Welcome to week 8 of Term 1.

This week our Small School’s Community of Schools will be at Kapooka on Wednesday 18 March to take part in our Author Day. Phil Kettle, the author of the Too Cool series is our guest author. The student population will swell to over 200 for the day, and provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to get to know peers from the other schools. When they are not with the author, students will be taking part in a rotation of quality literacy activities with teachers from all schools. I am sure your child will have a lot to tell you about this day. This is the first of our Small Schools’ activities; we will be travelling to join in Touch Day at Uranquinty as just one of our other activities later in the year.

On Friday 20 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day, a time to celebrate the many cultures which blend to make up the Australian culture. Your child is invited to wear orange on this day.

On Wednesday 18 March, Mt Austin High School will be holding their year 6 Taster Day (now meeting in the hall-not the Library) and Wagga Wagga High School their year 7 Information Night beginning at 6pm.

Monday 23 March is school photo day, please bring your order envelope on Monday. Children are to wear their summer school uniform. Girls - green checked dress or green shorts and polo shirt along with white socks. Boys, green polo shirt and grey shorts and grey socks.

On Tuesday 24 March we are very lucky to have Mr Mick O’Dea come to our school for some stargazing. 3/4/5/6 has been learning about the moon and the solar system in science. This is an opportunity to look through a telescope at the moon, Jupiter, constellations and the Milky Way. Everyone is welcome. The night begins at 7.45pm in the school grounds. A big thank you to Mr O’Dea for giving up his time for this.

Our athletics carnival will be held at the ARTC Athletics Track on Friday 27 March from 10.30 to 12noon. Field events will be held at school prior to Athletics day. Our P & C and Wagga Wagga High School their...
I WANT TO BE DAY - On Wednesday 25th March, you may dress up as What You Want to Be when you grow up. It’s a day to bring a gold coin donation to help find a cure for kid’s cancer. So dress up as a fireman, vet, nurse, teacher or an undercover spy agent, the limits are endless!!!! Let your imagination run WILD.

By Kyah Media/Communication Minister

P & C NEWS:
On Author Day, Wednesday 18th March, P & C will be selling zooper doopers for 50c each to those children NOT purchasing a meal deal. Money payable on the day.

We also require another 4 - 5 additional helpers on Wednesday (18th) to help out serving the kids meals. You will be required from 12.15pm for about 1 hour. Please catch me in playground before or after school if able to help.

The P & C are holding another short meeting this term on Wednesday 1st April at 9.15am to discuss Mother’s Day and Easter activities. Your input would be appreciated.

THANK YOU to the following people:
Thank you to Jordon Roberts, Ally Budde for their help with our Fish n chip meal deal day, it was a hit all round and will definitely be something to keep in mind to do again.

I would also like to thank Brina Hopkins, Charis Richardson, Jordon Roberts and Rachael Fox for taking time out to be rostered on for our chocolate fundraiser on Base, this is proving to work out very well all round. A big thank you also to Sarah Long who is auditing last year’s Treasurer books for P & C, your help is much appreciated.

Tomorrow’s chocolate Roster person is:
Rachael Fox

Earth Hour - Saturday 28th March
Earth Hour is exactly 2 weeks from today! Here are 4 tips for how to celebrate Earth Hour on Saturday 28th March with your friends and family:

1. Host a candle-lit dinner in the dark - inside, or under the stars!
2. Get the kids involved - with lantern making or a shadow puppet show at home.
3. Get creative! Make a Halloween-style carved vegetable with a 60+ logo and put it in your window to spread the word.

Watch this space - FAMILY WORKING BEE
Early next term we will be having a working bee to create and tidy up our gardens. Date to be confirmed, sharpen those tools, clean the gum boots and await date and time.

5000 Poppies project
The children and staff had a very busy time last week, making one poppy each to send to the 5000 Poppies project. The 5000 Poppies project is an exciting and ambitious nationwide community tribute of respect and remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings. The 5000 Poppies group invited all crafters across Australia to participate in this meaningful and heartfelt project. The poppies that have been sent in to the project will be made into 80 (1m x 10m) panels which will be displayed in Federation Square in Melbourne (and a number of other places in Australia and New Zealand) on ANZAC Day. After the ANZAC Day, the 5000 Poppies committee are hoping to tour the project nationally from 2015 to 2018 with the ultimate aim being to gift the entire project to the Australian War Memorial for all Australians to enjoy. (Fingers crossed!)

www.5000poppies.wordpress.com

The poppies that the children and staff at KPS made last week.

Welcome Home kit
When a parent or carer is away from home, we have ‘Welcome Home kits’ for the children to prepare for the long awaited arrival home! The kits can be either completed at lunchtime at school, or at home (it is up to each individual child to decide when they’d like to complete it). The kits include some paper (to make a Welcome Home poster), a Welcome home card to decorate, some stickers and some balloons. Simple, but very effective, as you can see from the poster below.

If you or your partner is going to be away, please let me know, so on your arrival home, your child can make something special for you. It is important that I hear the information from you, so please let me know at school, via email: therese.mctavish1@det.nsw.edu.au, or phone the school on 69312703. Please also inform your child’s teacher.

My hours this week: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9am to 3pm and Wednesday from 10.15am to 12.15pm. Please note that I will be in class 11.15am to 12.15pm from Monday to Thursday.

Kind regards, Thérèse therese.mctavish1@det.nsw.edu.au

Congratulations to the above students, well done!!

AWARDS:
Tables Champions: Chloe, Bethony, Stephanie

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.