Welcome to Week 8 where I congratulate Mrs Corcoran, Mrs Talintyre and our 25 sensational Southern Stars dancers. What a week they have had! All their hard work, their practice, putting on and taking off costumes and makeup, waiting patiently for their turn on the big stage culminated in four exciting high energy performances last Friday and Saturday at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong. Being part of the “buzz” of a performance at this level will be a lifelong memory for these girls. Well done!

Congratulations also go to our Librarian Mrs Newey who coordinated the finale to our Book Week celebrations which was our last Tuesday’s Mad Hatter’s parade. Despite having to relocate to our Hall because of the wet weather, our students still managed two quite big laps around our audience to display their creative mad hats. A big thank you also goes to parents who assisted with the “mad” creativity.

Dogs on school grounds
A recent incident at St Andrews Public School where a student was bitten by a dog on school grounds has prompted a look at the Department of Education’s policy on dogs in schools. Please assist us by not bringing dogs of any description into school grounds whether leashed or unleashed. If you walk your dog with you to collect your child please wait outside the school grounds away from where your dog can reach a child walking to and from school. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

Kinderstart
We are starting this Thursday morning from 9:30-10:30am! Please come along if you have a child starting school next year. Please spread the word. Mrs Harrison will supply coffee and cake in the Library for parents so she can meet everyone.

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.

Markets
Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to our P&C members who coordinated a successful market day on Sunday in our school grounds. Beautiful weather encouraged many locals as well as passers-by to stop and shop. Our school truly values all the effort and time these P&C members volunteer to fund raise, with our students being the beneficiary. Thank you.

Zone Athletics carnival
This week 28 of our talented athletes will compete at the Campbelltown Zone Athletics Carnival on Wednesday for field events with Miss Mcleod and Thursday for track events with Miss Buglass. We wish them all luck.

Tell Them From Me Parent survey
Please go to our FaceBook page and follow the link to complete this short parent survey for us.
Student Achievements

Term 3 is the term where so many students learning “falls into place” and huge growth in their understanding of concepts and demonstration of skills is evident in so many ways.

Well done to Riley and Logan from Canakkale class who can write over 60 known words correctly in 10 minutes. Tasmyn in Western Front class has written an outstanding response in the form of a letter, to a visit by an environmental officer last week and Patrick has made steady improvement in his writing.

Canakkale class visited Mrs Harrison’s office on Thursday to discover what jobs a principal does as part of their learning about workers in the community.

Well done to Hamish, Bede, Nate and Emily K in Dardanelles class and Isabella, Emily and Shylah in Tucker class who continue to improve their ability to write sounds they can hear in words. All of Lemnos class visited Mrs Harrison’s office last week to proudly show off their clever writing.

Tucker class can write two digit numbers correctly as they play maths bingo.

Sam, Georgie, Jemma and Starleah from Lone Pine class have achieved another Mathletics certificate and Cody is making a great improvement in reading.

Well done to all!

Stamp Chart Superstars!

Congratulations to the following students with completed stamp charts:

Dardanelles: Ellah, Hayley, Chloe, Joshua, Amelia, Nevaeh, Emily, Kye, Nate, Joel, Lucas, Annalise, Emily, Sophia and Hannah
Tucker: Shakaya, Hayley, Shylah, Riley, Hayley, Aden, Isabella, Bailey, Lily, Ruby, Caylen, Ella, Joshua, Noah, Emily and Alex
Canakkale: Angus, Ashton, Ethan, Lily, Riley, Connor and Brady
Throssell: Callum, Paige S, Connor
Western Front: Hayley, Tahn, Jacob

Keep up the fantastic efforts!

Evacuation Drill

Don’t be alarmed if you hear sirens at school this week. We will be practising our safety drills at some stage.
Happy Child Happy World Parent Conference

This annual parent conference run by local School Principals and Executives will take place on Friday 11th September from 9:30-2:30pm at John Warby Public School. This year’s focus is on raising and providing successful strategies for the emotional well-being of families.

1. Understanding of available network support for raising happy and successful children.
2. Understanding of the importance and impact of emotional wellbeing.
3. To provide families with necessary skills required for harmonious homes and happy children.

It is an informative and uplifting day and if there are any parents interested in attending please let Mrs Harrison know as soon as possible.

Education Week survey results

As you know, parents were surveyed earlier this term on Open and Grandparents’ Day about our school. For the next few newsletters some of the responses will be shared with our school community. The first question we asked was “What do you like about our school?”

Some of the popular responses focused on the following themes:
- Great small school, happy environment
- Friendly staff, welcoming grounds, excellent programs
- Hard working and dedicated teachers
- Community feel, parents involved, friendliness of staff
- Size of the playground
- Country atmosphere, feeling welcomed and involved
- Nurturing and caring
- Quality programs, good communication and support, excellent knowledge of student’s abilities and backgrounds

P&C News!!!

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.
Awards this Week

Aussie of the Month

An AUSSIE OF THE MONTH is someone who:
* Consistently obeys the school rules.
* Is helpful to students and teachers.
* Is caring to other class and school members.
* Is a good friend.
* Always gives of their best and tries hard to improve.
* Displays a wonderful attitude to school.

The ‘Aussies of the Month’ for August are:
Infants - Georgia Smith
Primary - Tahn Mansfield

Student of the Week

Dardanelles – Ellah Mann
Tucker – Isabella Magnaye
Lemnos – Akira Smith
Canakkale – Angus Richards
Hamilton – Georgia Smith
Throssell – Haylie Sterio
Flanders Fields – Ethan Haldenby
Lone Pine - Sharna Dewar
Burton – Zane Wilson
Western Front – Nick Jr Constantin

Gold: Tyler Jones
Silver: Callum Meads, Abby Jones, Jiselle Petrovski, Tyler Jones, Shejana Roberts

Gala Day #4

Our next PSSA Gala Day is this 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

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 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.