Welcome to week 7 of Term 4.

On 19 November we will be having a Japanese food tasting opportunity followed by activities for the whole school. 1/2 and 3/4/5/6 have been learning about Japan with Mrs Miller and this supports that learning. A note has gone home asking for assistance with this initiative. If you do not have this note, copies are available at the office. Families are welcome to come along and join in the activities on Thursday - payment is only needed if you are tasting the Japanese food. Please return money by tomorrow (Wednesday 18th November) at the latest for catering purposes.

The results of the Tell Them From Me survey are now available to the school. I will be presenting a report to the P&C at their meeting this Thursday 19 November. Thank you to the parents who completed the survey, we appreciate the time and effort you took to do this.

On 20 November our school parliament is hosting Footy Colours Day raising money for the Cancer Foundation to help fight cancer through a gold coin donation. The P&C are having a barbecue lunch for the students and their families on this day.. Families are encouraged to attend the lunch and be part of the touch football and soccer games that will be played at lunch time.

The P&C are asking you to become part of an easy fundraising event. A note has gone home asking you to become involved in a meat tasting trial on Thursday 26 November from 11:30 -12:30pm at the Charles Sturt University. Please consider being a part of this tasty opportunity as we require a group of twenty to attend. We have had only a small response to this so far, our P&C work hard for our school and would appreciate your support.

On 26 November students from 3/4/5/6 will present persuasive arguments through creative visual text about what is good about attending small schools. These will be screened at Wagga Wagga Public School hall in the evening, along with the creations from the other small schools in our network. The students are enjoying learning and creating together and would like to invite you to this premier. All of our community is welcome to attend, not just the parents of 3/4/5/6. The night will begin at 6:30pm and should conclude by 7:30pm. See the attached poster.

A local charity has asked us for donations of food and gifts to be distributed to local families prior to Christmas. A box is now in the office for these donations.

There is a variety of photos from classes in our articles for the Kapooka Chronicle. If you do not wish your child to be part of this, please let the school know by Friday 20 November.

Please remember to include a fork or spoon in your child’s lunch box if their food requires it.

Regards

Lyn

have a nice day!
**AWARDS:**
Table Champions: Skylah, Olivia, Frazer, Caitlyn, Rylan
Congratulations to all the above students. Well Done!

**SCHOOL NEWS:**
- **Work Book Fees.** Those families who have still not paid their children’s work book fees, would you please do so immediately, or contact the office to discuss assistance in this matter.
- **JAPAN day on Thursday 19th November at school.**
- **On the back page is some information for parents re school attendance.** If you are taking your child out of school for a length of time, eg, family leave for a few days/weeks, would you please advise the school and complete an application for exemption from school attendance.

**P & C NEWS:**
- **P & C meeting change of time, 2pm on Thursday 19th November.**
- **CANTEEN - 20th November, meal deal—Cheese burger/sausage sandwich + popper. This day is also FOOTY COLOURS DAY. P & C would like to invite parents along to enjoy a cheeseburger and a kick of the footy at lunchtime. Keep an eye out for a note coming home in the following weeks.**
- **Uniform Shop - the uniform shop will open during the school holidays for new families arriving in town and parents who find those summer clothes are now too small. Monday 11th January, 11.00 am and Monday 25th January, 11am.**

**Chocolate roster person is:**
- Charis Richardson 17th November
- Rachael Fox 24th November
- Jordon Roberts 1st December

**Key points to remember around schools**

**Road safety**

7 Safety around school crossings
8 40km school zone

**Driving and parking safely near the school**

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DSTA NEWS:

Dates for Final Day at KPS
As we have a number of families posting out, we need to confirm what date will be your child’s last day at KPS, as I believe that some dates may have changed. Please advise myself or the school’s office ASAP.

‘Getting Ready to Move’
This Thursday afternoon, the children who are posting out will discuss the moving process and what they can expect to see. For example, what does ‘Pre-pack’ and ‘Uplift’ mean? What will the removalists bring to pack their precious things in? What items will be packed and what items will stay in the house?
Please have a chat with your child after Thursday’s session to see how they are coping with the upcoming move and don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.
Children’s worlds can be affected in ways that we can’t even conceive of so adults need to be both sensitive to children’s needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children.
In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.”

Current World events and your child  - by Michael Grose

“Graphic images have been brought into our living rooms and onto our devices via the media over the last few days, and will continue to do so in the immediate future.
But what about the impact of the event and the subsequent media coverage on children and young people?
As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of tragedies such as terrorist attacks. In reality we can’t do this.
So what is a parent or other caring adult to do when such events fill the airwaves and the consciousness of society?
Here are some ideas:

1. Reassure children that they are safe. The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don’t understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while this event is indeed happening it will not affect them directly.
2. Explain what happened. Sounds obvious but it’s important not to simply assume that children and young people understand what’s happened. Be calm and stick the facts, using a map to show older children where it happened.
3. Be available. Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.
4. Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television. Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.
5. Support children’s concerns for others. They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those concerns. It is heart warming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.
6. Let them explore feelings beyond fear. Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions.
7. Avoid keeping the television on all the time. The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitising to others.
8. Be aware of your own actions. Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.

School Posting Passports
If your child has a ‘School Posting Passport’ book and they are posting out this year, please bring their passport into school ASAP, so I can stamp their book.

Kind regards, Thérèse therese.mctavish1@det.nsw.edu.au
St Vincent de Paul Society

Wanted - Donations of NON-PERISHABLE food items suitable for inclusion for a Christmas Hamper.

Items such as:
- Tinned food / puddings / sauces
- Lollies
- Chips
- Biscuits
- Soft drink
- Christmas serviettes / tablecloth
- Christmas decorations
- Toys for children

Please leave your item at the front office foyer in the box provided. Thank you.

Celebrate Attendance
Hints and Tips No. 2: Teaching good habits

It is important for parents to make attending school a priority.

Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only sends the wrong message to your child, it is also against the law.

Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older.

Teach your children that being on time is important. Children that are often late to school miss the part of the school day when the teacher explains new activities. The beginning of the day is also when many students are freshest and can concentrate better.

Students that are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.

Celebrate Attendance
Hints and Tips No. 3: Writing notes

Parents or caregivers are required by law to provide an explanation to the principal to say why their child was absent from school.

A note of explanation should contain:
1. Date that the note was written;
2. Child’s name;
3. Days/dates the child was absent from school;
4. The reason the child was absent;
5. The signature of the child’s parent or caregiver.

If more than one child from the same family has been absent a separate note for each child should be written.

A note should be brought to school on the first day the student returns to school after an absence. Your school is required to investigate all unexplained absences (where a child has been absent and no explanation has been received) within two days.

Did your child give the note to their teacher? This can sometimes be a problem with younger children.
Flooding after our big rain on Friday

Dry spot for blue-faced honey-eater

Help
Wagga Wagga Community of Small Schools’ Movie Night

Theme: Little Schools are so Awesome!

Date: Thursday 26th November
Time: 6:30pm

Come and view movies made by our students about why they think small schools are so awesome.