



## COMING EVENTS

### Term 3

- Tues 8 Chess Tournament
- Wed 9 P&C Meeting 6pm
- Thu 17 Yr 2 Exc REEC  
Stage 2 Snow  
Excursion
- Fri 18 Yr 1 Exc REEC
- Mon 21 Kinder & Year 2  
Town Library
- Tue 22 Year 1 Town Library
- Wed 23 Book Character  
Parade
- Thur 24 Kinder Exc REEC  
S2 Town Library
- Fri 25 P&C Fete Mufti Day  
Premier's Reading  
Challenge closes
- Mon 28 NAPLAN Online tests

### September

- Mon 4 Premiers Spelling  
Bee
- Tues 5-7 Stage 3 Sydney  
Excursion
- Mon 11 Red Ball Todd  
Woodbridge Cup

### Term 4

#### October

- Fri 13 P&C Fete Mufti Day
- Wed 18 Kinder 2018 Parent  
Info session
- 24-25 Kinder Orientation
- 31 Kinder Orientation

#### November

- Wed 1 Kinder Orientation
- Fri 3 P&C School Fete

#### December

- Thu 7 Presentation Night

**Book Character Parade**  
**Wednesday 23 August**  
**Save the date!**



**Achievement and How 2 Learn**  
**Awards Week 2, Term 3, 2017**

*Throughout this Bulletin the term parent means parent, guardian and care provider.*

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## BULLETIN 23

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## *A Word or Two From the Principal*

### Education Week and Book Fair

What an incredible week of activities to showcase public education and more specifically, sharing with our families our education journey! Congratulations to all the students, parents and teachers that made this week memorable for our students whether it be performances from our school band, choirs, dancers, chess teams or representatives for the Riverina Central Choir. A sincere thank you to all our school community members who supported our open classrooms and annual Book Fair.

### The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey Term 3 – Year 4 and 6

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students in Year 4 and Year 6 also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I would like to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 21 August and 13 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 18 August**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

### NAPLAN Online– From Monday 28 August

Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in online testing for NAPLAN. This testing is only to trial our computer systems in preparation for NAPLAN Online for 2018. There will be no results provided of student performance. As of 2018 students in Year 3 and Year 5 will complete the testing online.

Parents interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

*Ms Whyte, Principal*

**SOUTH WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**ESTABLISHED 1892**

## CLASS REQUIREMENTS and the SCHOOL EQUIPMENT FUND

*Have you paid your class requirements?  
Payment to be made to the office as soon as possible.  
Online payments (accessed from the schools website) can be made as well as cash or cheque payments.*

Kindergarten: \$15.00

Year 1: \$30.00

Year 2: \$30.00

Years 3 & 4: \$30.00

Years 5 & 6: \$50.00

**We are now asking for the Voluntary Contributions - The School Equipment Fund to support the school contribution amounts are:**

**One child \$40.00, Two children \$50.00 Three or more children \$60.00**

### Canteen Roster

#### Week 4 Term 3

Mon 7: Tracey  
Tues 8: Tracey  
Wed 9: Tracey  
Thu 10: Tracey  
Fri 11: Help wanted please



**Canteen helpers required on any day you are able, please contact Tracey in the canteen.**

**Please note all lunch orders must be handed into the Canteen before the start of school.**

## REMINDERS

### Yrs 1,2, 3 and 4 In2Cricket Skills Program

Starts Thursday 31st August for 4 weeks.  
Cost \$8.00. Notes and money due Wednesday 17 August.

### Stage 2 Excursion—Mt Selwyn & Yarrangobilly Caves

Stage 2 excursion is on Thursday 17 August.. Cost \$50.00. Notes and money due Friday 11 August.

### Stage 3 Sydney Excursion

Stage 3 excursion is on Tuesday 5 September - Thursday 8 September. Cost \$280.00. Notes and money due Friday 18 August.

