Welcome to week 2 of Term 3.

Michelle Ray is raising money for cancer through the McGrath Foundation as she has had a friend diagnosed with cancer. We will be holding a beanie day on Friday 24 July to contribute to the fundraising through a gold coin or greater donation. There will also be raffle tickets available for sale in the office for $2 at ticket to win a signed St George jumper. Michelle is having her head shaved on Saturday 25 July at Parramore Park (Rugby Fields) at lunchtime with gold coin donations on the day and PINK goodies for sale such as iced buns. She will be wearing an assortment of beanies to keep her head warm on these cold days after the event which is why we are holding a beanie day! Please support this worthwhile cause.

Our dance program begins today with all classes learning a dance to be performed at our dance night concert later this term on Thursday 10 September.

This Friday, 24 July, is a very busy day with Beanie Day with a gold coin donation towards Mrs Ray’s fundraiser, Schools’ Tree Day where we will plant some grasses and trees around our school, and our science club, as well as some students from 3/4/5/6 taking part in a paper plane challenge at the Rock Central School.

27-31 July is Education Week in the Marketplace. We will have boards displaying student’s work, and 3/4/5/6 will be performing two songs at 11:30am on Wednesday 29 July. They are very excited and it would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible there to watch the performance. It will be repeated at our assembly on Friday 31 July for anyone who is unable to make the Marketplace performance. Three chess teams will compete against other Wagga schools on Thursday 30 July outside Woolworths, with the finals being held outside Big W at 2pm on that day. I encourage you to have a look throughout the week at the exciting things public education is achieving in Wagga Wagga.

We will be holding a working bee on Saturday 1 August form 9:00am -12noon to revamp the garden near the library and begin making a lizard garden. Please consider assisting at this for all or part of the time as many hands make light work.

Today 20 July, an intern, Rochelle Harley, will begin her practicum on 3/4/5/6. This is the last in-school practicum students do before they gain their qualification. We would like to welcome her to our school.

This term, as a school, we participate in the National Disability Data Collection. This collection provides Australian schools, parents, education authorities and the community with information about the number of students with disability in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive.

On Wednesday, 24 June, student reports were sent home in a folder with some examples of your child’s learning this semester. Please return this folder to school if you have not already done so, so that we can put learning examples from semester two into it ready to send home at the end of the year. The folder is yours to keep at the end of the year.

Regards Lyn
**AWARDS:** Table Champions: Stage 2 Maths - Frazer

**SCHOOL NEWS:**

- **Work Book Fees.** Please pay your child’s work book fees. Thank you to the families who have already paid. Unfortunately there are many fees still outstanding.
- **Education Week** is from 27 to 31st July. Displays will be in the Wagga Market Place, our 3/4/5/6 will sing some songs and be involved with Chess games. Please make the time to check it all out.
- **BOOK Week** is from 17-21st August.
- Get your Beanie ready for **THIS FRIDAY, 24th**, gold coin or greater donation. All money raised going to Mrs Ray’s fundraiser for the Jane McGrath Foundation. Any don’t forget, Mrs Ray will have her head shaved at lunch time on Saturday 25th July at Parramore Park (Rugby fields).
- **POSTINGS -** if you know you are leaving us, please advise the office.
- **ENROLMENTS** - we are taking kindergarten and other grade enrolments for 2016 now. If you would like an enrolment form, please contact the office.
- **EARN and LEARN** - Woolworths - Kapooka school is not participating in this promotion, although the office is happy to accept the tokens and pass onto another school in town that is participating.

**P & C NEWS:**

- Our next P & C meeting will be held next **TUESDAY NIGHT, 28th July at 7.00pm** in the Art/craft room. Please come along and support your child’s school. Children are very welcome to come with you.
- **Tupperware catalogue orders are due back by Friday 31st July.** The due date has been extended. You may still join Brina on Friday 24th July at 3.15pm at the Community Centre. Delivery is during week 5 (10-14 August). Lets make this a great fundraiser and have some fun. If you have any queries, please contact Brina on 0420 318 471.

Chocolate roster person is:

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**STUDENT NEWS:**

The Enviro champs are trying to reduce waste in our school for the environment by getting everyone in the school to bring less waste in their lunchboxes.

Hints for this week:

1. Bring containers instead of plastic bags.
2. Pack a no-waste lunch
3. Take only what you will eat

We weighed the buckets with waste in them and we will be doing it again at the end of the term.

We will be giving some hints every week on how to reduce waste in lunchboxes.
**Farewell**
This week we farewell Connor and Brice Rosowski and their family. We wish you all the best in Townsville!

**Postings!**
It’s that time of year when posting orders are coming through. Please let the school know once you’ve received your posting order.

