**DIARY**

**Term 1 - April**

1 - P&C, 9.15-short meeting
2 - Uniform shop open 9.30
2 - Kapooka Cross Country
   - Reward day
   - Sibling hat parade, 2.30
   - Students hat parade, 2.45
   - Mufti day, wear green/black and gold, joggers and gold coin donation
   - Mobile Library, 11.30-1.00
   - Yr 6 exc payment due
3 - GOOD FRIDAY / Easter
3-17 - School Holidays
16 - Mobile Library, 11.30-1.00
20 - Staff return to sch for T2
21 - Students return to school
   - ANZAC service, 1.30pm
30 - School Parliament 12.15
   - Mobile Library, 11.30-1.00

**May**

7 - P & C mtg, 9.15am
8 - Small School Athletics
   - Assembly 3/4/5/6
12 t014 - NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5
14 - Mobile Library, 11.30-1.00
21 - Sydney Symphony Orchestra @ Civic Theatre

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School Banking - Friday

Uniform shop - Fri-9:15am

NO EFTPOS available only CASH or CHEQUE

CHANGE DATE TO WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK

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Kapooka School APP
http://www.myauschools.com

Username - community
Password - kapookaps

*I want to be… School Principal*

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

Welcome to week 10 of Term 1.

**What an interesting and fun night!** On Tuesday 24 March Mr Mick O’Dea came to the school for some stargazing. Braving the cold, we found many constellations, looked at the moon and Jupiter through his telescope and learnt how to use the stars to find the points of the compass. Both the students and the parents enjoyed the experience and learnt many fun facts. We really appreciate Mr O’Dea donating his time to us.

Our **athletics carnival** was held at the ARTC Athletics Track on Friday 27 March. The students competed fiercely and displayed fantastic sportsmanship by cheering each other on. Thank you to the many parents who took the time to attend and cheer for their children. Those students invited to compete in the track and field events at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Jubilee Park on Friday 8 May will be given a permission note early next term. Thank you to the ARTC for the use of their facility this year and for many years in the past. Due to changes, this is probably our last time in using the track for our Athletics carnival.

**I Want To Be Day** was run by the School Parliament on Wednesday 25 March. Forty nine dollars was raised to send to The Kids’ Cancer Project. Student’s costumes were many and varied from wanting to be a superhero to vets, doctors and nurses to name a few. On this day also a committee from 3/4/5/6 sold **ice cream with toppings** at lunch to raise money for the year 6 farewell present. They raised $39 and made many students very happy!

Two winners of our school **public speaking competition** from Stage 2 and Stage 3 competed at Collingullie Public School in our Small Schools’ Public Speaking competition on Tuesday 24 March. Sebastian and Taylah represented our Stage 2 and Ceilo and Ashley our Stage 3 students. The competition was fierce and each student spoke well. A big congratulations to Ceilo who was successful in winning the Stage 3 section of the competition.

Our **Cross Country race** is being held at the Riverina Environmental Education Centre on the last day of term (2 April). Please return the permission slip by the due date. Volunteers to assist us with check points around the course will be most welcome.

On this day (2nd April) our **Green Level reward** activity will be happening with the P&C organising an Easter egg hunt after we return from the cross country. Students will also be making an Easter hat in their classroom to parade at 2.45pm. You are all invited to attend the parade. P&C will also run a ‘sibling’ Easter Hat parade at 2.30pm on Thursday.

The devastation the cyclone has wreaked on Vanuatu has been in the news recently. We have been asked to be part to the Salvation Army Schools and Community Multi Day Fundraiser Initiative for all Wagga schools. On Thursday 2 April students may wear mufti (sun safe with suitable running shoes for the cross country please) and bring a gold coin donation for this initiative. **Green and black** is the theme for this day as these are the colours for Natural Disasters Awareness.

This is our **last paper copy** of the newsletter as from next term we will be going **paperless**. The newsletter will be available on our web site, our APP and if you would like to be emailed a copy that is also an option. If you would like a copy emailed, please send the address to the school or if you still require a paper copy please **let the school know by Thursday 2 April**.

With this newsletter are articles written by students about the many events that have happened in the school this term. I am sure you will be astounded by how much we have done. Thank you to all parents who have assisted this term and made many of these possible. Some people I am aware of that I missed this term are the swimming helpers, Damien Gardiner, Melinda Prilick, Rachael Fox and Rebecca Rosowski, thank you for assisting with the groups, without volunteers these events would be difficult to run.

At our Author Day we were lucky to have the use of the Blamey Community Centre for the author workshop. Thank you, we really appreciate being able to use this to facilitate having a large group activity on our Small Schools day.

Our **Anzac Day ceremony** will take place next term on Tuesday 28 April at 1:30 near our flagpole. All are welcome to attend this ceremony.

