Welcome to week 1 of Term 2. 

Welcome back! This is our first paperless newsletter and we hope that you find it informative however you have accessed it - on the school app, website or attached to an email.

Very excitingly, at the end of last term, Ceilo received a phone call from the Hon Michael McCormack, Member for Riverina to say that she had won the Anzac Writing Competition ‘The Anzac Centenary in the Riverina on the 100th Anniversary of Gallipoli’! On Wednesday 1st April, Mr McCormack presented Ceilo with a book, The Beach Called Gallipoli, and a certificate. The students were asked to write a creative and original piece of no more than 250 words about the Anzac centenary in the Riverina to mark the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing and campaign during the First World War. Ceilo’s writing was chosen from over 1275 entries from 44 schools. Her entry will feature in the Michael McCormack’s Commemorative Anzac Day booklet which will be distributed to all Riverina households.

On the last day of term 1, students in 1/2 and 3/4/5/6 brought home a letter and some activities you could do with your child to assist them with continuing to develop their literacy and numeracy skills. These are fun and easy ways to help your child and I encourage you to use them. All students at Kapooka Public School are placed on literacy and numeracy continuums in Planning for Literacy and Numeracy (PLAN) software so that their progress can be monitored. It was from this that the activities were sourced. K/1 parents were given this information at their parent teacher interview earlier during term 1.

Last term also we held two very successful school sporting events. Thank you to Ms van Dijk for the organisation of our Athletics Carnival held at the ARTC Athletics track, and Mrs Miller for her organisation of our cross country at REEC. Both of these events were enjoyed by our students and a big thank you to our helpers, without your assistance events such as these would be difficult to run. The Cross Country was followed by a successful reward activity, an Easter egg hunt run by the P & C. In the afternoon we danced our way through the Easter hat parade. It was lovely to see so many parents there.

The Premiers Reading Challenge is now open for any student who would like to register. It closes on 21 August 2015. If you are in K-2 you are required to read a minimum of 30 books, 25 from the PRC list and 5 personal choice. If you are in Years 3-4 and Years 5-6 you are required to read a minimum of 20 books, 15 from the PRC list and 5 personal choice.

Our Anzac Day ceremony will take place on Tuesday 28 April at 1:30pm near our flagpole. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our Captains Ceilo, Ashley and Chloe will also be laying a wreath at the cenotaph on Saturday 25th April as part of the Wagga Wagga ANZAC commemorations.

On Wednesday 6th May we will be hosting the first meeting for the Murray Darling Basin initiative Creative Catchment Kids. We have been part of this initiative since 2012. During this time groups of students from years 4, 5 and 6 have written and had books published on local environmental issues. These books now form part of a collection of authors who are children in the National Library in Canberra. This year again students will be given the opportunity to take part in Creative Catchment Kids.

On Thursday 7th May, boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 are being given the opportunity to play in the Netball NSW Riverina Schools Cup at the Wagga netball courts. We have entered two combined teams with Collingullie Public School and this will provide an opportunity for the students to develop skills in this sport and display sportsmanship.

Today an envelope is coming home for the children’s charity Stewart House. They are asking for a donation of $2 for a chance to win a $4000 family holiday. All donations should be returned to school by Friday 8 May 2015. Every year 1,800 public school children attend Stewart House next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being. Students from Wagga Wagga will be attending Stewart House in November this year. Please consider donating.

During the school holidays, our COLA (covered outdoor learning area) and veranda were made more weatherproof with the addition of clear perspex between the open areas. We can still see the sky but the rain will not come in!

Our 2015-2017 School Plan is now available on the school website. 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.

Regards

Easter 2015
DIARY

Term 2 - April
28 - ANZAC ceremony, 1.30
30 - School Parliament 12.15 - Mobile Library, 11.30-1.00

May
6 - Creative Catchment Kids
7 - P & C meeting, 9.15am
8 - Netball Gala Day
12 to 14 - NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5
14 - Mobile Library, 11.30-1.00
15 - Assembly 3/4/5/6, 2.30
- Mrs Eacott on leave
18-19 - Mrs Geale at Albury Conference
21 - Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Civic Theatre
22 - Canberra excursion payment due $40.00
25 - Wagga PSSA Cross Country
27 - Wagga PSSA Athletics
28 - Mobile Library, 11.30-1.00
29 - Assembly, 1/2, 2.30pm

June
4 - P & C Meeting, 9.15am - School Parliament 12.15
8 - Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday
9 - Riverina PSSA Cross Country in Deniliquin
11 - Mobile Library, 11.30-1.00
19 - Canberra excursion payment due - $40.00
24 - Reports home
25 - Mobile Library, 11.30-1.00
26 - Last day of Term 2
29 June to 10 July School holidays.