**The 8 traits of strong, emotionally smart families**
*By Michael Grose*

“Recently, a mother asked me how does she know if her family is strong? She wanted a reference point. Her children fought and argued a great deal so she was concerned about the strength of the bonds between her children. I shared with her the following 8 traits of strong, emotionally smart families that I’ve included in my **NEW Raise Happy Families Program.**

**1. Members come together regularly and enjoy each other’s company.**
A variety of Strong Families Studies agree on one fact – that people in strong families come together either formally to share a meal or meet on people’s birthdays and other special events; or come together informally – they just hang out together. *How much time do you spend together as a family?*

**2. People share their feelings, even unpleasant feelings, and they learn how to manage them effectively.**
People in strong families connect on a deeper emotional level. When someone is unhappy or miserable; it’s not ignored. It’s acknowledged and it informs how people behave – whether to give that person space; provide a shoulder to lean on or simply cheer them up. *Does your family connect on an emotional level?*

**3. Family members care deeply about each other – come together through difficulty.**
People in strong families draw together when the chips are down and crisis happens. Hardship galvanises rather than pushes people away. *Would your family pull together or disintegrate when hardship hits?*

**4. Family members communicate positively and show affection.**
People don’t always get their communication right but there is a willingness to forgive the transgressions of others and to look for ways to move forward rather than be stuck in the past. *How much affection is shown in your family on a daily basis?*

**5. Conflict is resolved respectfully and positively, rather than ignored.**
Parents will see conflict situations as opportunities to bring people closer together rather than take sides or apportion blame. *Is conflict ignored or handled respectfully in your family?*

**6. There’s a strong sense of shared identity.**
Strong, emotionally smart families have a strong sense of who they are. They generally have identifiable rituals and traditions that are passed down from one generation to the next. *What are your key traditions and rituals?*

**7. Decisions are shared and all members honour opinions and ideas.**
The old autocratic parenting approach of “Do as I say!” no longer works in Western families. Parents in strong families use an authoritative parenting approach to raise their children. *What parenting approach do you use?*

**8. There is a feeling of optimism and hope within the family.**
Strong families usually have something bigger than them that they connect with – whether it is religion, caring for the environment or shared compassion for humankind – hope and optimism are gained from a shared set of ethics, beliefs or values. *How does your crew measure up?*

Kind regards,
Thérèse  (Therese.mctavish1@det.nsw.edu.au)
During last term, class 3/4/5/6 were studying Greek Gods with Mrs Miller. During the last week of term they all dressed up and put on a play for the school.
On Friday the Science club and a number of 3/4/5/6 students will be travelling to the Rock Central School to compete in the very first paper plane challenge. Students have trialled and tested their planes and are ready to compete in what I hope is a fun and cool science experiment.

Notes for this event went home last Friday along with a canteen menu. Those students who would like to order recess, could you please write your order on a paper bag (or envelope) with the correct money. I will collect these from the School on Wednesday afternoon. This will allow enough time for our canteen staff to order sufficient food.

Parents are most welcome to attend this event. Students will be travelling by bus to the Rock Central School then walking up to the Hall (next to the IGA) on the main street. The competition will start around 10:00am.

As we are up to the writing stage of the Young Scientist Awards, from next week, the Science club will start doing some small experiments. Look in next week's newsletter for the weekly experiments scheduled to take place.

Parents are welcome to attend. If you would like me to read the draft copies of your reports, please send them to me at jade.tinney1@det.nsw.edu or hand me a paper copy when I see you each Friday. Final draft of reports will be due in the coming weeks.

Have a fantastic week.
Hello schools of Wagga Wagga – The Wagga Women’s Health Centre (WWHC) has some exciting news and we were wondering if you could please pass the word around by putting the information below and/or a copy of our banner in your newsletter (weekly, fortnightly, whenever you can up to the 18th of September). If your school has an art department, you may also like to forward onto them...or even forward on to your P & C? We would appreciate your help – thank you.

The Wagga Women’s Health Centre is offering Riverina businesses, service clubs, community organisations, schools, retirement/aged and care groups a chance to book a time to visit this exciting show – The Bald Archy Prize 2015.

In addition volunteers are being sought to help run this exciting event. If you can volunteer between August 29 and September 18, please contact Helen Crosweller via email: helencrosweller@gmail.com

What: Bald Archy Prize 2015
Where: Gallery 43, Wagga TAFE
When: Saturday August 29 to September 18, daily 10am - 4pm
Cost: Admission $5 per person; children under 18 years free. Morning and Afternoon Tea available for $5 per person (including children)

Thank you and we hope to see you there. The WWHC