Welcome Back

We hope you all had a relaxing and rejuvenating break and are ready for a busy, yet exciting short term.

We have loads happening this term so please keep abreast of what your child is up to on a week to week basis.

We are sending home an outline of out of school events, along with permission notes and notice of any money required.

Roundup of Term 1

Year 6 students very capably ran our ANZAC Day service on the last Wednesday of term, with students from each stage laying a wreath beneath the flagpole. Sergeant Cameron Jackson gave a short address and afterwards, answered the many questions that our students had.

Thank you to Lachlan and Ben for representing our school at the wreath laying ceremony at the Wagga Wagga Cenotaph on ANZAC Day.

Super Student of the Term Awards

Congratulations to our ‘Super Students of the Term’: - Riley Wilson, Matilda Cole, Adelaide Eady and Cameron McDougall. They each received a ‘Super Student’ banner at our assembly at the end of last term.

School Photos: TOMORROW — Thursday 2nd May 2013

Pre-pay envelopes sent home last term, must be returned beforehand, even if you are not buying photos. Every child’s photo will be taken, regardless of an order or not.

Students are asked to wear the following uniform on photo day.

Boys—long grey trousers, black shoes, grey socks, green and gold embroidered polo shirt.

Girls—tartan summer dress, black shoes and white socks.

(Students will be asked to take off their windcheaters/jumpers beforehand).
2013 NAPLAN Tests

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

Ethics classes

What are ethics classes and who are they for?

In ethics classes, children sit in a circle and learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument using dialogue and discussion. Each week, children are given stimulus material, such as a story or pictures, then trained Ethics Teachers facilitate conversations between the children, helping them form a ‘community of inquiry’ with their peers.

In December 2010, the NSW State Government amended the Education Act, 1990. Section 33a was created to give parents the right to choose ethics classes for their child if they have opted out of SRE. When parents opt their child(ren) out of scripture, they can then choose non-scripture or ethics.

If you are interested in your child attending Ethics classes during the scripture session, please make further enquiries at school.

Term 2 Staff Development Days

Day 1 we explored...

HOW2Learn

Through exploration, discussion and research we are developing a deeper understanding on how we bring learning to our students which incorporates the following:

Education is about enabling young people to take their place in the world confidently, actively and successfully.

This will be an ongoing process as we all learn about learning and how we, you, and the students learn.

You may hear your child mentioning that they are learning, putting in a great effort and if they haven’t mastered something yet they will be persevering, being persistent and finding strategies to solve the challenge.

How2Learn awards will be coming through as students take on these life long learning strategies.

Small Schools’ Athletics Results

Charlli Whiting—2nd 100m, 1st High Jump
Charlie Murphy—2nd 100m, 2nd Relay, 3rd Long Jump
Ben—1st 100m, 1st 200m, 1st Discus, 2nd Long Jump
1st Relay
James—3rd 800m, 1st Shotput, 1st Relay, 3rd 100m,
2nd High Jump, 3rd Long Jump
Riley Whiting—1st 800m, 2nd 100m, 2nd 200m,
3rd Shotput, 1st Relay
Eddie—1st High Jump, 1st Long Jump, 2nd 800m
Thomas—2nd 100m, 2nd Relay

Congratulations to all our placegetters and to Ben who was Senior Boys’ Champion. Well done!
CROSS COUNTRY
Uranquinty, Ladysmith & Tarcutta Schools
Friday 10th May 2013 at Ladysmith School

- All students K-6 will be participating.
- Students to come to school at normal time.
- Students will walk the course at 10.00am.
- It is anticipated that all races will be finished by 12.45pm.
- P&C will be providing lunch—please return attached order forms by **Tuesday 7th May**.

P&C Meeting
Monday 6th May 2013 at 7.00pm

Come along to the
P&C Trivia Night
Friday 10th May
6.30pm for 7.00pm start
Ladysmith Memorial Hall
BYO Nibblies & Drinks
Tea & Coffee provided
$80 per table
**Gather together tables of 8 and come along to support your school**

To book a table, please contact Leanne at Ladysmith Store—69221526

Wagga Wagga PSSA Cross Country
Friday 31st May at Ladysmith

Book Club—Brochures are attached. Please return forms and payment by **Monday 13th May**.

Active After School Communities—starts next week.
If you would like your child to join in these fun fitness sessions, and they completed a permission note last term, please complete the attached permission note for **continuing students** and return before **Wednesday 8th May**.

Stewart House 2013 Donation Drive

Please find an envelope attached for a chance to win a $4,000 family holiday. Simply fill in your name, address, telephone number and school and insert a $2.00 coin or equivalent. Please return to school by **Friday 10th May, 2013**.

Please support this worthy cause

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
at Ladysmith Public School
Friday 24th May
from 10.30am—11.30am

All parents and community members are invited to join us for morning tea as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of ‘Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea’.
Gold coin donation with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council. There will also be a raffle.
Could students please bring in a small plate of food? **Come along and make your cup count!**

Community News ……

Rugby Union
Wagga Wagga Junior Rugby Union competition starts soon. The SIRU Sunday competition starts this Sunday (5th May) with a Gala Day in Cootamundra. Wagga Juniors will have teams in Under 7, 9, 11, 13 & 15 age groups. Our Friday Night Competition starts on 10 May at Connolly Rugby Complex. It is not too late to register, visit our website for our latest newsletter, contact details and registration information at: [http://www.waggajuniors.rugbynet.com.au/](http://www.waggajuniors.rugbynet.com.au/)
Historic Achievement for NSW Students, Teachers and Parents

I am very pleased to inform you that the Prime Minister and I recently announced NSW would be the first Australian State to agree to the “Gonski” national education reforms.

This is great news for students, teachers and parents. It will mean more resources and a fairer system – and assist our aim of higher standards and a better education for our children.

The agreement will deliver an additional $5 billion for NSW schools as well as continue the NSW Government’s education reforms, including improving literacy and numeracy, raising teaching quality and empowering principals and school communities to make local decisions.

I am proud of this historic reform which could not have been achieved without the advocacy of students, teachers and parents across NSW.

Yours sincerely

Barry O’Farrell MP
Premier