



NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 2nd April 2013

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 4th April

Captain Pete Performance & Workshops

Saturday 6th April

School Camp Out

Wednesday 10th April

Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Alexandria Park, Albury

Whole School

Friday 12th April

Last day of Term 1

Thursday 25th April

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th April

Staff Development Days

Wednesday 1st May

First Day of Term 2

African Drumming Performance &

Workshops 1.00 pm

Tuesday 7th May

Active After School commences

Wednesday 9th May

School Banking recommences

Wednesday 15th May

School Council Meeting 6pm

P & C Meeting

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Easter Break

Welcome back from the extra-long Easter break. I trust that everyone had a lovely time with their family and hope that the Easter Bunny dropped in on your house!

School Camp-Out

Members of the P&C have been busy making plans for this year's School Camp-Out, which will be held on the school grounds this Saturday, April 6th. It looks as though it will be a fantastic evening, with camp-fire cooking, star-gazing and a celebration of school community.

Wirraminna Excursion

The 2/3 class and students from Year 4 visited the Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre at Burrumbuttock today. The students took part in interesting environmental learning activities.

Captain Pete Writing Workshops

Local author, Captain Pete, will conduct writing workshops with the students of Table Top PS this Thursday 4th April. He will also entertain us with one of his engaging performances. Please ensure the permission note is returned as soon as possible.

Athletics Carnival

The Small School's Athletic Carnival will be held at Alexandra Park in Albury on Wednesday 10th April. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to participate. A permission note is attached to this newsletter.

SRC Easter Hat Parade

Congratulations to members of the SRC for organising the fantastic Easter Hat parade held last Thursday! Students from all classes made the most wonderful Easter hats for the parade. Congratulations also to our Year 6 Student leaders for taking on the challenging task of judging the hats. Not even the heavy rain last Thursday morning could dampen the enthusiasm of the children during the parade.



Eggsellent Autumn Food Day

Thank you to the hard working members of the P&C who hosted another fabulous lunch for students, staff and parents last Thursday in the lead-up to Easter. It was a delicious way to end the eggstra-short week!

Library Mosaic

The mosaic on the library is looking terrific and has already added to the aesthetics of the school. We will take a break from the installation this week, but Mrs McEachern hopes to complete it next week. We are happy to say that all children and staff have had involvement in the project.

Border Trust Back to School Program

Border Trust, the Community Foundation for the Albury Wodonga Region, in association with the 2013 Sidney Myer Fund / FRRR Back to School Gift Voucher Program, are providing assistance for any TTPS families in need by offering access to \$50 Target vouchers to help meet some of the costs in keeping their children at school. The Back to School Program is an initiative of the Sydney Myer Fund and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR). The \$50 vouchers are to be used to purchase essential school items such as uniforms, clothing, shoes, school bags and school stationary items. Any child whose family may be experiencing financial hardship is eligible to receive a voucher, so a family with more than one child at our school may receive more than one voucher. Families of Table Top PS students who are in need of assistance are asked to make a discreet appointment with the principal.

Table Top PS Facebook

If you haven't already, please take a look at our school Facebook page. It has been set up for parents and supporters of our school to find out what is happening at Table Top PS. To find us, do a Facebook search on 'Table Top Public School' and like our page.

Andrew McEachern
Principal

ANZAC DAY MARCH



As ANZAC day falls in the school holidays this year parents are asked to make their child/children available for the ANZAC DAY March on Thursday 25th April, 2013

if possible. All marchers are required to be in full winter school uniform and line up at the corner of Spencer and Dean Streets (about 100m down Spencer Street) at 8.45am, so we can be prepared to march off at 9am. Marchers are then picked up from the corner of Dean and Elizabeth Streets at the conclusion of the march.

KINDER SOUND

The Kinder sound for this week is 'b' for Bike.



LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property box is overflowing with items.

We would appreciate it if parents could look through the box when at school to see if anything belongs to your children.

The contents will be disposed of at the end of the term.

EGGS FOR SALE

We have fresh eggs for sale from our resident hens. If you would like to order a dozen for \$4 please contact the school. We only have two hens so there might be a little bit of a wait, but it is worth it.



