Welcome to week 7, Term 1.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Author Day
On Wednesday 2 March our Small Schools network came together at our school for an Author Day. Phil Kettle, the author of many children’s books, spoke to three stage groups about writing narratives and his history with writing. He told years 4, 5 and 6 that he began his career as a teacher and wrote a book for boys who were reluctant readers with a character called Too Cool. This book was published and from there he became a full time author. Phil stressed the importance of reading and engaging the imagination as these are used in all areas of life.

The teachers from all of the schools also ran workshops with writing activities for those students who were not with Phil.

Army Birthday Fun Run
Last Monday, students from years 3-6 participated in a fun run at the Army Recruit Training Centre. It was wonderful that students and their parents had the opportunity to run together. Students also enjoyed running with “The Mad Hatter” and doing their best.

A big hit was the birthday cake which was cut with a sword and music was played by the band. Thank you to the organisers for including us in this opportunity.

Both the students and their families enjoyed the morning.

Congratulations to Sebastian who came first for our school in the 1.5 kilometre course.

 Regards
Lyn
**DIARY**

**Term 1 - March**
- 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 Currie Hall
- 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
- 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

**School Banking**
- Friday
- Uniform shop - Friday from 9:15am til 9.30am
- NO EFTPOS available only CASH or CHEQUE

**Kapooka School APP**
- Go to your APP store
- 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.
- **EASTER RAFFLE** - don’t forget to send in your donation of eggs for P&C raffle.
- **Colouring-in competition** - This week your child will bring home a colouring-in competition for Respect Awareness. The competition commences today and will conclude on Tuesday 22nd March. ALL ENTRIES need to be back at school by Monday 21st March to enable staff to deliver prior to draw on Thursday 24th March. Enjoy your colouring-in.
- **PSSA News** - Last Thursday, Luke P. tried out for the PSSA AFL trials. Luke was unsuccessful but tried very hard.
- **Year 6 students** were today handed their “Expression of Interest - moving into High School in 2017” form. Please return by Friday 18th March.

**STUDENT REPORTS**

**Fun Run**
On Tuesday, 1st March, the 3/4/5/6’s went to the Fun Run because it was the Army’s birthday. All of us ran a total of 1.5 kilometres and it was a really fun and tiring 1.5 kilometres. When everybody finished we all had a sausage and we also had some water and juice to drink. It was a really great time and it was also a tiring day. **By Raelene, Yr 5**

**Author day**
On 2nd March, we had an Author Day! All the small schools came to Kapooka to participate in some reading, games and writing activities. They all had a wonderful time and engaged very well with each other.
We had Phil Kettle come to our school to teach the students how to write a book and how he came up with his brilliant ideas. All the students participated well in this and had a splendid time!
We also had a yummy lunch order for the students to enjoy and all those who didn’t order ate their own lunch and were as happy as the others! We all had a wonderful day and are looking forward to the next get together with the small schools! **By Tahnya, Yr 6**

**School Parliament Meeting**
On 23rd February, Kapooka School Parliament had a meeting. We talked about donating $100.00 to Fiji because there was a cyclone and it destroyed the homes. We also talked about how we are going to do the World’s Greatest shave in March to help Kayleigh. It was our first Parliament meeting of the year. **By Raelene, Yr 5**

**AWARDS**

**Student of the Week - K/1**
- Ruby H Chen
- Hayley Donimic

**Pupil Award - K/1**
- Riley
- Matilda R
- Felicity
- Annaelle
DSTA NEWS: Army Birthday Fun Run
Thank you to COMDT ARTC Colonel Steve Jobson and his team for our invitation to the Army Birthday Fun Run last Tuesday. We all had a great time and it was wonderful opportunity for the school community and the Army to have fun together!

Kapooka Neighbourhood House news…
Bumps to Bubs Group – Tuesday, March 8 at 9:30 AM - 11 AM
Come and meet other woman who are expecting or have recently had a child. A great way to get support. Special guest such as a breastfeeding advice, nutrition will be available in the coming weeks.

International Women's Day - Tuesday March 8
UN Women is the United Nations agency for women's empowerment and gender equality, delivering programs and transforming policy to create a brighter future for women and girls in 100 countries worldwide. One of UN Women's core priorities is ending all forms of violence against women and girls. Violence against women and girls is widespread. It occurs in all countries around the world and doesn't discriminate based on socio-economic status, race or religion – it affects women across all walks of life. If you need help, please call 1800RESPECT - (ph. 1800 737 732)
Dealing with domestic and family violence is never easy, but 1800RESPECT's qualified and experienced counsellors can provide information and refer you to support services that can help.

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

D & 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.
◆ Today your eldest child in family will come home with a book of raffle tickets in a plastic bag. The tickets are $1.00 each. A book of 20 tickets is enclosed in the bag. ALL SOLD AND UNSOLD tickets must be returned to school by Monday 21st March. We have 3 prizes First = Large Easter Hamper; Second = $50 Coles/Myer voucher; Third = Small Easter Hamper. Extra tickets are available from the office if you would like to sell more than your book of 20. Thank you for your fundraising help.
◆ Next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 17th March at 9.15am in the school library.
Chocolate Roster
8th March Brina Hopkins
15th March Kylie Gibson
22nd March Jill McCabe

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
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 and find our school. Create your own Hero page and start fundraising for this worthy cause.

World's greatest shave
Kayleigh has already raised over $4000.00 for her sponsorship. Is not too late to make a donation.
Security around Kapooka School
Please remember that 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 1300 880 221, Wagga Wagga Police on 6922 5599 or Crimestoppers 1800 333 000.

UNI NSW competitions
If your child has wished to do these, please return the money and note ASAP.
These are the children who have nominated to do the University of NSW testing.
Frazer, Liam, Cooper, Kayleigh, Logan, Tyson and Zac
We wish them well.

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On Friday 4th March, K/1 and 1/2 enjoyed a dog education lesson with Carmen and Zita the dog.

Ruby’s hat flew off when she was skipping!