Riverina Principals’ Conference

The Principals’ Conference started with a presentation from the Regional Director, Mr Colin Parker. Amongst other topics, he was explaining how important it is for our students to be encouraged to be creative. For them to be successful in the ever changing world, they need to think like entrepreneurs—resourceful, flexible, creative and global.

This graph shown here shows that at 5 years, students are extremely creative but by the time they are 10, this has dropped dramatically, not to mention 15.

While at the conference, Ms Sturman also covered topics such as promoting our school, how the changes afoot will affect our school, and how we can help it do so …

Students’ learning was high on the agenda along with many ideas which we’ll talk about at P&C, staff meetings, parent chats and other school events.

Congratulations, Swimmers!

What a wonderful day we all had on Tuesday at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Due to parent support and strong leadership from the year 6 team, all students participated to their best ability. The highlights of the day included seeing the confidence grow in all the students, so we were able to field 4 relay teams. The school spirit was outstanding.

Thank you to everyone who was involved.

7 Swimmers qualified for Wagga Wagga Regional Swimming Carnival

In 2012, Ladysmith Public School had 3 representatives at the Wagga Wagga Carnival…..2013 will see 7 swimmers attend. We like to think swimming lessons, AASC swimming and swimming for sport have all played a part in preparing these students. We wish Kieran, Jake, Riley Whiting, James, Charlli, Alex and Ben all the best for their events today. Kieran, Jake, James, Riley, Alex and Charlli will all be participating in their 50m freestyle age race. Ben will join Riley, James and Jake in the PP5 relay.

Sports Captain’s Report - The Swimming Carnival was great. Everyone behaved and competed in all of the events and they all swam really well. Everyone was encouraging each other. Thank you to all of the parents that came and encouraged the children.

- By Riley Whiting

This Week’s SUPER STUDENTS

K-2— Ruth O’Donovan— for working quietly and independently

3-6— Natalie Sim—for working hard in Maths and English
Clean Up Australia Day

This Friday, 1st March will see all our students out and about cleaning up our little part of Australia from 9.30am—11.00am. Children will be supplied with gloves, or they may bring their own. Parents are also most welcome to join us.

Assembly a Showcase for Creativity

Friday’s assembly was ably run by our leadership team. Our school captain, Lachlan, ensured everyone was involved.

Year 5 displayed work samples, from the primary room, that demonstrated how learning is extending from the classroom to the home.

Here we see Eddie reciting a rap he wrote and learnt, which is related to the book we are studying in class “The Hobbit”, and examples of models made by the students.

Numeracy in the garden—Stage 2 students

We are learning how to measure in the garden using our body parts—fingers, hands, and feet. We can estimate better when planting with these skills. We have planted carrots, celery, silverbeet, leeks and some herbs—parsley, marjoram, basil, chives and sweet chillies. Our tomatoes are going well. Thanks to those who have brought in gloves. We have our watering and weeding rosters up which are essential to the survival of our garden. We intend to measure the growth of our silverbeet and leeks. We will also record the rainfall and temperature each week and put this data into some exciting graphs. Any donated manure, coffee grounds or gardening items will be greatly appreciated. Thankyou—Caroline Kennedy

AASC—Active After School Communities sessions commence again this Wednesday and Thursday for a period of 5 weeks, excluding Thursday 21st March which is the Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival. Students will be participating in Athletics activities.

Scripture commences next Monday, 4th March. If your child/ren are attending non-denominational scripture with Mr Cox, please ensure $5.50 per student has been paid beforehand so they can receive their scripture books. Books will not be given out, until payment is received.

Ride 2 School Day

Preparations are well under way for National Ride2School Day on Friday 22 March. To celebrate riding, walking, skating and scooting as fun ways to travel to school, we are organising the following activities on the day:

Walk or wheel to school, BBQ breakfast, Bike Activities (by Wagga Wagga Cycle Club), special Maths activities, and a Road Safety talk by the Police School Liaison Officer.

Parents can join in the fun by walking or wheeling to school with their children and/or joining us for the various activities throughout the day.

Donations of food for breakfast would be greatly appreciated—eggs, bacon, bread, fruit juice; otherwise a gold coin donation per student/adult on the day.

P&C REMINDERS:-

• P&C AGM—Monday 4th March 2013 at 7.00pm. If you would like to nominate for a position, please complete the nomination form, a copy of which can be downloaded from the school’s website (under P&C Association) and return to school beforehand.

• BULB ORDERS—Don’t forget to order your bulbs—please return orders and money by Friday March 8th.
I strongly, strongly do not agree that you should go on the Hobbit adventure. In fact, for your own safety, for your own life, you certainly should not go on the crazy, daunting, challenging, life threatening, Hobbit adventure.

My first reason is that you could die or be in extreme danger. What I mean by this is if you go on the Hobbit adventure, you are risking your life in the hands of green, dark, scary, horrible, fire blowing dragons. Hairy, fat, ugly looking trolls with bad breath and festering feet. Evil blood sucking fairies with flesh between their teeth and blood dripping from their tiny, but nasty, mouths. It will be your flesh if you go on the Hobbit adventure. Your blood, too.

