

**Term 2 - Week 4****Wednesday 13 May, 2015**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**NAPLAN:** By the end of today students in years 3 and 5 will have completed three of the four assessments. The numeracy assessment will be completed tomorrow. Any students who have been away will have the opportunity to complete these tests on Friday before they are sent away for marking.

Some of our students have been stressed by the tests this week. I have told them that the tests will be challenging but that they have done the work in class and need to try their best. We know that our students are much more than just the results from these tests.

Results are due to be released in August. The school uses the results to design individualised learning programs for students who need some extra support. We also look at results as a whole and see where we need to focus on particular areas of need for the whole school. However, as a staff, the teachers are already aware of individual student need and are addressing these in the classroom already.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and see me about this.

**4/5/6 Excursion:** Thank you to those students who have returned their permission notes and \$50 deposit for the excursion to Berry Sport and Recreation Centre being held from 4 – 6 November. All students need to return their note even if they will not be attending as we need to confirm numbers ASAP and pay the security deposit.

The balance of the excursion cost can be paid off throughout the year and will need to be

journey. Students should not be moving around the bus while it is in motion. I would hate for one of our students to be injured, or worse, in an accident because they weren't in their seat.

**District Cross Country:** Congratulations to those students who qualified. Notes were due into school today so that we could arrange transport as the cost of hiring a bus for approximately 20 students was prohibitive. Good luck to everyone competing on Friday.

Finally, I will be in Sydney on Monday and Tuesday attending a conference.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see me.*

*Nicole*

## **K/1/2 NEWS**

The windy weather yesterday sent us all crazy! Let's hope the rest of the week is better.

This week Kinder are learning about the letters p and y while Years 1 and 2 are learning about words with 'nd' (sand, end etc). We are learning about subtraction in Maths.

Well done to all Kinder students who are returning their home readers almost every day. I can see the progress in their reading each week as a result.

Ms Porteous will start teaching athletics to students during sport on Friday as our Athletics Carnival is fast approaching!

Finally, I enjoyed my run with Kinder for the Cross Country on Friday. I don't know about your children, but I certainly slept well on Friday night after that run!

I will be in Sydney on Monday and Tuesday attending a conference. Ms Porteous will have the

on Friday. Super effort !!

When we visited the Life Education Van last week one of the topics we looked at was “Medicine Matters” and we focused on drugs that are helpful and prescribed to us. To help with our follow up I need empty prescription bottles so we can look at labelling. We are not investigating why they are prescribed and please feel free to black out names for your privacy. We also need empty vitamin packets, pain relief etc. We will be looking at use by dates, instructions, names of chemists and doctors ,whether you can buy it without a prescription etc.

Looking forward to receiving a lot of home readers and school library books tomorrow. We are having Library borrowing after the NAPLAN tests are finished.

HOMEWORK IS DUE ON THURSDAY.

*Keep in touch,*

*Lyn*

## **5/6 NEWS**

It is another busy week for 5/6 this week. Year 5 have been busy participating in NAPLAN testing during the morning sessions and more than half of our class are going to the District Cross Country Carnival this Friday. While Year 5 has been busy, Year 6 have been continuing with data and learning to use compasses and protractors to create their own pie charts.

We have been continuing with our health topic and students will be creating posters that promote eating a healthy, nutritious and well balanced diet. Hopefully we can display some of these around the school.

In English this week we are looking at different types of narratives. Our focus is on animation and we have been identifying the components of a narrative while viewing a ‘Shaun the Sheep’ clip. Unsurprisingly, students have seemed to enjoy this part of narratives.

Finally, a continuous reminder that home readers are due. If students are reading their own books they still need to bring their journal in on Fridays. Notes will be going home soon regarding the absence of home reader and journal returns.

*Thankyou for your support*

## SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to our cross country runners, who helped our school place 2nd at the FISST Cross Country Carnival last Wednesday at Willandra. This Friday we have 16 students attending the District Carnival at Willandra. Good luck boys and girls.

In week 7 of this term on Friday 5 June we are having our School Athletics Carnival. We will require parent volunteers to help with the carnival (time keepers and place recorders). Similarly, we are hosting the FISST Athletics Carnival the following week on Wednesday- 10 June. Again, we would really appreciate volunteers for this event. Please contact the office if you are able to help out.

Our School Cross Country was held last Friday. We had a pleasant day for the event and student participation was fantastic. It was a close battle between the Kangaroos and Emus and we will be announcing the winner and presenting place ribbons at Thursday's assembly. A huge thankyou to the parents who volunteered on the day, some being out in the bush with the mozzies for an hour. Your help is greatly appreciated.

