NEWSLETTER - 20th August 2015

24th - 28th Aug Book Fair in Library
28th Aug - K-6 Book Parade
4th Sept - Galla Day 2
14th Sept - EXTRAVAGANZA
18th Sept - Disco
18th Sept - Last Day Term 3
6th Oct - Students and Staff Return for Term 4
12th Oct - Cancer Relay Walk
23rd Oct - Spring Fair

From The Principal

Community Forum
A huge thank you to all the parents and community members who attended the Feedback Forum at Rydges on Tuesday night. We appreciate and value the feedback we received from the community in relation to the overall operation of the school. Staff will now be working on strategies to address suggestions that were put forward and these will underpin the direction we will take as a school for 2016. In term 4 parents and community will be invited to view the school plan for 2016 and to discuss future directions.

Mrs Lester

Kindergarten 2016
We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten for 2016. If you have a child who is turning 5 on or before July 31st 2016 they can start next year. Please come and see one of our friendly office staff for an enrollment form. Kindergarten orientation will commence in Term 4.

If you know of any new families in the area or families that have school aged children starting Kindergarten next year, please let them know they can come and enrol.

Mrs Lester

Spring Fair 2015
Our Spring Fair will be held on Friday 23rd October 2015. We kindly ask for donations of the following to help make our day fun and special:
- lollies to help with lolly bags
- cooking chocolate, marshmallows and wooden skewers for chocolate fondue
- coloured hair spray
- pre-loved items for the Aladdins Cave

All donations may be left at the office.

Mrs Collins
Spring Fair Coordinator

PBL Badges for July
Alina 5C - Safe Award
Alina is a conscientious, hard-working student who always works well independently. She sets an example of excellence in behaviour and cooperation. Alina is a valued member of the class and is well-liked by her classmates. She follows directions and works independently and stays on task. Alina is kind and helpful to everyone in the classroom and always treats other students with fairness and understanding.

Sina 2H - Respectful Award
Sina is a caring student who is always respectful to her peers, teachers and visitors. She patiently waits for other students to listen and demonstrates active listening skills. Sina responds to class discussions by raising her hand and waiting for her turn to contribute to lessons. During partner talk, Sina will pose questions to her partner and listen to their responses. On the playground, Sina is a great friend, ensuring she takes turn with her friends, and always assists them if they are hurt or upset. Sina’s respectful attitude is something that she should be very proud of.

Masina 6C - Learner Award
Masina is the quiet achiever in 6C who always takes pride in her learning and completes all class work to the highest standard. She is an organised Learner who never makes a fuss or excuses on why she is not ready to learn. Before each lesson Masina makes sure she has the correct books and equipment to complete the task and gets to work straight away. If she is experiencing difficulty she tries to work it out herself before asking the teacher for help. Masina has worked really hard in Literacy and Mathematics this term and has consistently achieved fantastic results. Her bookwork is always neat and tidy and she completes her homework on time. Great work Masina!

Keep up the great work you should be proud of yourselves!

Year 5 Science Enrichment Day
On Tuesday 18th August Year 5 students went to Ambarvale High School for a Science Enrichment day. The students participated in Physics and Chemistry lessons that are similar to the content they will learn when they go to high school. Ambarvale High School students and teachers did a brilliant job of delivering the lessons and feedback from our teachers and students was that it was a valuable experience and early transition to High School.

Miss Sinnott

RSPCA Cupcake Day
Thank you to everyone for your support of the RSPCA fund raiser. The students loved their cupcakes and we raised approx. $1000.00.

Miss Kelly

Book Week and Book Fair
Book Week is fast approaching and we have some wonderful things planned for the students this year.

Monday 24th-Friday 28th August: Book Fair (in the Library). We deal with CENTRAL BOOK SUPPLIES who buy excess stock from publishers and are able to supply books at heavily discounted rates. The perfect time to purchase some early Christmas presents!

Opening Hours for Parents:
8.30-9.00a.m every morning
3.00-3.30 p.m. Monday 24th-Thursday 27th
Students are also able to buy books at lunch times.

Read-A-Thon: Our Read-A-Thon will run from Monday 24th August to Friday 4th September 2015 (Book Week and Literacy Week). There has been an issue for students wanting to logon and to create their own profile but this should be fixed before the Read-A-Thon begins. All students will be involved in the Read-A-Thon regardless of whether they have sponsors or not.

Friday 28th August: Book Parade 9.30 a.m. Parents welcome to attend the parade. Our book parade has always been a great success and lots of fun and is for all students K-6. Students from older grades will be walking with their buddy classes and at the conclusion of the parade will be sharing a story with a younger student in the classroom. Students are to dress in a costume representing a character from a book or movie, but if that is not possible, children are to come to school in school uniform.

Mrs Jansen

School Banking
One of the most important life skills your child will ever learn is SAVINGS. The earlier children start good saving habits, the longer those behaviours will stay with them.

School Banking encourages regular saving with an exciting Rewards Program to motivate children to save.

Bank books can be handed into the office on a Monday. Parent volunteers will process the banking throughout the week and bank books will be returned after processing, by Friday at the latest.

Tokens
Commonwealth Bank now has a new format for students to collect their reward tokens and this is causing confusion as your child may have ten tokens in their bank wallet but when the volunteers look online it may only say 8 and therefore the volunteers cannot process the request. We are trying to sort this out with the Commonwealth Banking Contact. If you have any questions about this please come and see us and we will see what we can do to rectify it.

DONATIONS TO KEMPS CREEK ANIMAL SHELTER
Mrs Collins of 5C is collecting used/clean bedding and towels which she will drop off to the Kemps Creek Animal Centre. The Centre is in desperate need for warm, clean linen for their large number of animals waiting for a home. If you can help please drop off your linens at the school office. Thank you in advance.

Mrs Chloe Collins SB

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, Woolworths will give you one Earn & Learn Point sticker for every $10 you spend in the store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). This year you or your parents can use your purchase receipt and the checkout operator to give you the stickers and you can either send those to school or place them on a sticker card and when that is full send it to the office.

You will be able to track our progress on our point's barometer online at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn