



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 18th June 2014

IMPORTANT DATES

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School Council & P & C Meetings

Friday 20th June

Student reports sent home

No PSSA sport or gymnastics this week

23rd - 26th June

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 25th June

Wirraminna Environmental Centre

4/5/6 Excursion

Friday 27th June

Last day of Term

Mufti Day - gold coin donation

Monday 14th July

Staff Development Day

(No students)

Tuesday 15th July

Students return for Term 3

Sunday 20th July

Bunnings BBQ - helpers needed

28th July to 1st August

Education Week

Wednesday 30th July

Centro Lavington - Singing

Thursday 31st July

Open Day and Book Fair

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Reports

The Semester One student reports will be sent home this Friday. Please keep an eye out for them in your child's bag. The reports give you feedback about your child's academic and social progress in the year to date. Teacher interviews will be conducted next week. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to phone the office to make an appointment time with your child's teacher. Please remember that parents can request a teacher interview at any point throughout the year, not just during interview week. Regular contact with your child's teacher is encouraged to promote a positive and productive home/school relationship.

After School Pick-Up

At the end of the day, parents who pick up their children from school are asked to inform the teacher on bus duty before they leave so their child's name can be checked off in the Bus Book.

Parents are also reminded to let Karin or Gayle in the office know if there are any changes to your child's end of school pick-up arrangements so they can note the change in the Bus Book.

New SmartBoard

The K/1 room was a hive of activity today while the new SmartBoard was installed. The room will have a complete turn-around with the board going on the blackened back wall. The original K/1 board will replace the aging board in the 2/3 room.

SRC Mufti Day

At the SRC meeting yesterday afternoon, it was decided that our school will have a mufti-day on

the last day of school. For the cost of a gold coin, children will be allowed to come to school out of uniform.

PSSA Friday Sport

There is a general bye in the PSSA Sport and Gymnastics this Friday. Students will play school-based sports this week.

Unfortunately we have had to make the difficult decision to pull the Year 2 children out of the PSSA Junior Soccer Team. We have been informed by the soccer organisers that the PSSA Soccer competition is strictly for students who are in Year 3 and above. The students who have been affected by this ruling are welcome to join in the gymnastics program (\$6 per week) or participate in sporting activities at school. The Year 2 children can still train with Mrs. Gaukroger at lunchtimes which will help polish their skills for next year's competition.

QE2 Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported or helped at the Book Sale held in Albury's QE2 Square last Saturday, especially Marijke Denton, Lou Bull, Cathy Scarlett, Jenna Stanton, Karin Mackay, Andrew & Sharon McEachern, Dave Gaukroger and our CSU students Della and Morgane.

The rain held off for most of the morning and many people patronised the stall. This is a fabulous way to promote our school in the wider community and to raise much needed funds for our library. It was wonderful to have so many people ask about our school and speak so positively about the book stall initiative. The Table Top PS Book Sale was an outcome of the CSU SPiCE Program and was initiated by TTPS teacher, Mrs. Gaukroger and CSU Speech Pathology students, Della and Morgane.

As we still have books left over, we will make available a choice selection of adult and children's books during the parent-teacher interviews. We will display the books on tables on the stage all next week. There will be an honesty box for a gold coin donation for the books purchased.

Bunnings BBQ

Our school has secured a weekend slot (Sunday 20th July) at the Albury Bunnings BBQ as a P&C fund-raiser. We will require many helpers to run the stall on this major fundraising activity, so if you can, please keep this day free. This is another terrific way to promote our school and raise funds for our school. Funds raised by the P&C are used to purchase important equipment, materials and provide subsidies to support your children's learning at school.

Athletics Carnival Champion

Congratulations to Natalie (SRPSSA Athletics results: 1st long-jump, discus, high-jump and 100m and 2nd shot-put and 200m) who not surprisingly has been named the SRPSSA Junior Girl Athletics Champion and has qualified to compete at the Regional Carnival to be held next Monday. We wish her all the best of luck!

Soccer Boots needed

We are in need of second-hand soccer boots for students to borrow for PSSA sport. Please drop off any unneeded soccer boots that are still in good condition to the office. They can be donated to the school or if you wish returned to you at the end of the PSSA soccer season.

Wirraminna Excursion

The 4/5/6 class will travel to the Wirraminna Environmental Centre at Burrumbuttock with Mrs. Gaukroger and Mrs. Livermore next Wednesday to extend their learning about our unique Australian environment. A permission note went home earlier in the week. The manager of Wirraminna and former principal of Table Top PS, Mr. Owen Dunlop, will pay an introductory visit to the class next Monday between recess and lunch.

Peer Support

Session 7 of the Peer Support lessons will be held at 12.20pm this Thursday: Managing Change. Thinking optimistically about the things you are good at. Thinking about the things we would like to be good at. Developing skills to cope when we are having a difficult time.

