**Principal’s Report:**

**Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival**

What a fantastic day on Monday 15 February at our Small Schools Swimming Carnival at the Oasis Swimming Complex. Thank you to Tracy and Kirrilee from Collingullie for the smooth running of this carnival. Congratulations to all of those students who attended. Not only did you enter and swim as many events as possible, you also cheered each other on and displayed excellent behaviour. The following students who are invited to represent our Small Schools’ network at the Wagga PSSA Carnival on Friday 26 February:

- Georgia, 9 years 50m freestyle
- Asha, 9 years 50m freestyle
- Zac, 9 years 50m freestyle
- Tyson, 10 years 50m freestyle
- Cooper, 10 years 50m freestyle
- Sebastian, 11 years 50m freestyle
- Kyah, Kiara, Kayleigh, Caitlyn, Girls 200m senior relay
- Kyah Barton, 11 years 50m freestyle, 11 years 50m breaststroke, 11 years 50m backstroke

We wish them all the best.

**Staff Development Day (SDD) Variation**

At the P&C meeting on Thursday 18 February, I discussed the fact that we would like to vary the School Development Days proposed for the 19th & 20th December 2016. The school would be shut on these days. Your child’s last day remains unchanged at Friday 16 December. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this variation. All staff will be attending four evening SDD sessions throughout the year in lieu of these dates. Congratulations to our incoming P & C committee. I look forward to working with you this year.

**Gulbalanha Visual Arts Program**

On Tuesday 16 February I participated in training at the Wagga Gallery. For the rest of this term and terms 2 and 3, years 5 and 6 will be printing, painting, drawing with pen and ink, weaving and learning about local Wiradjuri artists. This will culminate with a piece of their work being displayed in the gallery, along with 15 other schools, during term 3.

**Evacuation**

As you will be aware, schools around NSW have been receiving bomb threats. Our response to the threat, should we get one is: if the threat is that there is a bomb at the school, we will follow all of the procedures set out by the department and the evacuation point will be at the far end of the park across the road. If the threat is that someone is coming to the school with a bomb, we will initiate our lockdown procedure. No door will be opened for any reason if this happens so please do not come to the school.

Regards Lyn 😊
**Term 1 - February**
- February 22 - Gymnastics — Yrs 3-6
- February 26 - Wagga Swimming Carnival - Assembly by 3/4, 2pm
- February 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 til 9.30am
  - NO EFTPOS available only CASH or CHEQUE

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**Kapooka School APP**
- Go to your APP store - type in Kapooka School APP - Enter on our school logo - download and log in with - Username - community Password - kapookaps

**SCHOOL NEWS:**
- **School Newsletters** are available on our **School APP** or website. If you wish one to be emailed to you, please advise the office.
- **Lunch orders**—Author day—please return by Wednesday 24th February (next week). Late orders will not be accepted due to order of food.
- **SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES** - home today - please look for them.

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**Camp Gallipoli**

Camp Gallipoli is a charitable Club, which invites Australian school children from all back grounds to become members. Children of all ages come together in a national sleep out on Anzac Day eve on the 24th April. Camp Gallipoli costs $54.95 per person.

Camp Gallipoli is held in major cities in Australia including Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane and Hobart. With any ticket purchase, Camp Gallipoli participants automatically receive membership to the Camp Gallipoli Club. Membership includes free access to our Dynamic Learning Online portal which is our treasure trove of all things World War 1 and Gallipoli, with information including videos, documentaries and pictures. Members also receive our monthly newsletter, Trench Talk, as well as being involved in our competitions and prize draws, which can include winning items such as swags and other cool Camp Gallipoli merchandise.


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**P & C NEWS:**
- **A very big thank you** to everyone who attended the P&C meeting on Thursday 18th February. It was great to see so many people attend. Also, thank you those parents who took positions and volunteered.
- **P & C is asking for donations of Easter eggs** which will be used in our Easter raffle. Please leave these in the front office with Mrs Geale.
- **Next P & C meeting** will be held on **Thursday 17th March at 9.15am** in the school library.

**Chocolate Roster**

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**Answering all questions!**

On the bus!! That was fun!
Social Skills Groups (SSG) / “Friendship Clubs”

Last week some of our children began attending ‘Social Skills Groups’ (except for some of the children who were at the swimming carnival on Monday). The four separate groups will meet for approximately 30 mins once a week. Some of the skills the children practice in SSG are based on the CASEL’s academic, social and emotional learning competencies (www.casel.org), and include:

- **Self-awareness**: The ability to accurately recognise one’s emotions and thoughts and their influence on behaviour.
- **Self-management**: The ability to regulate one’s emotions, thoughts, and behaviours effectively in different situations. This includes managing stress, controlling impulses, motivating oneself, and setting and working toward achieving goals.
- **Social awareness**: to help them understand social and ethical norms for behaviour, and to recognise family, school, and community resources and supports.
- **Relationship skills**: This includes communicating clearly, listening actively, cooperating, resisting inappropriate social pressure, negotiating conflict constructively, and seeking and offering help when needed.
- **Responsible decision making**: The ability to make constructive and respectful choices about personal behaviour & social interactions.

