Welcome to week 4 of Term 1.

Principal’s Report:

Information Night - I enjoyed speaking to many of you last Monday, 8 February, and I am sure that you gained valuable knowledge about the school and your child’s education and wellbeing at our school.

Badge Presentation - Thank you to the Commandant, Colonel Jobson, who presented our Leaders and Parliamentarians with their badges at our ceremony on Thursday 11 February.

Congratulations to the following students:

School Captains (Prime Ministers) Kayleigh and Rylan
School Vice Captains (Secretaries) Kyah and Corey
Treasurer Nicolas and Luke P
Ministers for the Library Raelene and Aiden
Ministers for Health and the Environment Skylah and Jackson
Ministers for Media and Communications Tahlina and Raelene
Ministers for Sport Sebastian, Luke W and Cadence
Ministers for Fundraising Caitllyn and Cameron
5/6 Ministers Olivia and Kiara
1/2 Ministers Ella and Timothy
K/1 Ministers Hayley and Cohen

Leadership Day - On Wednesday 10 February, the year 6 students attended a Leadership Day at Ladysmith Public School with our Small Schools network. During the day the students recognised the values they needed to complete projects, decided on a group project with other students from our network and discussed leadership ideas for their school. They will meet again on Monday at our swimming carnival and again on Author Day.

DSTA Morning Tea - Mrs McTavish hosted a tasty and informative DSTA morning tea at the park on Thursday 11 February. This occasion was a fantastic opportunity to talk to other parents, Mrs McTavish, Padre Robertson, Major Stephanie Roe and Mrs Timothy-Nesbitt on a variety of topics. I am sure those who attended enjoyed themselves.

Our Small Schools Swimming Carnival is on today, Monday 15 February for years 3-6 at the Oasis Swimming Complex. Mrs Hounsell and myself will be attending all day and Mrs Miller for half a day.

On Tuesday 16 February I will be attending arts training at the Wagga Art Gallery. Students from years 5 and 6 will then be part of a program culminating in a show at the gallery. More detail will come home after the training.

P&C Annual General Meeting - will be held this Thursday 18 February in the library at 9:15am. Please consider attending these meetings as often as you can and become a part of the decision making which effects your child’s education.

I will be at a Principal’s Conference in Wagga Wagga on Thursday and Friday this week (18/19 February). This is an important opportunity for me to gain the latest information about the reforms in education so that I can continue to effectively implement them in Kapooka Public School as part of my role as Principal.

Parent teacher interviews - a note was sent home last week. Please return this as soon as possible.

On Friday 19 February there will be an NRL wellbeing assembly in the Neighbourhood Centre at 9:30am. Gymnastics begins for years 3-6 On Monday 22 February at 10:15am. Regards Lyn

School Leaders and Parliamentarians
**DIARY**

**Term 1 - February**
16 - Bus Ed K/1 @ 9.30
18 - P & C meeting, 9.15, Lib
18/19 - Principal Conference
19 - NREL - Wellbeing @ 9.30
22 - Gymnastics—Yrs 3-6
26 - Wagga Swimming Carnival
   - Assembly by 3/4, 2pm
29 - Gymnastics, yrs 3-6

**March**
2 - Author Day/lunch order
3 - PSSA AFL trials
4 - Clean up Australia day
   - PSSA girls/boys Hockey
   - Dog Ed K/1—11.20
   - Dog Ed 1/2 - 12.10
7 - School photo day
   - Gymnastics, yrs 3-6
8 - PSSA girls/boys soccer
9 - PSSA Netball trials
11 - Assembly by 1/2, 2pm
14 - Gymnastics, yrs 3-6
16 - PSSA girls/boys Softball
   - Parent info night Yr 7 in 2017 in Currie Hall
   - Parent info for Triple E class at Wagga High
18 - National Bullying day
21 - HARMONY DAY
23 - PSSA Rugby League trial
25 - GOOD FRIDAY
28 - EASTER MONDAY
29 - PSSA Touch trials

**April**
1 - Assembly by K/1, 2pm
6 - Public Speaking finals
8 - Kapooka Cross Country at REEC centre
   - LAST DAY OF TERM 1
25 - ANZAC Day
26 - Staff return to school
27 - Students return, Term 2
29 - Kapooka Athletics Carn

**May**
4 - Small School Athletics
13 - Assembly by 5/6, 2pm
17-19 - NAPLAN-yr 3 & 5
23 - Wagga Cross Country @ Ladysmith
25 - Wagga Athletics Carn
27 - Assembly by 3/4, 2pm

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School Banking - Friday
Uniform shop - Friday
from 9:15am till 9.30am
NO EFTPOS available only CASH or CHEQUE
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Kapooka School APP
http://www.myauschools.com
Username - community
Password - kapookaps

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**SCHOOL NEWS:**

- **Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 - socks/underwear/shorts** - would you please put a spare pair of socks, undies, shorts in your child’s school bag. Little accidents happen. We do have some spare items here, it is preferred it be your own child’s clothing.