Active After School Sport

Active After School Sport concludes this week. Thanks to the Border Bandits for providing

Basketball lessons on Tuesdays and to Christine Brown for organising activities on Thursdays. As part of the AASC Basketball sessions, Natalie, James, Grant and Elizabeth have been selected to participate in an inter-school basketball competition to be held at the Lauren Jackson Stadium tomorrow. We wish them all the best!

ICAS Tests

Several students sat the challenging ICAS Spelling and Writing tests this week. They will receive their results and certificates later next term.

School Assembly

Although there is a general bye for all sports this week, the whole school assembly will still be held in the library this Friday at 12.00pm. The class presenting the item this week is 2/3.

School Facebook and Twitter Accounts

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/TableTopPublicSchool>

Twitter: @TabletopPS

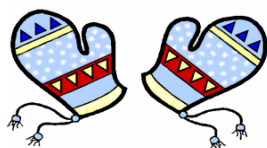
School Council/P&C

The next School Council (6pm) and P&C (7pm) meeting will be held tonight in the school staffroom.

Andrew McEachern - Principal

KINDER SOUND

The Kinder sound this week is "M" for mittens.



HOW2Learn



Belonging

Everyone needs to feel they belong. Children need to feel valued and loved, both at home and at school.

Make time to be with your child and listen to them. But there is more to it than just showing you care. If you establish routines for times like meals, baths, reading and bed, your child will know how you expect them to behave. This will help them to feel a sense of security and belonging.

Children with a strong sense of belonging are more likely to make friends who have similar clear guidance from their families. They will be more trusting in making friendships and less likely to be shy.

Tips for developing a sense of belonging

- Show your child what you want them to do, rather than criticizing them.
- Remind your child that they are loved for who they are and not what they do.
- Keep a family photograph album. Look at it sometimes and talk about the people it shows.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following award winners from Friday's School Assembly:

Student of the Week



Special Encouragement Awards:



Teacher Merit Cards (Green cards)

K/1

Zoe, Clifton, Esher, Darcy, Audrey

2-3

Gibb, Zenith, Darcy, Ned

4-6

James, Tilly, Mickaela, Alicia, Emma, Paris, Jaxon

Counting the Sleeps!!!

Emma is counting the sleeps until she starts the big trip up to Darwin, where she will represent NSW at the Australian Polocrosse Nationals in the under 12 competition. The trip will take about 8 days to get there and play will begin on the 7th of July. They will be away for about a month. They will be travelling with 14 horses, on 2 trucks as well as a convoy of 5 to 6 other support vehicles. Each day they will travel about 500km. This is a fantastic opportunity for Emma to make new life friends and to compete at the highest level of the sport.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Flyaway Gymnastics School Holiday Programs.



Looking for something fun to book your children into these school holidays? Flyaway Gymnastics has some exciting programs on offer these holidays. We have our regular holiday feature which is a two hour structured gymnastics program for children aged 5-12 years. Children learn to balance, roll, flip and twist. We offer a new sprung floor, in ground trampoline and foam pit, as well as balance beams and swinging bars. We are also offering trampoline workshops and cheerleading workshops which give children aged 5 - 16 years a great introduction to both of these sports. Bookings are essential. For more information on prices and times please call (02) 6041 1127.

ROBI COMB

Just a reminder that the orders for the Robi comb must be in by this Friday 20th June. If you are interested in ordering the Robi comb please complete the form below and drop into the office. The cost of \$47 (including delivery to school) is a saving of up to \$18 compared to some pharmacies.

ROBI COMB PRO - ELECTRIC LICE COMB - ORDER FORM

I would like to order _____ Robi comb/s at \$47 each.

I enclose a total of \$ _____

Name: _____



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- Practical bike skills
- Basic bike maintenance
- Where to ride in your community
- Program will also include lunch

THERE ARE LIMITED PLACES

Participants will also get a
FREE Helmet and Bike Service



TO REGISTER

Contact Name: Leanne Chalmers

Contact Number: 6025 1730

Date: 22/06/2014

Venue: North Albury Public

Time: 10am - 2pm

Email: LEANNE.CHALMERS@det.nsw.edu.au

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Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Reading your child's report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder... always does her best... lacks concentration... easily distracted... a pleasure to teach... Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar?

Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1 Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2 Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3 Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it?

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child's progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

Focus on strengths Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting

in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don't dismiss these as unimportant.

Take note of student self-assessment

Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.



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BUNNINGS BBQ – SUNDAY 20TH JULY

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Time	Name	Contact Number
8.00-9.00 Set up		
9.00-10.00		
10.00-11.00		
11.00 – 12.00		
12.00 – 1.00		
1.00 – 2.00		
2.00 – 3.00		
3.00 – 4.00 Pack up		

If you are able to assist, please detach and return to the school office at the earliest opportunity.

Thanking you.