Let Mrs Scott know and she will put your name on a carton and when it is full she will contact you for collection.

Staff Achievement

Mrs Cambey travelled to Adelaide on the Easter weekend to compete in a State Dancesport competition and won both level 4 (B Grade) Standard and New Vogue events in the Masters section. It was an awesome weekend of dancing.



Fabulous Food Day - was indeed fabulous - in fact I would not be surprised if some kids were too full for dinner! We ended up feasting on sausage rolls with homemade sauce and relish, potato salad, sweet potato crumble, cheesy potato bake and roast pumpkin salad. And then Henni Williams brought some chocolate crackles to go with the fruit and popcorn for 'after's'. Truly a fabulous feast - the kids loved it and there was lots of chatter going on - a great way to start the 4 day break and to enjoy lunch on such a wet day!





Thank you so much to all the wonderful people who helped out - Sam Thomas made two salads, relish AND helped with the sausage rolls, Kerrily Busch also helped out in the kitchen - without her we would have been in trouble, Henni took my little Aadi for the morning so I could get food made and Lou managed to organise the kids, do the gardening, prepare food at school AND turn her home oven on remotely.....multi-tasking to the max. Thank you to people who donated food too - including the beautiful homemade sauce - it really finished it off beautifully. And of course - thank you to the students who made the popcorn, set up the eating area and took part so well too.

In the end we made, shared and ate really tasty good local and mainly sustainable/homegrown/organic food - can't get much better than that!

With the profits from the day we have added to the KiddieKutter order and are now buying 15 knives for the school. Students will be able to have more of an input in the future.

So all in all, a great little addition to the school week.

ALBURY LIBRARYMUSEUM

Step into the Past

Now's your chance to meet some of the characters found in the Crossing Place exhibits at the LibraryMuseum and in art works at the Art Gallery. Who could that be stepping out from the display cases and picture frames sharing their stories with you? Come along and participate in these exciting and interactive story telling sessions.

At the LibraryMuseum: Monday 15 & 22 April, Wednesday 17 & 24 April, Friday 19 & 26 April.
11.00am - 11.30am

Bookings: 6023 8333

At the Art Gallery: Tuesday 16 & 23 April, Thursday 18, April. 11.00am - 11.30am

Bookings: 6043 5800

One Thousand and One Dalmatians

LibraryMuseum and Lavington Library
Throughout April, Lisa Ride, is exhibiting her collection of Dalmatians at the LibraryMuseum and Lavington Library. Lisa has been collecting Dalmatians since she was a child and they are now bursting out of the walls of her house!

This quirky collection includes paintings, antiques, plastic 101 Dalmatians, food packaging, toys of all kinds, clothes, china plates, cross stitching and books. Lisa will be sharing her stories behind the collection to inspire you with your craft making during Crafty Dog Activities.

Crafty Dog Activities

Join in the fun making Dalmatian dogs from craft materials and add your dog to the walls in the Kids area..... 99, 100, 101! A family activity.

Lavington Library Tuesday 16 April 2.30pm - 4.00pm.

Bookings 02 6043 5645

LibraryMuseum Thursday 18 April 1.00pm - 2.30pm.

Bookings 02 6023 8333

There once was a dog named Buddy who...

Be inspired by Michael Rosen's book, The Hound Dog's Haiku, and create your own haiku, limerick, or free verse poem about your cuddly, hairy, four legged friend.

LibraryMuseum

Wednesday 17th April

11.00am - 12.00noon

Bookings 02 6023 8333

How do I brush my pet sharks teeth?

Get those questions ready that you have always wanted to ask a vet about your pet.

Don't miss a local vet visiting accompanied with a 'friend'.

Lavington Library Tuesday 23 April 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Bookings 02 6043 5645

LibraryMuseum Wednesday 24 April 1.00pm -2.00pm

Bookings 02 6023 8333

Dare to Draw

Are you a budding Chagall or Renoir? Be inspired by the art works in Highlights from the Collection exhibition and guided by an artist to create a masterpiece.

Friday 26 April 11am – 12noon

Bookings 02 6043 5800

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



Parenting the family underdog

Raising talented kids is relatively easy, but parenting children and young people who struggle can be a significant parenting challenge.