Our 2015-2017 **School Plan** will be available on the school website from the first day of Term 2. Your contribution to the development of this plan has been appreciated. I encourage you to take the time to read it to find out the strategic directions our school will be following in the next 3 years. I am happy to discuss any part of the plan with you.

Enjoy your holidays. We look forward to seeing all students safe and happy next term on Tuesday 21 April. Enjoy your week,

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**Value:** TOLERANCE

Demonstrated by students when they -

TREAT OTHERS WITH UNDERSTANDING
Awards:
Merit Certificates: 3/4/5/6 - Cadence, Elsie, Olivia, Ashley
1/2/ Hayley, Charlotte, Abigail, Liam, Penny, Ava, Nikki, Hunter
Student of the Week: 3/4/5/6 - Celo, Chloe
Tables Champions: Raelene, Luke
Congratulations to the above students, well done!!

School News:
- Remember the change of delivery method of our newsletter next term. School website, school APP or email. Paper copies are available if requested.
- Let office know of community/family members attending the Athletics Carnival by Wednesday 25th March.

P & C News:
- Don’t forget our special P & C Meeting this Wednesday (1st April), at 9.15am (should only take 15minutes).
- As Friday is a public Holiday, Uniform Shop will open on Wednesday following the P & C Meeting.
- A winter uniform tunic order form is attached. One form per student please. Winter tunics can be ordered for a cost of $10.00 per tunic. A $10.00 deposit is required per student, (refundable on return of tunic).

Community News:
- Southern Sports Academy - will hold its annual Netball camp in April school holidays at Equex Centre on 14-17th April for children of all skill levels to receive top coaching. Former NSW Swifts player Jacki Mrphy will host the Junior Netball Camp. Players aged 7-10 on 14/15 April and aged 11-14 on 16/17 April. Contact Cathy Breese on 69318111/fax 69318011 or www.ssa-nsw.org.au

 DSTA News: ‘The Invisible String’
Last Monday all our students were invited to our library at lunch time to listen to ‘The Invisible String’ book. (I even managed to make a staff member cry, as she thought it was a beautiful book too)! In ‘The Invisible String’ book, inspirational author Patrice Karst shows children that they are always loved, whether their parents are near or far. Here’s a little more about this wonderful book…

“THE INVISIBLE STRING is a simple approach to overcoming the fear of loneliness or separation with an imaginative flair that children can easily identify with and remember. Here is a warm and delightful lesson teaching young and old that we aren’t ever really alone and reminding children that when we are loved beyond anything we can imagine. People who love each other are always connected by a very special String, made of love. Even though you can’t see it with your eyes, you can feel it deep in your heart, and know that you are always connected to the ones you love.”

The children in this photo have written some of the people’s names with whom they have an ‘Invisible String’ connection with. The Invisible String book is not available in the school library at the moment, (I only have one copy as a resource) but I will endeavour to get another copy as soon as possible, so children are able to loan this delightful book.

Easter Decorations
Today, all children are invited to come into the library at lunch time to make some Easter decorations to take home. Some photos will be in next term’s newsletter.

My hours this week: Monday & Tuesday from 9am to 3pm and Wednesday from 11.15am to 12.15pm. Please note that I will be in class from 11.15am to 12.15pm from Monday to Wednesday.
Wishing you all a happy, relaxing Easter break! I look forward to seeing you all again in Term 2.
Kind regards, Thérèse therese.mctavish1@det.nsw.edu.au

Wagga Magpies JRLFC est 1964
The new look Magpies family would like to invite all old & new players, boys & girls to join us for the 2015 season.
All 6 -15yrs players should attend training at Parramore Park on Wednesdays at 4:30pm with Registrations taken at the clubhouse facility. Shorts, socks and sports bag are supplied.
Season commences 11th April
Also calling for expression of interest for coaches in age groups 6-15 yrs. Great opportunity with club ambassadors Terry Lamb, Royce Simmons, Brett Finch & The Mortimers guiding coaches & players throughout the year
Enquiries to Troy Wilson (president) 0429 904 526 email wlb76@gmail.com
In case you have trouble reading what the children have written and illustrated, we have also typed it up for you.

- When I led Year 1/2 assembly I was excited and scared and Emma was doing it too. She was excited and scared too. We were so excited. **By Taylor**

- When I led Year 1/2 assembly I was nervous to talk but I was happy to get the certificate. **By Emma**

- On Harmony Day I felt excited in the morning and when I got to school. I was happy and all my friends were happy. We all had to wear orange. I wore an orange dress and Mickeely wore one too with flowers on it. Ava wore an orange t-shirt and a skirt. Harmony Day is about that it doesn’t matter if you look different you can be friends still. **By Millicent**

- When I grow up I want to be a knight so I can protect my family. **By Jackson**

- When I grow up I want to be a police chief because I want to have handcuffs. **By Kilian**

- When I grow up I want to be a nurse because my Nan and Mum are nurses. **By Ava**

- When I grow up I want to be a teacher so I can help children to learn. **By Julie-May**

- When I grow up I want to be a builder so I can build my house. **By Logan**

- When I grow up I want to be a vet when I grow up. When I’m old I’m going to be a nurse. **By Mathilda**
Taylor

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Why because I want to have hard cars.

