**Principal’s Report:**

**Buddy Groups**

Our year 6 students have begun leading buddy groups in each of our classrooms. We have four groups of students from K-6 and the year 6 students are leading discussions on our rules and behaviour expectations as well organising games for all students to get to know each other.

**World’s Greatest Shave**

In March, our School Captain, Kayleigh, will shave her head for the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave. Kayleigh’s mum, Kelly, has shaved her head twice for this charity and this year Kayleigh thought it would be her turn. If you would like to support Kayleigh and donate to this worthwhile cause, you can go to: [http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/kayleighwolfe?langPref=en-CA&Referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au%2fregistrant%2fUserQuestionsEdit.aspx](http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/kayleighwolfe?langPref=en-CA&Referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au%2fregistrant%2fUserQuestionsEdit.aspx)

Our School Parliament has also decided to support Kayleigh by holding a fundraiser on Thursday 10 March. Details to follow.

**Author Day**

Watch this space! Phil Kettle, the author of many children’s books, including the Too Cool series, is coming to our Small Schools’ Author Day. The Daily Advertiser may also be here. If you do not want your child’s photo to be included in the newspaper, please contact the school by Tuesday 1 March.

**Gymnastics**

Years 3-6 have begun their gymnastics program at Airborne Gymnastics at Bolton Park. They will attend every Monday for four weeks and are learning many gymnastics skills.

Regards Lyn 😊
DIARY

Term 1 - March
1 - Fun Run-3-6 @ ARTC
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
5 - School photo day
   - Gymnastics, yrs 3-6
6 - PSSA girls/boys soccer
7 - PSSA Netball trials
11 - Assembly by 1/2, 2pm
12 - 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
   @ Ladymith
25 - Wagga Athletics Carn
27 - Assembly by 3/4, 2pm

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Security around Kapooka School

There have been concerning incidents at the school outside of school hours recently. The matters have been reported to police for investigation. The school grounds should not be accessed outside of school hours.

If you do see anybody on school grounds or any suspicious activity, please report it immediately to the School Security Hotline on 1300880221, Wagga Wagga Police on 6922599 or Crimestoppers 1800 333 000.

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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 - kapookaks

AWARDS:

Merit Certificate:
5/6  Kayah, Aiden, Luke, Jackson

Student of the Week:
5/6  Sebastian, Raelene

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.
- SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES -
  You would have received this envelope now for each child at this school. Please bring these ON THE DAY of the photo - Monday 7th March. Please wear SUMMER uniform.
  Regardless of ordering or not, your child’s photo will be taken. You may also re-order at a later date by contacting the company.
- EASTER RAFFLE - don’t forget to send in your donation of eggs for P&C raffle.
- UNI NSW competitions - If you child has wished to do these, please return the money and note ASAP.

World’s greatest shave

Our year 6 student, Kayleigh, is seeking sponsorship to shave her hair in the worlds greatest shave. Kayleigh will have her head shaved on Sunday 13th March at 11.00am in the Wagga Market Place. You may support Kayleigh by making a donation or by attending on the day.


Busy in K/1 with building blocks.

P & C NEWS:
- 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
1st March
Sarah van der Heyden
8th March
Brina Hopkins
15th March
Kylie Gibson
**DSTA NEWS:**

**Countdown Calendars**
When one of our student’s parent / carer is away from home, I will happily make your child a customised ‘Countdown Calendar’ so they can mark the days off until they see their loved one again. (I also encourage the children to use the calendar to keep track of birthdays and up coming events).
Please let me know if a parent / carer is going to be away and when they will be returning. If for any reason you do not want your child to receive a Countdown Calendar, and you haven’t already spoken with me, please let me know asap.

**DCO Welcome to Wagga**
It was great to see so many of our families at the DCO Welcome to Wagga! There were several services there on the night, that maybe of benefit to you during your stay in Wagga. Here are just a few:
- The Kapooka Neighbourhood House
- Scouts
- Girl Guides
- Defence Bank, National Australia Bank
- DHA
- Defence Special Needs Support Group
- The RANCH
- Bridgee Dragon boats
- 4WD Club
- Wagga Women’s Health Centre
- Wagga City Council
- Wagga Family Support Service

Here’s a little more information on the **Wagga Family Support Service**:
Their aim is to help all families with children whose capacity to function has been affected by temporary or long term stress. They provide support to a diverse range of families, including two-parent families, single parent families, teenage parents and culturally diverse families across Wagga Wagga.

What does Wagga Family Support Services offer you?
- Support to families in developing skills and competency in child rearing and family relationships.
- To help families become more aware of professional and community services within the area and to assist in client access to these services.

Services Provided by Wagga Wagga Family Support include:
- Home visits.
- Groups for mutual support, parental education, development of self-confidence.
- Support counselling, information and referral services for individual families.
- Advocacy on behalf of clients with other agencies.

Families or individuals within families may refer themselves or be referred by other services, with families permission by contacting the director of Wagga Wagga Family Support Services by phone on (02) 6921 7544 or calling into the centre at Suite 15 ‘The Piazza’ 46-52 Baylis Street, Wagga Wagga.

Kind regards, Thérèse therese.mctavish1@det.nsw.edu.au

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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.

If your family wishes to take part, please go to the Jump Rope for Heart website, [http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Kapooka-Public-School-KAPOOKA-NSW-118767](http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Kapooka-Public-School-KAPOOKA-NSW-118767) 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.

Ms van Dijk, Jump Rope Co-ordinator

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**KIDS DISCO**

Saturday 12th of March
1730-1930
Prizes for best dressed child & adult

**SOMETHING STARTING WITH “F”**

Proudly brought to you by The Ranch (RAAF Army Navy Community House) with donations from Noah’s Ark, Wendy’s, Boost Juice.
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students in years 4 to 6 to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 4 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Swimming Carnival

Last week years 3, 4, 5, 6 went to a Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Lots of our young students competed in many competitions and some even managed to be in the top three. All of the students had a go and enjoyed every moment! Some people had a go even when they had no idea of how to do it or they didn’t want to do it. Our brave students all participated no matter how scared or brave they were! Here is a photo of our winning students.  

By Tahnya, Year 6

Cheer squad at small school swimming carnival on 15th February

Dates for Uni competitions

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