Principal’s Report:

Welcome to week 6 of Term 2.

Assembly this week will be held in the library on Thursday 28 May. 1/2 will be hosting this assembly.

Today, 25 May, Liam, Zac, Logan, Cooper, Katie, Taylah, Luke, Sebastian, Kyah, Blayne, Kayleigh, Ashley and Bethony are representing our school as part of the Small Schools team at the Wagga PSSA Cross Country held at Ladymith School. We are sure that these students will do their best and enjoy the experience.

On Thursday 7th May boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 played in the Netball NSW Riverina Schools Cup at the Wagga netball courts. We entered two combined teams with Collingullie and Uranquinty Public Schools. Mrs Driscoll attended the day and said all of the children displayed sportsmanship and built on their skills.

Friday 8 May students from 3/4/5/6, and those from K-2 who received a note, participated in the Small Schools Athletics day at Jubilee Oval. We had a very busy and successful day with many students earning a place in their events and Ceilo and Bethony sharing the 12years girls’ championship with two students from Uranquinty. The following students met the time criteria for the Wagga PSSA Athletics Carnival and will be competing as part of our Small Schools team this Wednesday 27 May – Zac, Clay, Cooper, Sebastian, Luke, Kyah, Blayne, Kayleigh, Ashley, Ceilo, Bethony and Jessica. We wish them every success.

Mrs Tinney is running a science group on Fridays from 2:30pm for half an hour for interested students. The activities the students undertake are based on the Young Scientist awards. There has been an overwhelming response to this opportunity so the club will now be held in Mrs Hounsell’s room. See a message from Mrs Tinney on Page 4.

Year 6 Leadership Day at Collingullie on Monday 18 May, culminated in the students from the Small Schools making and presenting their projects in their mixed groups. Judging by the amount of chat and paint that came back to school that afternoon, it was a successful and interesting day. Thank you to Ms Post, Principal of Collingullie, for organising and facilitating this.

As part of our Sporting Schools funding, In School Backyard League began 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. We will also be having some sessions with Bluearth, a program which, through movement, aims to support and improve student welfare.

Thursday 21 May saw the whole school attend the Wagga Civic Theatre to see the Sydney Symphony Orchestra perform. Each class had listened to and completed some activities on the pieces the orchestra played and could participate enthusiastically in the interactive activities at the theatre.

The Biggest Morning Tea was a great success. Thank you for the generous donations, we had so much food that we ran it for two days! The Fundraising Ministers were overwhelmed with the response. $297.60 was raised for the Cancer Council, an amazing amount for our small school.

Regards Lyn 😊
**DIARY**

Term 2 - May  
27 - Wagga PSSA Athletics  
28 - Mobile Library, 11.30-1.00  
- Assembly, 1/2, 2.30pm
29 - CANTEEN DAY  
- NRL activities  
31 - SUNDAY FUNDAY - see attached.

**June**  
1  - School Counsellor @ sch  
3  - Dance begins  
- EnvirowChamps day  
4  - P & C Meeting, 9.15am  
- School Parliament 12.15  
- BOOK CLUB DUE
5  - NRL activities  
8  - Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday  
9  - Riverina PSSA Cross Country in Deniliquin  
11 - Mobile Library, 11.30-1.00  
12 - NRL activities  
15 - Work experience student  
17 - MAHS Yr 7 taster day  
19 - Canberra excursion  
- payment due
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  
EDUCATION WEEK 27-31st July 2015  
- P&C Meeting, 9.15am  
- Assembly by 3/4/5/6  
- 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:**  
- Our next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 4th June at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome.  
- CANTEEN - MEAL  
DEAL on Friday 29th May. Orders are now CLOSED.

Chocolate roster person is:  
Rachael Fox  
(26th May)  
Jordan Roberts  
(2nd June)

**AWARDS:**  
Table Champions: Frazer  
Merit Certificates: 1/2 - Millicent, Ava, Marli, Mickeely, Zac  
Student of the Week: 1/2 - Coby, Blake, Abigail

**SCHOOL NEWS:**  
- Work Book Fees. There are many families still with outstanding work book fees. We would appreciate these fees being paid ASAP. If you would like to discuss the fees in any way, please see Robyn or Lyn.
- Food Allergy Week 17-23 May - The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas, resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more:  
http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

**A Day at Collingullie**  
- Year six went to Collingullie for a day to do a leadership project on the 18th May, so we could learn to work together more. The experience promised to be enjoyable. We went to school, as per usual, Jessica’s mum picked us up at half past nine. Chloe’s group beat us to Collingullie. The plan was when we got there; we would assemble into the groups that were sorted last meeting. I was with Chloe, Kieran and Hannah. We chose to make a model representing our solution to growing more food.

