Congratulations to our swimmers—off to Riverina Regional Swimming Carnival

Seven keen young swimmers represented our school as part of the Wagga Wagga Small Schools (WWSS) group at the Oasis, in the Wagga Wagga Regional swimming carnival. The WWSS group came third on the day which was an outstanding effort.

Our results were exceptional, too, with Alex swimming well and coming 5th, Kieran and Jake swam their best, and Charlli came 2nd in her 50m freestyle. The PP5 relay won their event!

We have 5 swimmers heading off to Albury for the Riverina Swimming Carnival, on Friday. Charlli will swim in the 8 yrs 50m freestyle while Jake, Ben, James and Riley will compete in the PP5 relay. Kieran is the reserve.

We wish them all the best and hope they enjoy the experience, swim their best and come back to share their learning with us all.

Students received their ribbons from the Small Schools Swimming Carnival yesterday. Well done everyone!

Soccer trials produce pleasing results

On Thursday, Ben and Riley attended the Wagga Wagga football (soccer) trials. They participated in drills and games for the selection of a Wagga Wagga team. Both boys were successful in being selected to play in the Wagga Wagga team. They will attend the Riverina trials on the 22nd March in Cootamundra, in an attempt to be chosen as part of the Riverina soccer team which will compete in the State trials.

Assembly Date Change

Due to clashes in calendar, our next assembly will be on Friday 15th March at 12.35pm. Please come and join us and stay for lunch.

This Week’s SUPER STUDENTS

K-2— Abbey Stanton — for attention to detail in art work
3-6— Blake Cochrane — for working well in Maths and English
Mr Morris — Riley Wilson — for excellent work in Mathematics
Everyone participated in Clean Up Australia Day

Ladysmith Public School was the only small school in the Wagga Wagga area to register for Clean Up Australia Day. A wonderful community event, although it was hard to find rubbish, was completed with enthusiasm and diligence.

In teams, led by the senior students, of three or four, everyone headed off up, down and around the village. Fortunately, we found a water station at the McDougall’s house which revitalised everyone as we had one more hill to climb.

With bags half full, we arrived at the shop just in time to enjoy the ice-blocks so nicely supplied by Mr Eric Koth, as a parting gesture.

Although Ladysmith is a very clean village, we enjoyed the experience and became more aware of our own back yard.

Professional Development High on the Agenda

Week 6 will see the staff deeply involved with ongoing Professional Development.

As we look to the future of the learning of our students, we are reminded of the fact that we, as teachers, also need to continually learn. The individual’s ability to turn ideas into action and remain creative and self-confident is what we are teaching our students and we therefore need to do the same.

This week -

Ms Sturman will attend the initial two days of How2learn—Higher order ways to learn—going from good to GREAT! This is a strategy focused on building students’ capacity to learn. This will be a whole school approach where everyone will talk the language of learning from Kindergarten to year 6. It is a whole school ethos of encouraging success and building aspirations. Staff will be involved with ongoing sessions to develop a range of positive practices to encourage clever thinking and lifelong learning.

Mrs Kennedy will participate in the initial Video Conference around CMIT. CMIT (Count Me In Too) is a whole school approach to teaching number. Mrs Kennedy will be running staff meeting sessions to ensure we are all updated with this approach and have our knowledge refreshed.

Mrs Kennedy and Mr Morris are developing a deeper understanding of teaching for learning this week through professional observations, feedback and implementation of differentiations. They will be working with the top maths group on Monday and Friday. We refer to this as Lesson Study. It provides an excellent forum for professional dialogue and learning improvements for our students.

A busy week for us all, but please come and ask us for more information if you are interested.

MOSCOW CIRCUS – AWARDS —BRING THEM IN!!!!!

We have some passes to give away to families and students for the Great Moscow Circus which will be in town soon.

We would like to reward those students who have been putting a concerted effort into all aspects of learning and school this year. So, we would like students to bring in their Super Student awards, playground awards and Merit Certificates from 2013, by Friday 8th March so we can reward the student who has gained the most recognition so far this year.

Ms Sturman will also reward the student who has the most ClassDojo points as this is a true indication of student behaviour and achievements this year.

Ms Cutler will reward a student who has shown learning and manners this year, too.
From the K-2 Classroom ....

Beginning Sounds

Infants have been practising their sounds. A part of this activity is finding words or objects beginning with a particular sound. The sounds we have covered so far are: \( a, m, s, t, i \).

We have had fun creating artworks which contain objects beginning with these sounds.

Australian Mathematics Competition—Yrs 3-6
Entries close Friday 8th March
If you would like your child to enter this competition, please send in $5.50 entry fee by this Friday.

Book Club brochures are attached. If wishing to place an order, please return forms and payment to school by Friday 15th March.

P&C NEWS

Congratulations to members of our P&C Executive for 2013:-

President: Jodie Sim
Vice President: Megan Murphy
Secretary: Sharon Pope
Vice Secretary: Lisa Pinn
Treasurer: Briony Clarke
Vice Treasurer: Rebecca Wilson

Bulb Orders: Bulb Orders are due this Friday, 8th March.

Working Bee: A working bee has been organised for this Wednesday and Thursday afternoon (during AASC) to dig out Khaki weed in the school grounds. Please bring along gloves, rubbish bags and shovels etc.

Voluntary School Contribution: At last night’s AGM, the P&C agreed that the voluntary school contribution remain the same as last year, i.e. $40.00 per child and $60.00 for two or more children.