Hi Families

Week 6 proved to be another busy week and we were fortunate enough to have visits from both Kay Kirkman, our Assistant Regional Director and Lyn Hughes, our Transitions and Partnerships Officer. I am pleased to say both were extremely impressed by our classrooms, students’ work, school improvement agenda and priorities for 2016. Our Age Appropriate Pedagogies work is closely linked to our Annual Implementation Plan, which prioritises reading comprehension strategies and writing. Staff have completed a lot of work in this area already and this will continue as the year progresses.

A reminder that Cross Country is on next Thursday. Trudy Tappin & Emma Corfield will be opening a treat kitchen for this day, in which we have attached a menu with this newsletter. Parents are welcome to place their own order on the form too. Can you please ensure you return your completed order by Tuesday 8th March. Our sports days are always a good opportunity to have Treat Kitchen as we are able to share lunch with families. Ingredients can be reimbursed from P&C if you would prefer not to donate, we just need the receipt!

Thank you to the families who have offered to assist with the RSL raffles next Friday. This is a great night and having people volunteer is fantastic!

For our 4-6 families, I have attached a copy of the upcoming car wash timetable. Thank you to the Johnson and Wickham family who have overseen this and put in most of the ground work. This will take place on Saturday 19th March. Please help spread the word.

A big thank you to those families who supported our cake stall last week. Whether you donated time at the stall or some baking, it was appreciated. Special mention to those families that were clearly baking for days. This really helped to ensure we had adequate items to sell on the day. Thank you.

My apologies for the change in date for the science show this week. There was a double booking and our guests just weren’t able to make it to us. They will be here on Thursday 17th March at 2pm.

Just a reminder that the Canberra Camp meeting is being held in Jambin at 4pm on 17th March. Pam Walsh, Manager of Educators, will address families discussing itineraries and questions. All flights are now booked — it is getting exciting!

The mobile library will be returning to us next Tuesday. For those students who are borrowing books, please remember to return them. A few students have outstanding books from last year. These will also need to be returned.
This week, we have been building our spinning toys! They look amazing, please come by and have a peek. The preps have been practising counting backwards from 10 and comparing quantities. The year 1 students have writing about significant family events in history, while the year 2 students have been looking at significant events in Australian history and how they are celebrated in the community (e.g. ANZAC day).

We have been very fortunate and our Aqua-dragons are still alive! The students have been observing them and watching how they have already grown and changed in ways.

Are you 17 years old or under and a little bit creative? Get Crafty this school holidays and you could win $100.....

Callide Valley Show Junior All Rounder—in Memory of Shelley Muller/ Delroy.

Highest Number of Points ($50)

Highest number of exhibits ($50)

Must have entries in at least four of the following section:

Horticulture, Cake Decorating, Cooking, Needlework & Sewing, Art, Photography, Scrapbooking, Handicraft.

Please see the show schedule at www.callidevalleyshow.org.au for more information. (“Callide Valley Show” is now on facebook)

SALLY’S HAIR SALON

As part of our 2016 Camp fundraising, Mrs Neve will be dedicating her hairdressing skills, and holding her very own salon, here at the school. It will be held on Wednesday 16th March, and will cater for Men’s, women’s & children’s haircuts. Please phone the school to make an appointment. Times available are: 8am—9am and 3:20pm onwards.

MENS CUT—$15.00

BOYS CUT—$10.00

GIRLS TRIM—$10.00

LADIES STYLE CUT—$20.00

(please make sure your hair is washed before your cut—may also be a great way to get ready for school photo day on 22nd March)

WORD OF THE WEEK

FIENDISH
Dear Parents

I hope you and your children are enjoying first term as much as I am! Recently Mrs Northey came across this worthwhile quote:

“[Many teachers now] understand that SEL promotes young people’s academic success, engagement, good behaviour, cooperation with others, problem-solving abilities, health, and wellbeing, while also preventing a variety of problems such as truancy, alcohol and drug use, bullying, and violence. In recent years, we have seen many promising signs of progress.” (Civic Enterprises, 2013)

It has long been my passion to supplement the wonderful education children receive at school with elements of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) – basically “life skills”. Since Mrs Northey also believes in this, she and I have been using a programme called “Bounce Back” in Monday afternoon Chappy sessions. The term encapsulates the idea of RESILIENCE – those all-important strategies we use to “bounce back” after life has thrown a few curved balls at us. The programme also looks at other valuable life skills, such as optimistic thinking, developing healthy relationships, countering bullying and emotional self-regulation. The skills and strategies taught are based on some great core values, such as honesty, cooperation, fairness, inclusion, responsibility and so on.

The “Bounce Back” programme has been widely used in schools for many years, and if you’re interested, more details can be found on their website: [http://www.bounceback.com.au/](http://www.bounceback.com.au/). We believe these sessions will not only improve the students’ personal well-being, but also help with their success at school. Remember, feedback is welcome!

Thanks for having me in your wonderful school,

Chappy Selma

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3-6 NEWS

3-6 news

We are well underway with or learning programs and data is currently being collected to inform future teaching. Attendance in our class has been fantastic! Well done.

In literacy we have been talking about the plot. We have also worked on planning and thinking about how the events will unfold in our stories. If we plan well, we don’t need to think so hard when we write and can focus on other areas!

Ms Gray has been away so the 3-4 students have worked with Mrs Northey for maths. We have started looking at data and the different types of graphs. If you are reading the newspaper, perhaps highlight a graph and discuss the information we can get from it.

The 5-6 students have also been working on data, and in particular, two way tables. Two way tables allows us to make comparisons. See if you can find an example in newspapers and magazines.

If you do find examples of graphs, bring them in so we can display them around the classroom.

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Schools Officer - Brenda Koroiko

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Vice President—Cherie Gooding
Treasurer—Adam Northey
Secretary—Tegan Pratt
RREAP Representative—Melissa Blyton
Treat Kitchen Co-ordinator—Emma Corfield

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mobile Library—Tuesday 8th March
Prospect Creek Cross Country— Thursday 10th March
Treat Kitchen—Thursday 10th March
Prospect Creek Hair Salon - Wednesday 16th March
Science Show—Thursday 17th March
Canberra Camp Meeting—Jambin—Thurs 17th March 4pm
Callide Valley Small Schools Cross Country – Friday 18 March (Wowan) (10, 11, 12 yr old only)
SCHOOL PHOTO’S—Tuesday 22nd March
Last Day of Term 1—Thursday 24th March
First Day of Term 2—Monday 11th April
Prospect Creek Athletics Carnival—Wednesday 18th May
Wusty’s Run—Saturday 21st May
Callide Valley Small Schools Athletics Wowan—Friday 27th May

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Charlie—Always smiling and trying when learning!
Jordan—Always striving to reach learning goals and improving his work!

Well Done!!