The idea was that there would be a law, making sure that in the average suburban household each person would be accountable for one fruit tree and two differentiated crops. The penalty would be a fine, determined by trees and/or plants missing. After about an hour of hard labour and blood, sweat and love; we were ready to present. Out of the four groups, we had the biggest kids. We went last, straight after lunch, and the presentation went smoothly. There were lots of questions asked, most easily answered with others harder than most, nonetheless it was great. I had an amazing time at Collingullie, and I can’t wait for the next meeting!  
*By Cielo, Yr 6*

**Athletics Carnival**  
- At the Athletics Carnival, I raced in 100m, 200m. In the fields events I did discuss. When I raced in 100m I came 2nd. After I raced I had to wear a pink, sparkly hat, I didn’t like it. When I did 200m I came 3rd and had to wear a green, sparkly hat, it was so glittery that I had sparkles in my hair and on my forehead. A little, while later I did discus but this time I didn’t get 1st, 2nd or 3rd I got 7th but that is okay. I still came 1st and 2nd in my other races at least I still had a pile of fun. When everybody else went on the bus, Seb, Kayleigh, Zac and I were the only people left. So we got all the certificates for the school. I got a lot of the certificates; it was fun to get them!  
*Cooper, Yr 3*

**NRL training**  
- At Kapooka Public School, on Friday the 15th May 2015, a man came to our school to teach us some NRL tips. We learned how to kick a ball and how to score a try. It was all for learning how to play and having lots of fun.  
*By Skylah, Yr 4*

**Chess**  
- Chess at Mater Dai - On the 15th of May Taylah, Ashley and I went to Mater Dai to play chess. We do this every Friday, in a team of four, but sadly Jessica was away. So the opposing team got a point by default. In the end I had a draw and Ashley and Taylah both won. So we had a total of 8 1/2.  
*By Cielo, Yr 6*

**Chess at Kapooka**  
- 22nd of May 2015 the chess groups played two home games/played at Kapooka. I played as a member for Kapooka a-group. For scores we had two wins, one stalemate and one checkmate. Group a was playing against Lake Albert school.  
*By Kyah, Yr 5*

**The Biggest Morning Tea**  
- On 20th May we had the Biggest Morning Tea running at Kapooka Public School. We had to run it for two days because there were still left overs. We had cupcakes, fudge cakes, mud cakes, brownies and cookies. We raised $297.60. Thank you children, parents and teachers for all the things you did to help the kids with cancer.  
*By Fundraising Ministers*

**Sydney symphony orchestra**  
- On 21st May at the Civic Theatre the whole school listened to the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. We listened to some music from a Tasmanian composer and the William Tell Overture by Rossini. They told us about the different sections and what was in the sections like strings, woodwind and percussion. People also conducted.  
*By Frazer*
**DSTA NEWS:**

PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) - Professional Development course.
Last Tuesday I attended a ‘Post Traumatic Stress Disorder - Information Session’ which focussed on supporting students and families who have a loved one with PTSD.

It provided strategies, information and resources and featured a panel of professional defence and non defence people including a psychologist, chaplain, social worker and defence personnel who have experienced firsthand PTSD. (I was lucky enough to be asked to be a panel member too)! The sessions by the presenters were very informative, so please don’t hesitate to call in if you’d like to discuss anything or have any questions.

**DSTA noticeboard**
Outside my office I have a noticeboard on the wall which is full of useful information! As I’m not at school full time, I am conscious that you or someone you love may need support when I am not available. Please call by and get the flyers that you need!

**DSTA hours**
My hours will now only be displayed on the DSTA noticeboard at the beginning of each week, instead of in the newsletter. I will endeavour to have my hours displayed one week ahead of schedule. If you would like to know when I am working and can’t make it into school, please email me at therese.mctavish1@det.nsw.edu.au or call the school office on 6931 2703.

Kind regards, Thérèse therese.mctavish1@det.nsw.edu.au
Department - Legal Issues

Sadly sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children's education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders.

If this happens it is important that you provide the school with a copy of any court orders that could impact on your child’s education.

In the absence of any notification to the contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decisions regarding their children’s education.

