Our focus is on learning, and the learning journeys have been interesting this week.

When you learn something new, there is often a period when you feel you will not master it. Through perseverance and persistence, we can master it.

So if a child says, "I can't do this", the reply is "yet" ..... You may not be able to do it yet but with learning you will.

Here is a simple example of a learning journey this week...

Yrs 3-5 outing......around Wagga Wagga

What fun to explore a few monuments around Wagga Wagga and put ANZAC day into some perspective.

Not only did the students discover some treasures from our community, but the adults also found items of interest...even after living here for a number of years.

Here is what some of the students have to say about the monuments we visited.....

Cameron—We saw the names on the graves of some of the people who died in the wars.

Riley Wilson—It was sad to see all the graves, especially those of the people that were young.

Natalie—At the Cenotaph, we saw the plaques with the names of those who died.
Congratulations to the swimming team

Thanks to Brendan, Angela and Sid for taking our swim team to Albury on Friday for the PSSA Regional Swimming Carnival.

All the swimmers enjoyed the experience and through this experience, gained a deeper understanding of this level of competition.

Charli swam her best in the 8yrs 50m freestyle and the PP5 relay did us proud. Well done everyone.

Regional Director visiting on Thursday

Mr Colin Parker will be with us on Thursday from 11.00am—12noon.

He will talk with staff and students as well as visit some classes.

If you would like to come down and have a chat, you are more than welcome.

SPECIAL AWARDS  .... Congratulations

As we were able to present tickets to the circus, we decided to acknowledge the efforts and commitments to learning that have occurred so far this year.

Lady Smith Gold award - students on the top of the ladder: - Cameron McDougall & Matilda Cole

Class dojo top students — Kieran Eady (3-6) and Ruth O’Donovan (K-2).

Keep up the great efforts and the hard work will result in rapid learning.

Learning in the playground

Part of building creativity in children is their ability to socialise, make judgements, use their creativity and imagination, as well as being able to solve problems.

Our playground has been a very busy place recently with children doing all of the above.

Students are experimenting with equipment, developing concepts, as well as discovering the necessary limitations they need to put on themselves to avoid mishaps.

A large part of a child’s learning takes place in the playground.

Assembly ...This Friday—15th March at 12.35pm.

Please come and join us and stay for lunch.

Book Club ... Please return orders and money by this Friday, 15th March.

This Week’s SUPER STUDENTS

K-2— Patrick Murphy— for developing pencil skills

3-6—Cameron McDougall— for learning while on our trip around Wagga Wagga
Friday 22nd — RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Please see attached flyer.

Homework snippets from the K-2 room …

For homework this term, the children in the K-2 class have to read a book each week and write what it was about. Here are a few examples.

By Matilda

POOR OLD POLLY

There was an old woman who found a frog. She swapped the frog for a dog. The dog was too quiet, so she swapped it for a scary shark. She got a pony who wouldn’t trot. She swapped a book for some britches, they were too loose, so she got a goose, the goose flew away. By Adelaide

DRAGON

When I first read the book, I didn’t understand it because the book was talking about a Dragon and in the picture they didn’t show any Dragon, just lots of kids. Mum made me read it again and then I could see the kids were imagining they were the Dragon. By Thomas

NELSON GETS A FRIGHT

Nelson is a baby elephant. He is learning to eat grass. Nelson sees his mother pull her trunk up to eat grass to her mouth. Nelson likes playing games. Nelson likes to chase wild beast.

One day when Nelson and his big sister, Nina, were chasing wild beast, Nelson saw something in the grass. It was lions. They were surrounding Nelson. He blew his trunk loud. The herd ran to Nelson blowing their trunks and scared the lions away. Nelson ran to his mother and his sister did too. Nelson said “next time I will stay close”. “Brrrr” he said. All of the herd did too. By Ruth

Voluntary School Contribution:-

$40.00 per child
$60.00 for two or more children

Music Lessons

Enrolments for Music Lessons for Term 2 are now being accepted. If you would like your child to learn an instrument at school during school hours and they are in Year 2 or above, please contact Ramos Music on 6947 1193 between 10.00am and 3.00pm and speak to Julie or Louis.

Alternatively, you can email us on info@ramosmusic.com.au Enrolments are not accepted after week 1 of term, so get in quick to secure your place.

Regional Soccer Trials—Ben and Riley Whiting will be attending the Riverina trials in Cootamundra on Friday 22nd March. We wish them all the best.

Year 5 EnviroChamps Day—Our Year 5 students will be participating in this program in 2013. The first day of the program is on Friday 22nd March at Charles Sturt University.

Wagga Wagga Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival—Years K-6

Our Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 21st March at Jubilee Park. This is a whole school event with age races and novelty events for the infants. All students will be attending and participating throughout the day.

Students are asked to arrive by 9.15am for a 9.30am start. Private transport will be necessary, as arranged by parents. (It is expected that the carnival will conclude at approximately 2.45pm).

Students are to wear sports uniforms—green shorts/school sports shorts, t-shirt, white socks and joggers. Please pack recess, lunch and a full drink bottle.

Uranquinty Public School will also be operating a canteen. A lunch order form is attached. If wishing to order lunch, please return order forms and money to school by Thursday 14th March.

A program is attached.

- A consent form is required—please return by Monday 18th March.

Wednesday 20th — HARMONY DAY

Come as a representative of a culture other than our own. Harmonious lunch - please bring in a dish to share which represents a different culture. Hot and cold food welcome—if parents wish to drop off hot food at lunch time, this is a welcomed idea. If food that needs heating up is sent in, it can only be heated in the microwave.

Lots on next week ...

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Friday 22nd March — RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY

National Ride2School Day is just around the corner!

Our activities for the day include:

Walking or wheeling to school, BBQ Breakfast (8.30-9.00am), 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. If you are able to assist with the donation of food, please complete the following note and return to school by this Friday.

Students cycling to school, will be collected from the following collection points by parents or members of the Wagga Wagga Cycle Club.

Collection Points:  
8.00am—Keajura Road  
8.10am—Fire Brigade Shed  
8.00am—Dairy Road junction (Ladysmith/Gregadoo Rd junction with Tumbarumba Rd)

Mr Pope will ride with James and collect Georgia, Abby, Thomas, Ashton, Charlie and Patrick along the way, and bring them to school.

Please indicate on the following slip, where your children will need to be collected from and return to school by this Friday, 15th March.

All students on wheels are required to wear helmets (this includes skaters and scooters).

RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY—Friday 22nd March

I am able to donate the following item/s for the Ride2School Day breakfast:

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My child/ren ____________________________________________________________ will be at the following collection point:

- [ ] 8.00am—Keajura Road
- [ ] 8.10am—Fire Brigade Shed
- [ ] 8.00am—Dairy Road junction

My child/ren ____________________________________________________________ will not be at a collection point and will come to school as normal.

Signed: __________________________________________  PLEASE RETURN BY 15/3/13

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Schools’ Athletics Carnival K-6

My child/children ________________________________________________________ has/have permission to attend the Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival at Jubilee Park on Thursday 21st March, 2013.

I will / will not be able to transport my child / children.

I can take _____ extra students in my car if necessary.

Emergency contact no. on the day ____________________________________________

Signed: __________________________________________  Date: _____________________________