*Yours in Sport,*

*Dion Lalor*

## CANTEEN NEWS

**STARTING THIS WEEK THE CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN 2 DAYS A WEEK !!!!!!!  
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.**

Available from the canteen this week in addition to the regular menu we will be selling delicious

**Homemade Healthy Winter Warmers**

THURSDAY ONLY

and



Chicken Noodle Soup with a Cheese & Bacon Roll \$3.50

☺Thursday 14 May

Assembly 2:15pm

☺Friday 15 May

District Cross Country - Willandra

### WEEK (5)

☺Wednesday 20 May

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### COMING EVENTS

☺Thursday 28 May

Assembly 2:15pm

☺Friday 5 June

Athletics Carnival

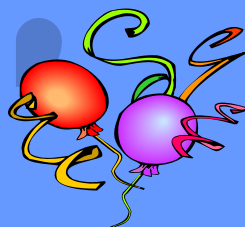
☺Wednesday 10 June

FISST Athletics Carnival

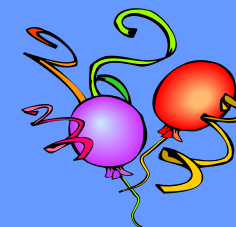
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☺Friday 26 June

Crazy Hair Day



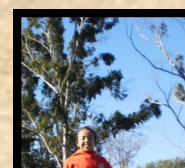
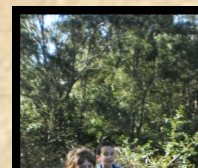
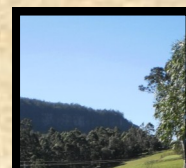
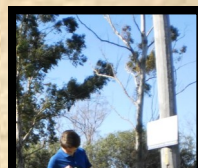
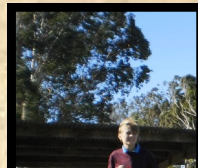
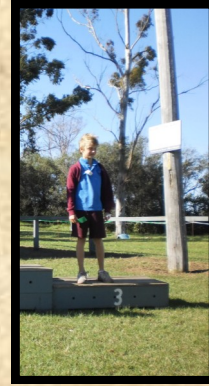
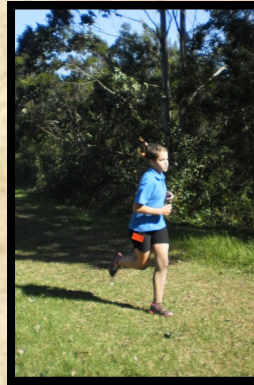
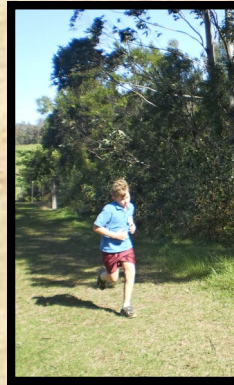
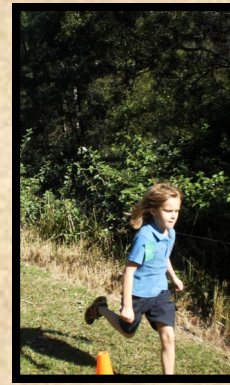
# Happy Birthday!



**Happy Birthday to the following students who  
celebrate their birthday in May**

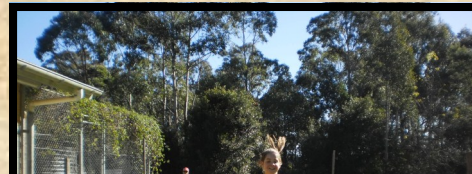
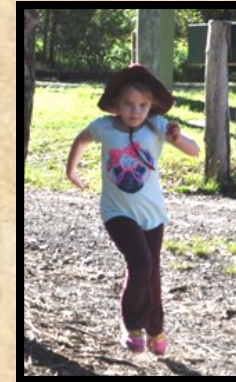
**6 May: Dejan Sankovic**

6 May 2015





# 8 May 2015



May 2015

## **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**

### **Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government schools**

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools.

The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

#### ***How can you participate in the review?***

You can complete a survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at this link: <http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers>

The survey is in English and has 19 questions. For most questions you can select an answer from the multiple choice options provided. Only two questions ask for written answers. Extra written feedback for another five questions may be provided if desired but is not essential.

#### ***Queries or complaints about the way the review is conducted***

For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact the Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at [SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au). All complaints will be treated confidentially.