PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Last Thursday, 30 April, students from years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to attend a Defence Day at the Wagga Christian College. Mrs McTavish attended on the day and fun was had by all. See later in this newsletter for comments by the students.

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 take part in writing a book for 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 and Uranquinty Public Schools. This will provide an opportunity for the students to develop skills in this sport and display sportsmanship.

On Friday 8 May students from 3/4/5/6 and those from K-2 who received a note will be participating in the Small Schools Athletics day at Jubilee Oval. Please return those notes as soon as possible. All students may travel to the venue by bus and students in grades 3-6 will travel back to school by bus unless you have indicated other. Students in Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 will also travel to the venue by bus (unless indicated other) and private transport is required to bring those students back to school after their event.

Two weeks ago an envelope came 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 this Friday 8 May 2015. Please consider donating to this student centred charity.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy) will be held next week, 12 to 14 May for Years 3 & 5.

Mrs Tinney has kindly volunteered to run a science group on Fridays, in the library, from 12:15pm for half an hour for interested students. The activities students will undertake are based on the Young Scientist awards. The Young Scientist awards are run every year for students in K-6 who attend NSW schools. These awards are a fantastic way to get students interested in science and gain an understanding of research and testing, and enable students to investigate everyday problems. Students can choose their own projects to research, either entering into the models and invention category or scientific research. Entrants into these awards can be individual or in a group of three. They are free to enter and students can enter one or both categories. An information session is being held on Friday afternoon (8 May) straight after school in the library for all students and parents who would like to know more about this fantastic initiative.

As part of our Sporting Schools funding, In School Backyard League will begin on Friday 15 May for all classes. This program is aimed at teaching the skills of League and how to set up a game at home. Due to NRL on Friday 15th May, Assembly time for class 3-6 has changed to Thursday 14th.
**DIARY**

**Term 2 - May**
6 - Creative Catchment Kids
7 - P & C meeting, 9.15am
8 - Small School Athletics
10 - MOTHER’S DAY
14 - Mobile Library, 11.30-1.00
15 - Assembly 3/4/5/6, 2.30
18-19 - Mrs Geale at Albury Conference
20 - BIGGEST MORNING TEA
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
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**CANTEEN DAY**

**June**
1 - School Councillor @ sch
3 - Dance begins
4 - P & C Meeting, 9.15am
7 - School Parliament 12.15
8 - Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday
9 - Riverina PSSA Cross Country in Deniliquin
11 - Mobile Library, 11.30-1.00
15 - Work experience student
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
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**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

**AWARDS:**

Table Champions: Sebastian, Frazer, Kyah, Jessica, Bethony

**SCHOOL NEWS:**

- **Sydney Symphony Orchestra** - Cost is $2.00 bus and $10.00 for the concert. Those families who have paid their work book fees only need pay $2.00.
- **Work Book Fees.** There are many families still with outstanding work book fees. Cindy sent home notes to those families. We would appreciate these fees being paid ASAP. If you would like to discuss the fees in any way, please see Robyn or Lyn.
- **Biggest Morning Tea**, will be held on Wednesday 20th May at 10.55am. Items may be left in the art room on the morning of 20th May.
- **Family Fun Night**, Kapooka Pre school - Friday 15th May, 5.30-7.30pm. Kapooka School families are invited. Please RSVP to the pre-school if you are attending. Is a FREE night.
- **Our school flashing “school zone” light** has been installed on the corner of Flinders St and Sturt Avenue, on your left as your enter Sturt Avenue from Flinders. Please remember to drive slowly, the whole Kapooka village is a 40kph zone no matter what time of day.
- **Spellcheck** - Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help: Find out more:
- **Homework planner** - Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner

**P & C NEWS:**

- Next P & C meeting will be held this Thursday 7th May 9.15am.
- **MOTHER’S DAY STALL - CHANGE OF DATE - NOW Wednesday 6th May.** $3.00
  Money may be brought in on day.

**Chocolate roster person is:** Rachael Fox (5th May)

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By Jessica.

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**Biggest Morning Tea**

20th May 2015

**BIGGEST MORNING TEA on 20th May, at 10.55.**

Parents, we would appreciate it, if you would make cakes, cupcakes, biscuits and other goodies that would be great to sell. Items will cost 50c to $1.00 each. They may be left in the art room on the morning of 20th May. Thank you.

We are raising money for the Cancer Council. Parents and community are welcome to attend.

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**2015**

MOTHER’S DAY CLASSIC
WALK OR RUN FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

It doesn’t matter how you walk or run. It just matters why.

Mothers Day Classic Walk or Run Sunday 10th May 2015
Wagga Wagga Music Bowl at the Botanic Gardens
Register on line or on the day from 8:30am
5km walk starts at 9:30am, 12km run starts at 9:30am

Mother’s Day Classic Walk or Run
www.mothersdayclassic.com.au

**NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5**

Due Friday 15th May.

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By Kyah

On the Defence Day we had a go at a flight simulator. One of the dudes from the trench was doing skids. Then I had a go and I was doing barrel rolls and I almost crashed like a crazy man.  

By Rylan

Yesterday at Christian College we went on a boat and there was a hatch where they caught pirates. We played on a flight simulator. It was fun.  

By Connor

On Thursday 30th April, we went to Defence day at the Christian College and my favourite thing about the day was when we got to go on the obstacle course. We got to climb a rope and crawl and I found a turtle in the tyre.  

By Blayne

The Corporal was being really funny and everyone was trying so hard not to laugh, and I laughed so the Corporal told me to drop and do five push ups!  

By Ashley

Years five and six went to the Christian College on the last day of April to participate in the Defence Force Day. We had to do lots of Defence training like doing obstacle courses, digging trenches and practising drill work. My favourite bit about the day was when we did drill work, which is learning how to march, how to turn and listening to instructions. The cadet teaching us told us to call him Corporal, so whenever he asked us something we would say "YES CORPORAL!" While we were practising right dress Ashley started laughing because every time the ‘Corporal’ moved to the side he did this funny little move. So he told Ashley to drop and give him five. I had to bite my tongue to stop myself from laughing. We had a lot of fun.  

By Ceilo
Defence Force Day continued

There were loads of activities such as drill, obstacle course, craft and digging trenches. It was like I was in WW1 which was hard because we had to fill sand bags. Stephanie and I filled two or three bags. By Chloe

My favourite thing was the obstacle course because it felt like I was in World War 1 and I also felt like someone was chasing me. Plus there was someone using their big toes to climb up the rope. By Jessica

30 April 2015, grades five and six went to a school to learn more about Defence and we did some craft, obstacle courses and digging trenches. I enjoyed digging because we got to see what it was like in the trenches. I enjoyed the obstacle course because it was fun and sporty. By Stephanie

When year 5 and 6 went to the Defence day, we all did lots of things like, climbing over an obstacle course and a lot more fun things. By Kayleigh