## Achievement Awards



- KC:** Furious Freemantle—Great inferring in class discussions  
**KH:** Lawson Purtill-Wright—Persistence in the engine room  
**1C:** Lucy Tonkin—Being a kind and caring member of 1C  
**1J:** Finn Brodie—Building understanding by interpreting and discussing inferred meanings  
**2B:** Mimi Sarantakos—Being a quiet and diligent learner  
Arthur Ruwald—Being a great friend to everyone  
**2H:** Clive Riethmuller—Being a technology guru and solving problems  
Zoe Willis—Showing initiative towards helping others in the computer lab  
**3/4A:** Jack Rodham—Excellent Education Week performance  
Milla Pavitt—Enthusiasm for improving her swimming  
**3/4CP:** Sarah Hardy—Contributions to discussions  
Cleo Mascini—Publishing an interesting writing piece  
**3/4L:** Sadurshi Prabakaran—effort during swimming  
Reeve Butler—Effort and listening during swimming  
**3/4P:** James Springett—Trying hard with his bookwork  
Tom Egan—Contributions to literacy  
**5/6B:** Caitlyn Harvey—Awesome energy in the class  
Abby Henman—Impressive improvement  
**5/6C:** Lucas Livio—Exceptional vocal performance  
Adam Linsell—Effort with choir  
**5/6S:** Hugh Smith—Improved comprehension responses  
Sam Williams—Becoming a more independent learner  
Rio Weidemann—Excellent dance moves in footsteps



Special Awards: Caleb Harvey 2B

## How 2 Learn Awards



- KC:** Noah Delves—Great imitation in footsteps dance  
**KH:** Nate Williams—Making connections during learning  
**1C:** Rubi Clark—Making connections in reading  
**1J:** Owen Davidson—Critical thinking and looking for evidence before believing something  
**2B:** Willow Pietsch—Perseverance in maths  
**2H:** Louie Mortimer—Showing resilience in handwriting and using his left hand while his right hand is injured  
**3/4A:** Felix McNellie—Showing great resilience  
**3/4CP:** Rhys Beer—Critical thinking in writing  
**3/4L:** Hugo Le Lievre—Absorption in swimming  
**3/4P:** Tenah Silo—Positive attitude to learning  
**5/6B:** Imogen Rodham—Positive attitude  
**5/6C:** Luke Barnhill—Application and effort  
**5/6S:** Lucy Bourne—Being a mature and extremely responsible student at all times



### University Science

Distinction- Arthur Thomas  
Credit- Ella Davidson and Sinali Udamadura  
Merit- Quintesaa Sankar

### Digital Technologies

Credit- Quintesaa Sankar, Xander Sutherland, and Mahek Jain  
Merit- Sadurshi Prabakaran, Ella Davidson and Sinali Udamadura

**Congratulations to these students who received certificates for their performance in the University of NSW ICAS international tests.**



## STAGE 2 SCIENCE



3/4 Galahs have been investigating the properties of solids, liquids and gases in Science.

**Making slime is fun but messy!**

Mrs Creasey



### Boys Soccer Victory!

Well done to the boys soccer team who defeated Lake Albert Public School on Wednesday 5-0. All the boys had a brilliant match and fought hard right to the end. I'm really proud of each team member! Our next game is yet to be determined as we await other schools to play off.

Mr Brodie



## School's Tree Day—Planet Ark

On Thursday last week some of our classes participated in the annual tree planting day. We were able to enhance our school environment through adding some native grasses and planting some large eucalyptus trees that will tower above our playground for years to come! Thank you to Mr Dickinson for his guidance and the WWCC for their ongoing support.  
Mr Brodie

## Stage 2 Major Excursion— Mt Selwyn and Yarrangobilly Caves

Students in Stage 2 will be invited to attend an excursion to the snowfields and to explore the caves system on Thursday 17 August. The cost of the excursion is \$50.00, payment is due by the 11 August. Students will depart SWPS at 7.00am and be returning at 5.30pm on that day. Students have received further information and a permission note.