This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained.

These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children’s learning and support and related issues.

Science Club

Welcome to those new students and parents who attended the Science club on Friday afternoon. I was excited to see so many interested budding scientists at our school. Many new and exciting projects were starting to take shape.

Most students were given a logbook. Students are to date every page and write their ideas down. If you are researching the internet, you can also print off and glue those ideas in. The reason for the logbook is to document the progress in the research/invention project. If you did not receive a logbook, Mrs Hounsell has spares. Please go see her to collect one.

Understandably parents may have felt overwhelmed by what seemed a massive task, but I assure you it is suppose to be fun!!! You can support your children in fostering a conversation on their likes of science. Creating a small experiment where they can test and document their findings is fantastic.

If you are attending Science Club, please work with your child at this time. Remember science doesn't always have to be right, science is through trial and error that discoveries are made. If you are still not sure on a project, please feel free to email me and I will be only too happy to suggest a few ideas.

Until next Friday!!! Mrs Jade Tinney

PS - If helping at the Science Club please complete the “Voluntary Working With Children Check” at the office if you have not already done so.
**GAME ON! SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS PROGRAM**

Spend a day (or five) at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre and try different sports and activities during the winter school holidays!

**Play Rugby League & Tennis Hotshots** Monday 29 June
- Sports/Activities: Rugby League, Tennis, BMX and Sled Hockey
- Program number: 0072794

**Wicked Wheelchair and Footy Fun** Tuesday 30 June
- Sports/Activities: Wheelchair sports, AFL, Volleyball and Low Ropes
- Program number: 0072705

**Boxercise Bonanza** Wednesday 1 July
- Sports/Activities: Boxercise, Obstacle tag and Indoor Rock Climbing
- Program number: 0072799

**NetSetGo Netball** Thursday 2 July
- Sports/Activities: Netball, Traditional Indigenous Games, Boomerangs and Outdoor Rock Climbing
- Program number: 0072802

**Ultimate Flying Friday** Friday 3 July
- Sports/Activities: Ultimate Frisbee, Archery, Flying Fox and Orienteering
- Program number: 0072820

**MORE DETAILS**
- When: Girls and boys, aged 7 to 12 years
- Location: Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre, 980 Sturt Highway, BORAMBOLA NSW 2650
- Cost (includes activities, lunch and healthy snacks): $55 per day OR $300 for all 5 days
- Transport (Included): Bus leaves Botton Park Car Park in Wagga Wagga at 8.00am sharp and returns at 3.45pm.

**WHAT TO WEAR & BRING**
- Participants should:
  - Come dressed in comfortable clothing for playing sport
  - Wear enclosed shoes
  - Bring a hat and drink bottle.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE:** THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2015

Places are limited. To book, call 13 10 20 or go to: dor.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp?region=riverina

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**KID’S SAFETY ON FARMS**

The Downside Community, along with local agri-business and WorkCover NSW, is holding an Interactive Fun and Informative SAFETY AWARENESS DAY with the aim to provide kids with knowledge to minimize safety risks on farms.

**MUMS, DADS, KIDS - THE WHOLE FAMILY IS INVITED!**

**FACT:** Farms are fantastic places to grow up and live

**FACT:** Farms are also workplaces with REAL hazards

**FACT:** Kids who live on farms are more likely to be hurt than kids who live in town

**FACT:** Kids are at GREATER risk of injury or death than their farming parents or other farm workers

Kids Fashion Parade, COLOURING competition, presentations and interactive demonstrations
Sausage sizzle, sandwiches, tea, coffee, and drinks available for purchase

**DOWNSIDE HALL**

DOWNSIDE VILLAGE RD, DOWNSIDE VIA WAGGA WAGGA NSW

Sunday 31st May 2015, 12pm – 3pm

RSVP: www.facebook.com/downsidehall, or, tractornorth@bigpond.com; or, 0427 200 599

Wear your everyday farm clothes and enclosed footwear
31 MAY 2015
SUNDAY FUNDAY

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN OUR SUNDAY FUNDAY AT
THE KAPOOKA COMMUNITY CENTRE;
On the day we will have an assortment of fun activities from pony
rides to the giant slide, skill test, have a go at the lucky dip and
enjoy the homemade bake sale, displays by local businesses and
take part in the raffle to win some great prizes and much more, bring
the family along for a fun afternoon...EVERYONE IS
WELCOME..... See You There!!!....

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