My second reason is that it will be incredibly exhausting. By this, I mean you will be sprinting for your life up huge monstrous mountains with slippery sharp rocks that stick out of the mountains, making it impossible to run from the immortal enemies. And, walking on razor-sharp rocks, it will feel like you are getting stabbed continuously with a carving knife and if you lose your balance on it, you will fall over onto your head and that will be the end of your life. There will be blood flowing everywhere and that will attract vultures and then you will be eaten alive.

My third reason is that if you actually defeat the dragons, trolls, fairies and climb the massive mountains with razor-sharp rocks that make blood, then that will attract vultures to get the treasure. You will have to share the treasure with all of the friendly dwarfs, leaving you with not much treasure after all and with the dwarfs wasting their gold on beer, that makes the whole adventure a fail.

My fourth reason is that you would have terrifying, disturbing, chilling and alarming nightmares with fairies chewing on your ears and toes, and the dragon breathing fire on your chest hairs and singeing eyelashes and eyebrows. What about the trolls putting you into a sack, then breathing into the sack, and then suffocating you with their stinky, atrocious, ghastly odour?

Please, truly, truly, believe me when I say - Do not, and I mean do not, go on the Hobbit adventure. Nothing good will come from dragons that breath fire and melt your skin within seconds. Angry, sharp toothed fairies that bite your little nose and trolls with terrible breath and brownish green toe jam that oozes out of the trolls toes when he walks. He might just provide you a cup of it, if you are not careful. So, please, please do not go on the Hobbit adventure, it is just BAD, BAD and more BAD ……

My Hobbit Adventure — By Jessica Rutland

I strongly believe you should come on the Hobbit adventure for some real excitement. Gandalf, the wizard, has convinced Bilbo Baggins, the thirteen dwarves and I, to retrieve the gold that was stolen from us by Smaug, the dragon. The gold he stole was sparkly, shiny coins, diamond rings, necklaces and earrings. Smaug the dragon has taken our gold and hidden it in his dungeon. His dungeon is on the other side of the mountains, far away from here.

Before we leave, we will have to go and see Bilbo Baggins’ house. Bilbo Baggins’ house is hidden in the side of Sunflower Mountain. When we get to Bilbo Baggins’ house we will have a meeting to arrange our adventure. Gandalf, the wizard, will be there and he knows what to expect because he is an old wise wizard. If we are lucky, we will see Gandalf blow smoke rings out of his pipe.

We will have fun climbing giant, beautiful flower-filled mountains. We will swim across crystal clear rivers and streams and under waterfalls. It might be dangerous, because Smaug the dragon can blow fire out his mouth. Because of the danger and unknown events ahead, Gandalf has organised Thorin the Warrior to come with us. Thorin the Warrior is brave and strong. Along the way we might get lost in the goblins tunnels, but we will have Thorin the Warrior to help us. Thorin the Warrior has been to Smaug’s dungeon before. We will cross over dark, misty mountains and answer questions from trolls so we can get across bridges. We will go through caves and see dungeons.

No matter how long it takes and how scary it might be, our adventure will be filled with thrills and excitement. Once we find the gold, we will pack it up safe and return home with it. When we get home, we will have a big celebration.

By this, I mean you should come on the Hobbit adventure to feel proud of yourself. You will never forget this adventure with Bilbo Baggins, Thorin the Warrior and the thirteen dwarves and myself, because you will have had to climb misty mountains and cross crystal clear rivers and see streams and beautiful flower filled mountains.

Imagine all the stories you will be able to tell people when we get back from our adventure. People will think you were so brave to even go to the Smaug’s dungeon. They will think you were even braver when you show them some of the gold we brought back with us. The End.
HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Junee Rhythm N Rail Festival Friday 1st-Sunday 3rd March 2013

Junee’s Rhythm and Rail Festival is fast approaching so highlight it on the calendar! The festival highlights Junee’s distinctive rail heritage and features lots of fun activities for the whole family.

Start your weekend of fun off with a trip down memory lane and jump aboard on the Historic Tin Hare Trains! The historic ‘Tin Hare’ rail motors are a must-see and will be available to shuttle you between Wagga Wagga, Junee and Cootamundra.

The Rhythm N Rail Festival Photography competition is open to all ages and the Junior category is a fantastic way for kids to explore their artistic side. Entries are open until Wednesday 27th February so get snapping!

Make sure you head over to the Junee Licorice Factory to be part of making chocolate history! We need your help to build the longest smash train in the world. Let the kids go wild at the Factory Funland! Sit back while the kids are entertained on the famous giant slide, jumping castle and animal petting zoo.

Another fantastic attraction to the event calendar is the markets held on both the Saturday and Sunday of the Festival. Filled with boundless fun filled activities for the kids as well as produce and boutique shopping for the adults!

Don’t miss out on your chance to be a train driver of the Thomas the Tank Engine on the model Railway at the exhibition in the Junee Recreation Centre!

The Junee Rhythm n Rail Festival is a great way to discover everything Junee has to offer.

STOP PRESS: PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Just a reminder to parents to please park outside the school boundary fence when dropping off or collecting your children. The school car park can become congested in the mornings and afternoons which raises O.H.&S. issues. Thank you for your cooperation.