Congratulations Zara for placing 2nd in the Alpine event and came 6th in the Skier X event. She was the only one outside of the Jindabyne and Canberra schools to receive a medal. This is the best she has ever done and we are all very excited for her. Zara will attend the state competition on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th August. Zara has won quite a prestigious award. She has won the 'Rising star award' which enables her to have 2 days of race coaching through the Thredbo Ski Racing Club on the 12th - 13th August. Well done Zara!



Tony Lockett Shield

On Monday, the SWPS Australian Rules team played against Bermagui PS in the knockout round of the Tony Lockett Shield. It was extremely wet, raining throughout the entire game. We got out to a fast start, leading comfortably at half time but Bermagui fought back throughout the second half. In the end we held on to win 3.6.24 to 2.1.13. Our goal kickers were Masyn Pavitt 2 and Riley Schofield 1. Best players were Cohen Benson, Tom Davies, Hugh Bent, Jacko Clarke and Eric Gardner.

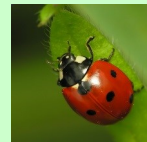
## Kindergarten

On 27 July our kindergarten students celebrated their 100th day at school. We spent the day learning and playing together and we shared fairy bread with 100's and 1000's.



## **Stage 1 Riverina Environment Education Centre**

Stage One students have the opportunity to visit the Riverina Environmental Education Centre (REEC) to investigate the needs of living things as part of their science unit. Students have received permission notes today. Students will be attending the centre on the following dates:



Kindergarten- 24 August

Year 1- 18 August

Year 2 -17 August

The Kindergarten program is designed to provide opportunities for students to investigate the needs of living things and how the use of our senses helps us stay alive. In this program, students are made the carer for their own native Australian animal. The challenge is set – using a passport, return your animal to its correct native habitat. Learn about the needs of your animal and its adaptations to survive in its natural environment. The activities provided allow students to use scientific processes while they play, create, investigate and explore. Stage 1 students will explore small animals leading to a better understanding of how their adaptations help them to survive in their habitats. Students will engage in hands on activities such as: a bushwalk, collecting samples and observing under microscopes, sampling a range of terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates, investigating plant adaptations to Australian environments and caring for the bush.

## **Learning through investigation in KH**



Thank you to Andrew Davies (Tom and Lucy's dad) for providing some real cotton bushes from his farm for kindergarten to use in their investigation centre recently. The students were amazed to see how cotton is actually farmed before it is made into products such as their own school uniforms.

## **Exciting Tennis News**

Our school tennis team, Abbey Senior, Tom Davies, Masyn Pavitt and Innes Treharne, will travel to Orange next Monday to play their quarter final match against Cudgegong Public School. The team have been training with Mrs Hodges before school and have also been lucky to receive some extra sessions with Troy Smith from Tennis NSW and Karen and Gary Staines. We wish the team the best of luck on Monday as they play off for a position in the finals, to be held in Sydney on Monday 21 August.



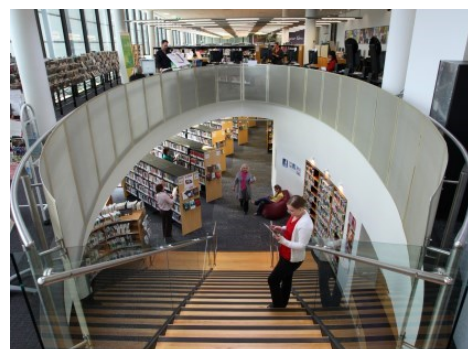
## **Kindergarten, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4**

The students will be participating in a free tour of the Town Library coinciding with Book Week (week 6).

Monday 21 August—Kinder and Year 2

Tuesday 22 August—Year 1

Thursday 23 August—Years 3 and 4.





Footsteps Dance and Disco 27 July



More photos  
next week



Education Week  
Market Place 2 August 2017



Book Fair - 3 August 2017

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