- **School Newsletters** are available on our School APP or website. If you wish one to be emailed to you, please advise the office.

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**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Our school is registered for Jump Rope for Heart again this year - we participate every second year.

We do on-line fundraising only, as getting all the sponsorship forms back can be an onerous task.

If your family wishes to take part, please go to the Jump Rope for Heart website, heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope and find our school. Create your own Hero page and start fundraising for this worthy cause.

The prize posters are to be found at school, and our Jump-Off date is around the 2nd of August. The children practise their skipping skills every Tuesday morning, weather permitting.

**Notes home today:**

1. **Literacy Day**-Author visit - K-6 will be held 2nd March at Kapooka School. Attached to the note is a lunch order. Please return lunch orders by Friday 26th February.

2. **Year 6 taster day**, Wagga High School. Please return to school before Friday 4th March.

Please have all notes back by the due date.

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**P & C NEWS:**

- P & C will be holding their first meeting of 2016 on Thursday 18th February at 9.15 am in the school Library. This meeting is also the AGM. All positions are vacant. Please remember to complete a membership form and pay $1.00 for voting rights. Younger children are very welcome to attend with you. Come along and meet some new and existing parents.
Welcome BBQ and Welcome Morning Tea
It was lovely to see so many families attend our welcome functions last week! Thank you for coming along!
We will be holding another morning tea next term, so if you didn’t get the opportunity to attend, we’d love to see you next time. I’d also like to thank Kate Timothy-Nesbitt, Major Stephanie Roe and Chaplain Andrew Robinson for popping in to say hello and welcome our families as well.

DCO assistance:

PEEP - Partner education and employment funding
DCO provides funding for employment and education expenses to assist recognised partners of ADF members to better position themselves for employment when posted with their partner. The Partner Employment and Education Program, or PEEP, offers various initiatives to eligible partners.

Approved partners are provided with an education and employment allowance of $12000 to use within 10 years. You can use up to $6000 of this allowance per posting, and apply it towards a range of education and employment expenses, including:

• education or training courses, up to and including first time undergraduate degrees,
• professional employment assistance, such as career advice and help with job applications,
• personalised resume preparation, and
• renewing professional registration in a new location.

If you have any queries about PEEP, contact the all-hours Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608, DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au or www.defence.gov.au/dco/partners.htm

Financial assistance for children’s education
A range of financial support is available to help minimise disruption to schooling caused by posting. The aim is to provide the student with educational stability or limited interim assistance to help avoid or overcome any immediate difficulties with education or emotional wellbeing as a result of relocating.

Tutoring
We may reimburse fees for tutoring required to fill any gaps in understanding or curriculum caused by changing schools. Students may be entitled to up to 14 weeks of tutoring in any subject that has been identified by the school as representing a gap in learning. This applies to primary and secondary students, within the first 18 months of enrolment at the new school.

Please talk with your child/ren’s teacher if you have any concerns about your child’s academic progress and then pop in to see me for a tutoring form.

Asthma warning...
Just a note to let you know that Wagga is known as the “Asthma Capital of NSW” so if you or your children have asthma please be aware that the condition is especially prevalent during spring / summer thunderstorms (when the pollen count is very high).

I hope you have a great week!

Kind regards, Thérèse

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The Scheme
The Kapooka Spouse Ready-for-Work Scheme is a program to enhance the employment prospects for spouses of members of the 1st Recruit Training Battalion who have moved into the Wagga Wagga area. The scheme is in recognition of the difficulty for spouses to obtain employment as a result of their partner's extended work hours and the restricted employment market. The scheme consists of a scholarship for completion of Certificate III or greater level courses. The courses are undertaken with the Riverina Community College. The scheme is administered by Headquarters, Army Recruit Training Centre and funding from the Kapooka Military Area Charity Committee and the Protestant Chapel.

Eligibility
Eligibility is restricted to spouses of members of the 1st Recruit Training Battalion. You must meet the eligibility requirements of the Riverina Community College for each course, which may include a police check and working with children check.

