Welcome to our last week of learning for Term 3. I can sense that students, staff and families are ready for two weeks of relaxation in some gorgeous spring weather.

Kinderstart
We look forward to seeing 2016 Kinder children back again this Thursday for another exciting session. From next term on Thursday 8th October 2015, Kinderstart will commence at 9:10am and conclude at 10am.

Taronga ZooSnooZ Excursion
Stage 2 and their accompanying staff had a “once in a lifetime” experience last Wednesday and Thursday for their exciting Taronga ZooSnooZ. The walk around The Rocks historic area of Sydney and then over the Harbour Bridge capped off a memorable two days. The “behind the scenes” programs at the Zoo both in the evening and then early the next morning gave our students an opportunity to see many of the exhibits without the general public. So much learning took place as well as oodles of fun and new experiences. Well done Stage 2 and we are so very proud of your behaviour, positive attitude and resilience.

Happy and safe holidays
We wish you all a wonderful, safe holiday where you can enjoy some beautiful spring weather with family and friends. Don’t forget that there is no School Development Day at the start of Term 4 but Monday 5th October 2015 is a public holiday due to Labour Day, so, all students return to school, along with staff, on Tuesday 7th October 2015 with school commencing at 9am and finishing at 3pm.

From the Principal

Education Week survey results
As you know, parents were surveyed earlier this term on Open and Grandparents’ Day about our school. The third question we asked was “What could we improve on?” There were many suggestions put forward such as:

- More support staff
- More professional assemblies, don’t change the day for assemblies
- Utilising grandparent expertise
- More support for students
- More homework in Stage 3
- Outdoor equipment
- Healthier food in the canteen
- More music lessons, meditation, relaxation, yoga, stretching class
- More technology
- Children rewarded equally and more often
- Children aware of their learning goals, reflecting on their learning and involved in assessment of their own work
- More communication for working parents
- Pathways that are not trip hazards

Thank you to all parents who responded and we value all of your comments.

For some parents who probably are not aware, each class receives additional teacher or SLSO (School Learning Support Officer) support for students each week, and as much as our school budget (provided by the Department of Education) allows. Much of our professional learning this year has focused on learning goals for students and success criteria which allows students to know exactly what they are learning and how they can determine if they have learnt it or demonstrated their learning to their teacher. We have a way to go with this but we are observing some great results already.

Parents can phone a teacher or request an interview any time they like throughout the year if they wish to chat about their child’s progress at school.
Student Achievements
Congratulations to Year 6 who participated in a day of leadership activities last Friday in preparation for their roles as Peer Support Leaders next term.

Lone Pine class continue to challenge themselves with Mathletics and last week Georgie, Bridget, Lucy and Maddison achieved a bronze or silver certificate. Keep up this great work!

Our Kinder students are demonstrating amazing improvement each day in their writing skills. It is so rewarding to visit both Tucker and Dardanelles classes and see them oozing with confidence in their developing abilities. Congratulations this week to Tucker class students Lily, Aleksander, Shylah, Ella, Mikayla and Aston. Well done!

Regional Athletics carnival
We are immensely proud of all of our athletes, including three of our relay teams, who made it through to last week’s Sydney South West Regional Carnival held at Campbelltown Stadium. Congratulations and the best of luck to Coby who will now run in the 9 year old boys 100 metre event at the State Carnival.

Stamp Chart Superstars!
Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:
Throssell: Jiselle, Paige R
Lone Pine: Lucy
Weston Front: Tasmyn, Kye, Ethan, Riley, Shelby

Eco Committee
“We have new plants around the school because we would like to attract birds and insects to our school. We want to say thank you to the Gardening Club for planting and looking after these plants for us. Please remember to be careful around the plants because they are fragile. Thank you. By Ella, Hayley & Jessica.”

Peer Support
This leadership opportunity for Year 6 students will commence next term for one afternoon session a week for 6 weeks. Our Year 6 students will lead, in pairs, a group of approximately 12 students ranging from Kinder to Year 5, as they learn skipping routines adapted from the “Jump for the Heart” program.

Next year, our school will train Stage 3 staff in the official Peer Support Australia Program which will then allow them to take next year’s Year 6 students through a 2 day leadership training program. This will prepare these student leaders on topics of relationships (keeping friends), optimism (living positively), resilience (moving forward), values (promoting harmony) or anti-bullying (speaking up).
Student of the Week
Dardanelles – Lucas Ridgeway
Tucker – Shylah Winley
Lemnos – Joel Haeren
Canakkale – Kaya Dean
Hamilton – Cameron North
Throssell – Callum Gay
Flanders Fields – Taylah Hughes
Lone Pine - Jack Bexterman
Burton – Deklyn Griffin
Western Front – Gemma Brittain

P&C News!!!
P&C Meeting: Our next P&C Meeting has been brought forward due to the holidays. Please meet with us TONIGHT in the school library at 7pm. The agenda is as follows: Feedback from market meeting, Shopping trip, Grants and Jamberoo.
Annual Shopping Trip:
Date: Sat 24th October  Time: 7am until approx 6pm
Cost: $55, due by 18/9/15. Includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch.
Seats: 45  (24 seats 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.

Gentle Fees Reminder
Stage 3 Canberra Camp - $295
CAPA Levy for Band and Senior Dance Group - $20 each term (Total of $80)
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.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015
This Sacrament will be celebrated on Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd November, 2015. It is available to all children in Year 3 or above who have been baptised and have received the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). If you wish your child to make this Sacrament and did not come to the enrolment night last year you MUST attend the first lesson for this programme on Saturday 10th October, 2015 commencing at 4.15p.m. You must bring a copy of your child’s Baptism and Birth certificate with you to attach to the enrolment form. Children will participate in lessons within the Parish School classrooms whilst parents will meet with Father in the Parish Meeting Room. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2015. NOTE: If you will be enrolling at the first lesson, then please arrive at 3.45pm to the Parish Meeting Room before the lesson to complete the paperwork. The program fee of $25 is also payable at the first lesson. Thank you.
Father Christopher Sarkis - Rosemeadow Parish Priest