July
13 - Staff Development day
14 - Students return to school

***************

School Banking - Friday
Uniform shop - Fri-9:15am NO EFTPOS available only CASH or CHEQUE

Kapooka School APP
http://www.myauschools.com
Username - community
Password - kapookaps

P & C NEWS:

- Next P & C meeting will be held Thursday 7th May 9.15am. All welcome.
- A winter girls uniform tunic order form went home last term. If you wish to hire a please complete that form.
  One form per student please. Winter tunics hire fee $10.00 per tunic. A $10.00 deposit required per student, (refundable on return of tunic).

Chocolate roster person is: Charis Richardson (28 April)

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

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

SCHOOL NEWS:

- On the next page is an invite from the Kapooka preschool inviting Kapooka school children to attend their family fun night on Friday 15th May. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the preschool with your numbers. Phone 6931 2722.
- Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Booklists are here: Find out more: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html
- Parent-teacher interviews - Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up now or in the future? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/parent-teacher-interviews
- School calendar - What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term/state examination dates across NSW. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryId=2&viewType=yearView

ANZAC Day

“On 25 April Australians will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landing during the First World War and honour the sacrifices of those service personnel who helped forge our national identity… But it is equally important to honour the current generation of ADF members and veterans, who have written the latest proud chapters of our military history in volatile, uncertain and complex operational environments.” At the end of March there were more than 2700 ADF personnel deployed overseas on operations. “These troops are providing support to Pacific Island nations, undertaking peacekeeping duties in the Middle East, and assisting the Iraqi people as they respond to the resurgent threat of terrorism.” www.andrewnikolic.com (former Commandant at ARTC).

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

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

The poppies that our students made for the ‘5000 Poppies Project’.

DSTA NEWS:

Cross Country—2015

Writing competition 3/4/5/6
Wagga Wagga Cycling Club

“Try the Road”

Register now for 2015 road season
New adult and junior members welcome.

Improve your bike handling skills and try recreational riding in a safe traffic free environment.
If you can ride a bike you can try the course!

All ages welcome 3yrs upwards
Helmet (AS2063) required
Bring your bike to the Velodrome, Kincard St, Monday 27th April 4.30pm

Wagga Wagga Cycling Club
James Vickers 0427448566

Family Fun Night

Kapooka Preschool families, relatives and friends
are invited to attend our
Family Fun Night
at Noah’s Ark
on
Friday 15th May
5.30—7.30pm

Entree: FREE
 Drinks and snacks will be available.

Please bring your families on wheelchairs or in prams if required.

Discounts available for groups of 10 or more.

REFUND: 50% for cancellations before 20th May.

PARKING: Limited on site. We encourage car sharing.
If you are driving, please park nearby.

Food: Please bring a plate or small plate for sharing.

WEATHER: Please be prepared for the weather.

Drink: Please bring a bottle of water.

Dress: Dress up in your favourite superhero.

The simplest way to increase your vegies

Eat vegetables throughout the day
It’s hard to get all your vegies at dinner. Try veggie sticks with low-fat dips like guacamole or salsa, or veggie pancakes - mix creamed corn, grated zucchini or carrot into pikelet batter before cooking.

Decrease the meat in your meals and add more vegetables
For a family of four, all you need is 400g of lean meat, fish or poultry per meal. Top up with lots of extra veg. Hint: cheese, lentils and beans are rich in protein and will help curb big appetites!

Add vegetables to all your meals
Meals that are easy to add extra veg to are casseroles, stir-fries, pizzas, even the humble omelette!

For more information visit
www.eatitwell.com.au
or join us on facebook.com/eatitwell