Congratulations to our PP5 Relay Team
What a fantastic effort! Two terms of training which ensured the baton changes were well executed, the team members were able to run their fastest and the team ran as one.

The achievement is outstanding; the boys ran three races—here is what they have to say about the whole event.

“On Thursday, the relay team attended the NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival in Sydney. We started by walking to the warm up track to practice our baton changes and stretches. Then we got called up to go in our heat. When we got to our positions, we got placed in the right lanes. We started the race in the lead and finished in the lead, and first place put us automatically into the semi-finals. In the semi-finals, we ran a PB and won by 0.03 in a photo finish over another Riverina team. We qualified second fastest for the final. In the final we got off to a good start but, sadly, could not hold on for a podium finish. We finished fourth. It was a great thrill to be in the finals and we didn’t think we would get this far.”

Grandparents Assembly to celebrate the importance of Grandparents
Friday 25th October—12.30pm

Assembly will include award presentations from the Premier’s Sporting Challenge, Maths Competition and Premier’s Debating Challenge; Year 5’s initial Captain’s campaign speech and demonstrations of learning.

Assembly will be followed by a joint lunch—students are asked to bring a plate with some food to share for lunch.

If you do not wish to participate, please pack lunch as usual.

SUPER STUDENT AWARDS
Please send in your child’s Merit Certificates, Super Student Awards, Playground Awards or any other school awards they may have received in Term 3 by this WEDNESDAY, so we can determine who has qualified for a Super Student of the Term Award. These awards will be presented at our Grandparents Assembly on Friday.

P&C Meeting
Wednesday 23rd October—7.00pm
Agenda:-
- Presentation Night
- Chef’s Toolbox Fundraiser Night
- Excursion

Mt Kosciuszko Excursion
Excurion notes and information attached. Please call and speak to Ms Sturman if you have any questions, comments or feedback.
Learning in Week 2—Building Learning Power

As we continue to build life long learning skills in our students, the opportunities for individual growth are wonderful.

Last week’s question for Primary was “What is a Band?” Through questioning, listening and distilling this information, our students were able to develop a deeper understanding of the concepts of what a musical band is.

Remembering what we have discovered is of vital importance …

We have been learning a strategy to remember—make the facts into a story. So far, we have a complicated story around queens and kings so we can remember the order of a pack of cards.

By next week, your child will be able to tell you the order of a pack of 52 cards.

Ask them to tell you the order of the cards around our classroom and, more importantly, ask them how they remember. This concept can help us to remember much of life’s necessary concepts, people’s names, the order of tasks etc.

YEAR 4

Last week, Year 4 were totally absorbed in finding answers to the question “What is a Band?”

Here are the questions and answers Jake and Kieran came up with.

Kieran— How can you make a band? You need people, you need instruments, people who can sing, dance and play things like guitars, pianos, trumpets and saxophones.

What was the first band in the world? The first band was possibly the original Dixie Land Jazz Band.

What was the first band to sell a song? The first band to sell a song was Bill Haley and his Comets. The first single was sold in 1954 and sold one million copies by 1955. The song was called ‘Rock Around the Clock’.

How many people can be in a band? There should be three or more people in a band. Famous bands include The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, U2, AC/DC, Green Day, Pearl Jam and Nickelback.

Jake— How can you make a band? You can make a band with people who can play instruments such as saxophone, trumpet, guitar, piano and drums.

What was the first Australian band to have an album? Billy Thorpe and the Aztecs.

What was the first girl band? The Ingenues Jazz group in the 1930’s.

What was the first boy band? The first boy band was called the Barbershop Quartet and they were a group of male singers.
YEAR 2—The K-2 class has been looking at how authors use words in their stories to give the reader a visual image of an idea.

Last week we read the book, “A Bus Called Heaven”, and discussed descriptions such as “as sad as a whale on a beach”. The students then had to attempt to come up with some of their own descriptions. Some examples are:

Marnie — “as excited as a girl in a chocolate factory”.

Adelaide — “as sad as a boy in a chocolate factory that has no chocolate”.

Ashton — “as angry as a volcano about to explode”.

Ruth — “as crazy as a pony in a meadow”.

MR MORRIS—Adam and Cameron have been working with Mr Morris for just over 2 terms. They have made some fantastic improvements towards their learning. Cameron is showing some great noticing and collaborating skills and learning to add 1 & 2 digit numbers. Adam is showing improved perseverance, and this has improved his addition skills.

SUPER HOW2LEARN STUDENTS

Charlie Murphy—He demonstrated
- Perseverance with his home learning
- Some listening strategies
- Remembering
- Collaboration

Lachlan Webber—He demonstrated
- Perseverance
- Listening
- Remembering
- Collaboration

Thomas Clarke—Using initiative
- Seeing a problem and calmly finding and implementing a solution (computers)

Matilda Cole—Making links with her learning
- Linking what she is learning this term with what she learned last term.
KidsMatter has produced a “Starting School” set of resources as part of their contribution to Children’s Week. Their “Starting School” campaign commenced on Saturday, 19 October. You can access the “Starting School” resources at [www.kidsmatter.edu.au/startingschool](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/startingschool).

**CHORDS**

Well done students, you performed beautifully!
Perseverance paid off, and all the effort showed through.
Your children really have developed some life long learning strategies by being part of the Combined Public Schools’ Choir. Everyone gave their best and we hope you all enjoyed the performance.
This event is something our students will look back on in years to come with fond memories.

**BOOK CLUB**

Please return orders and payment by Friday 25th October.

**chicks...**

The cycle continues ....

The hens laid eggs ..... 

Then they sat on them and look what happened!

We love them ..... And look, we now have a rooster!