The children enjoy coming to these small groups. With the wonderful help from the whole school staff, the support from parents and the children practising and refining these skills, you can see the children refine these skills as the year goes by!

‘Let us Keep In Touch’ Group (or could be called “Letters – keep in touch”!)

Once a fortnight during lunch time, the children who have a loved one away (which could be mum, dad, relative, or old school friend etc). The children will be given the opportunity to write a letter, draw or colour in a picture to send to someone that they are missing or would like to keep in contact with. The children will then take the letter home for them to write the address on and then post, or keep until the person arrives home. The children will be notified each week of what day the group will be held.

Welcome home kit

When one of our children’s parents have been away, the children are given a ‘Welcome Home kit’ which contains a blank poster and card to decorate, some stickers and balloons to make a decorative display when their loved one arrives home. Please let me know when your child’s other parent is away and when they are due to return, so I can ensure the children receive the kit in time to decorate and display at home.

DCO news… ‘Staying Connected’ DVD

DCO has released a new DVD resource for all ADF members and their families. ‘Staying Connected’ focuses on building and maintaining positive and supportive relationships to help manage the challenges of military life.

Check it out now on the website, borrow it on DVD from your local DCO office or contact the Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608 / defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au 24/7 for information and support.


The Kapooka Spouse Ready-for-Work 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 extreme work hours and the restricted employment market. The scheme consists of a scholarship for completion of Certificate III or greater level courses. For further details please see the flyer on the next page of this newsletter. Please see me for an application form or collect one from the noticeboard outside my office.

Kind regards, Thérèse therese.mctavish1@det.nsw.edu.au
Draw a birds’ eye view of their room.

2016 NSW University Competitions

Dates for the competitions are shown below along with the prices. Prices students pay are GST exclusive. $8.80 will be $8.00. If you or your child are interested in these competitions, please see Mrs Driscoll ASAP.

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Year 6 Leadership Day @ Ladymith

Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start in comfortable training gear and with appropriate footwear.

Bring:
- water bottle
- ball (marked with your name)
- medication (asthma puffers, etc)
- hat and sunscreen
- hand towel
- whistle (umpires only)
- pen & paper (umpires only)

Bacon and Egg rolls will be available for purchase for breakfast.

Lunch orders and Canteen facilities are available on site.

Travel / accommodation arrangements are your responsibility.

Southern Sports Academy
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Kooringal 2650
Phone: 6931 8111
Fax: 6931 8011
E-mail: cbreese@ssa-nsw.org.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.


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Netball Athlete Development Camp

The Talent Development Camp is an ideal opportunity for players of all levels to enhance their Netball skills prior to the Netball season. The camp is designed to cater for all players regardless of Netball ability focusing on player development and as well as player talent.

Under the guidance of former NSW Swifts player Jackie Murphy and Academy coaches, participants will be exposed to new developments in the game as well as coaching of the highest calibre.

Camp Sessions Involve:

- Drill drills, Footwork, Fitness, Specialist skills / drills (Centre Court, Defence, Shooters), fun sessions and games.

Netball Umpire Development Camp

In 2016, the Academy is introducing umpire training for any aspiring umpires who are unbedded and wanting to learn. Ideally you will have completed your Level 1 course and Section 1 exam with a passmark >70%.

If you wish to attend the umpire day, please... circle “Umpire Camp” on the application form.

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Jackie’s Biography

Jackie was born in Wagga Wagga and grew up in the nearby village of Marrar. Jackie played in local competitions as was part of the Southern Sports Academy during her early years before heading to Canberra.


2003 - Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) scholarship; Canberra Darters (National Netball League); Australian 21 and Under Team.

2004 - Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) scholarship; Australian 21 and Under Team.

2005 - Vice Captain of the AIS Canberra Darters; Australian 21 and Under Team (won the USA and Jamaica in preparation for the World Youth Netball Championship in Miami, USA).

2006, 2007 – Sydney Swifts selection in the National League (unbeaten premiers); Emerging Australian Open Talent Squad.

2007 – Sydney Swifts leadership team; Bachelor of Physical Education and Health at the Australian College of Physical Education, Sydney.

2008 – NSW Waratahs (Australian National Netball League); captained NSW State League team, Merly, to 3rd position.


2012 – Elected Chair of the Southern Sports Academy.

Other – Vice President of the Wagga Netball Association; teacher at Kilsite College.

Jackie’s favourite quote –

Positive people produce spectacular results