One of the unwritten laws of family life is that talent and ability are unevenly distributed between siblings.

In most families there is one child who seems to have more than his or her fair share of ability. Everything this kid turns their hands to – whether schoolwork, sport or socialising – is done successfully and effortlessly.

If you have such a child then there is a fair bet that another of your children struggles in the same areas. For these children, achieving success takes more effort and concentration than it does for their sibling.

Just as it is easy for parents to marvel at the talented child, it's frustrating and, at times, heart-breaking to watch another child struggle to attain even mediocre levels of success at school, sport or leisure activities.

It's harder still when you know that no matter how hard this child tries they just can't be as successful as their sibling, who continues to get all the glory and accolades from relatives and friends.

As a parent it's important to be realistic about what each child can achieve. Keep your expectations in line with their ability and maturity, and avoid making comparisons between siblings.

Here are some ideas to keep in mind if you are parenting a child for whom success at school, sport and other common childhood activities just doesn't come naturally.

1. Be your child's cheerleader. Kids who have to work really hard to achieve need someone in their lives who is able to boost their self-confidence, particularly when they are struggling. Make a fuss over small successes so they can puff up their chests every now and then.

2. Focus your comments on contribution, improvement and effort. It's difficult praising kids when the results aren't there but you can always focus your comments on their contribution to the team. Focus on things improvements shown in reading or the effort they are making at art.

3. Remember that persistence pays. Children who persist learn an important life lesson – that is, success in most endeavours takes effort. Those kids who sail through their childhoods without raising a sweat can struggle when eventually they do have to work long and hard to succeed.

4. Help kids identify their strengths. Kids are like niche marketers – they define themselves by their strengths. "I am a good reader" or "I'm sporty" or "I'm really good at art" are some of the labels kids will use. As they move into adolescence the number of options for success opens up, so help them find one or two areas that they enjoy and can easily achieve success in.

5. Don't put kids on pedestals. It is difficult living in the shadow of a superstar so avoid making a huge fuss over the achievements of a particular child – it makes life difficult for those who follow. Recognise results but balance that by focusing equally on the efforts of the others as well.

Raising kids who find life a breeze is easy. However, parenting the underdog who takes longer to mature or who must put in 110% effort to achieve is challenging for any parent. It requires parents to focus on kids' strengths, be liberal with encouragement and have realistic but positive expectations for success.

SOUTHERN RIVERINA PSSA
SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Wednesday 10th April, 2013

The Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be held at Alexandra Park on Wednesday 10th April. **Children should arrive by 9.00 am.** The schools involved will include Table Top, Mullengandra, Burrumbuttock, Walbundrie, Rand and Gerogery.

All children K – 6 will be involved. The carnival will include a March Past, age races, field events, novelty events, ball games and relays.

The main focus of this carnival is participation and enjoyment. The carnival is also a selection carnival for a team to represent the Small Schools at the Walbundrie P.S.S.A. Carnival at Alexandra Park on Monday 4th April 2011.

Infant events are: Age Races (5yrs -50m, 6yr -60m, 7yrs- 70m), 200m, Javelin, Frisbee, Long Jump, Ball Games

Juniors, 11yrs and Senior events are: 800m (Optional) 200m, 100m, Discus, Shot Put, Long Jump & High Jump (one competitor from each school only)

Competitors for the 800m races should arrive by 8.30 am.

There will be full canteen facilities available or the children may take a packed lunch and a container of drink.

In the event of bad weather an announcement will be made on 104.9 FM and B105.7 THE RIVER. If the event is cancelled due to the weather the children will come to school as usual on their normal bus run.

Parents are required to transport their own children to and from the carnival. If you are unable to transport your child/children please indicate on the permission note.

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WALBUNDRIE PSSA
SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CARNIVAL
WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2013

I give permission for my child/children.....
to attend the Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park on Wednesday 10th April, 2013.

I understand the carnival is an all day event and that transport to and from the carnival is the responsibility of the parents.

Please indicate below if you **need** transport or **can help** with transport.

_____ I will need transport for my child/children.

_____ I can transport _____ extra child/children.

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____