must be paid before 30th November, as this is the ‘end of financial year’ for schools. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.