Courses
There are a number of Nationally Recognised Training courses that may be studied through Riverina Community College under the scheme, including:
- Certificate III Aged Care,
- Certificate III Hospitality,
- Certificate IV Business Administration,
- Certificate III Beauty Services; or
- Certificate III Disability,
- Certificate III Business,
- Certificate IV Training and Assessment,
- Certificate III Hairdressing.

Scholarship Value and Administration
The value of the scholarship is $1500. The scholarship is disbursed in two equal amounts, each worth half of the total value, on commencement of the course and on successful completion when Riverina Community College provides the certificate of course completion.

Applications
All applicants complete the official Kapooka Spouse Ready-For-Work Scheme Scholarship Application Form, and a Riverina Community College Application Form for their nominated Certificate Course. Forms are available from the Blamey Community Centre or online at Riverina Community College. Applicants should provide the forms to the "S1, Headquarters Army Recruit Training Centre". Applications close at the end of the first week of March. Applicants will undertake a panel interview the following week and those successful awardees will be announced shortly after to allow for courses to begin at the end of March.

Frequently Asked Questions:
1. When does the course commence?
Courses commence in accordance with the schedule provided by Riverina Community College. In some cases, course start date may depend on the course panel, or may be flexible if delivered via Distance Learning.

2. How long does the course take?
Course length varies from about three months upwards of a year. Once again, course length may be flexible if studying via Distance Learning.

3. How much does the course cost?
Course cost schedule may be found through Riverina Community College.

4. Does the Army pay for the course?
The Army does not pay for the course. The Kapooka Spouse Ready-For-Work Scholarship is between the Army Recruit Training Centre and the spouse, conditional upon enrollment and completion of the nominated course.

5. When do I receive the payments?
The first payment is received upon commencement of the course. The second payment is received upon successful completion of the course.

6. Is this guaranteed employment?
The Kapooka Spouse Ready-For-Work Scholarship is designed to enhance the prospect of employment for the spouse, but does not guarantee employment.

7. What happens if I drop out of the course or defer the course?
Please refer to the Terms of the Scholarship for information on Termination and Approved Leave of Absence.

8. Does this Scholarship disqualify me from PEEP?
PEEP is an entirely different program to this scholarship. Please enquire with the Defence Community Organisation about whether you qualify for PEEP and whether it applies to your nominated RCC course.
**HOGS FOR THE HOMELESS RIDE 2016**

Come and meet some of your favourite NSWRL Blues stars during the fourth annual Hogs For The Homeless ride. Raffle tickets are on sale now for your chance to win a Harley Davidson XL1200X Forty-Eight (value $20,250).

- Mon, 15 Feb: Mudgee
- Tues, 16 Feb: Forbes
- Wed, 17 Feb: Wagga Wagga
- Thurs, 18 Feb: Cooma
- Fri, 19 Feb: Bombaderry
- Mon, 22 Feb: Gunnedah
- Tues, 23 Feb: Glenn Innis
- Wed, 24 Feb: Lennox Heads
- Thurs, 25 Feb: Gloucester
- Fri, 26 Feb: Cessnock


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**COLLINGULLIE GLENFIELD PARK JUNIOR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB**

**2016 REGISTRATION**

Registration for Football and Netball teams for the upcoming season will be held at Glenfield Community Hall (Behind South City) on the following dates:

- Saturday 13 February 10 - 2
- Saturday 20 February 10 - 2

AUSKICK rego cost is only $45 – cheapest in Wagga!

All other football grades $110

Netball Grades include Net Set Go, U9, U11, U13, U15

Contact Craig McLachlan – President

For more information Mob. 0421 379 426

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**SYDNEY THUNDER**

**COME AND GET YOUR PHOTO WITH THE BBL AND WBBL TROPHIES**

**WAGGA WAGGA COMMUNITY TROPHY VISIT**

**TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY**

**ROBERTSON OVAL, WAGGA WAGGA**

4.30 - 6pm

Guest appearance by Thunder WBBL player Alex Blackwell

Player signings and activities at the ‘Thunder Bus’

For more email luke.olsen@cricketnsw.com.au
World’s greatest shave

Our year 6 student, Kayleigh, is seeking sponsorship to shave her hair in #worldsgreatestshave. This is an extraordinary way to help people with blood cancer, but it can not be done alone. Please help Kayleigh by donating, big or small amounts to help reach her goal.