Jackson.

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Kilian

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Millicent

When I grow up
Wagga Wagga PSSA Swimming Carnival - I went to the small schools carnival, at the Oasis. I got 1st place in breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle, I also participated in the senior relay and got 3rd along with Ashley, Jessica, Kayleigh and of course me. I was very surprised to make it into the PSSA swimming carnival for freestyle and backstroke. Again it was held at Oasis. It was really fun, I got 4th for freestyle and 9th for backstroke. I hope to go again next year and swim my heart out with my class mates. Swimming is really awesome!!! By Kyah, yr 5

The lighting of the Eternal Flame
Ceilo, Ashley and I, with a lot of other schools, went to the Lighting of the Eternal Flame. I enjoyed the choir and the speeches from the Mayor of Wagga, an RSL representative, and a prayer from the Army Base Padre. The RSL choir also sang a song. There was a World War II Veteran that was there to light the Eternal Flame. It was an extremely hot and dry day that was a pleasure to attend. We sang Advance Australia Fair and had a minutes silence and listened to speeches from important people that came to the Lighting of the Eternal Flame.

By Chloe Walker, Ceilo and Ashley, yr 6

Ice Cream Day
We raised about $39.00 on ice cream for the year 6 farewell present. We hope everyone enjoyed the ice creams with marshmallows, sprinkles and toppings. By Connor and Rylan, yr 5

Star Gazing
On Tuesday, 24th March, we went out to school to do some star gazing at quarter to 8. We saw the Milky Way, the Moon and lots of other stuff. We looked through a telescope. Mr O’Dae showed us how to find North, South, East and West. Ashley said “thank you Mr O’Dae for coming” at the end.

By Luke, yr 4

Collingullie Speech
I went to Collingullie on Tuesday 24th March and I was so nervous. We went into the front office but no one was there. Then Mrs Rodet saw a cross stitch (she was trying to cross stitch but she has only got a little one). Anyway, we went down the back and there everyone was. Grace and Toby (School Captains) showed us the way to the Library (because we were doing the speech in the Library), Scout rang the bell. Everyone went into the Library and then Mrs Post called out the order of the speech first, second, third ….. I was the first person to talk. So I went up there and read my speech confidently and when I was finished I felt great. There were two girls that cried but the good thing was that they got up there and did it anyway. I had a great time.

By Taylah, yr 4

Swimming at BASE pool
This term my class went to the BASE pool. Some people couldn't swim properly so we would have to go in the shallow end. Some people could swim perfectly so they went to the deepest part of the pool. It was awesome and we all had a fun time. Thank you to our helpers.

By Olivia, yr 6

Want to be day!
We had an ‘I want to be day’ on Wednesday 25th March. We had a queen, teacher, punk, pop star, party animal, drama queen, science teacher and an AFL player. We had lots of fun on the day. The whole school loved it and we raised $49.00 for ‘I want to be day’.

By Skylah, yr 4

What it is like to be in the Riverina Central Choir
It is fun because I like to sing and get involved in things. I have met a lot of people in the choir. One of their names is Angel, she is very nice.

The song that we are learning at the moment is “Oh Danny Boy”. I like the song because it is very calming and has a good sound to it when we sing it as a choir.

Our choir is really good already, our choir teachers even said so. That is what I like about choir and what it is like to be in the choir.

By Kayleigh, yr 5

PSSA Wagga
Wagga Cricket Trials
On the 9th February, I went to the PSSA Cricket trials in Wagga Wagga and, no, I did not make it, but it was still really fun. We did batting, fielding and bowling. Next year I am going to try out again.

By Sebastian, yr 4
KAPOOKA PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C - GIRLS WINTER TUNIC HIRE

GIRLS WINTER TUNIC HIRE

Yes, I wish to hire …… Girl’s winter tunic/s at a cost of $10.00 each for terms 2 & 3 with an added refundable deposit of $10.00 per student

Date:……………..
Child's Name: ..............................................
Parent's Name: ..............................................
Contact Number: ..............................................
Hire Cost: $.............
Deposit: $.............
Total: $.............

Parent Signature on pickup/payment: ..................................................

Uniform shop representative: ..................................................

Please return this form to the school for processing/payment on Friday mornings between 9:15 & 9:30 or by prior arrangement with the uniform shop representative. Thankyou (One form per student)