**Week 1 Term 2**

It was wonderful to see everyone back at school, with a smile and keen to get into learning.

Home learning has started this term!

Infants children are writing some wonderful stories about the books they are reading. Here is Thomas’ story.

**Jordan’s Catch**

One day some boys went to play cricket. When one of the boys hit the ball, it was going towards Jordan and he ran to the ball but the ball bounced up and out of his hands. Their team lost the game when the ball went out of Jordan’s hands and Jordan fell over. Jordan’s dad said, “Cheer up,” to Jordan as they went home and he said “Hey Jordan, I’ve got tickets to the big game tomorrow”. At the big game, the other team batted first. After lunch it was the home team’s turn to bat first and they scored. That was exciting. One of the players hit a six. It went over the fence and Jordan caught it.

**School Photos**—Thank you to everyone for making an effort with the uniforms. Photos will look great, I think.

**Music Camp**

Two Year 6 boys have joined the Riverina Music Camp this week. Eddie and James are at Borambola for the week, with a group of like minded students. They will be enveloped in music, experience some excellent tutoring as well as having fun. We look forward to hearing all about it next week when they return.

We hope this will develop into a regular event for students at Ladysmith Public School as our own interest grows, our skills further develop and we experience life with our own band.

**Band** will start this week, so remember your instruments on Wednesday. Remember, if you have an instrument and would like to join the band, please bring along $10 and your instrument. Just a reminder, band is not a music lesson, it is a time where we play together tunes we have previously learnt.

Everyone who has lessons will be involved in the band and anyone else who wants to join us.

**Cross Country**

Friday is the Small Schools Cross Country at Ladysmith. All students will be participating, with Uranquinty and Tarcutta students joining us. We will walk the course at 10.00am and start the races once we get back.

*Please come and join us on the day, walk the course with us, watch the kids run and have some fun!*

**NAPLAN**

Next week, Years 3 & 5 will be completing the National testing. Tuesday is Language conventions and writing, Wednesday reading and Thursday is Numeracy.

Please ensure your child comes to school well rested, dressed warmly and has had a great breakfast. All these factors influence how a child can concentrate and it would be good if everyone is settled and happy during these sessions.

Years 4 and 6 will do some practice papers.

Should you require more information, please contact Ms Sturman as soon as possible.

**TRIVIA NIGHT AUCTION**

On Friday night there will be an auction, a Craig Lally silhouette, metal artwork by a local artist ….Bring the cash or cheque book!

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**This Week’s SUPER STUDENTS**

K-2— Ruth O’Donovan — for doing a great book review in home learning

3-6—Charlli Whiting — for helping others in their learning
In HSIE this term, the infants are doing a unit of work on the topic of “Me”.

It would be appreciated if each infant’s child could bring in a photo of when they were a baby, as well as a more recent photo, by Thursday of this week. They will also be making a simple family tree, so information on who their grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins are, would also help.

Parent Helpers

If you are able to donate some of your time to help in the Infants room this term, it would be greatly appreciated.

Days and times are as follows:
- Monday 9.30—11.00am
- Wednesday 9.30—10.30am
- Thursday 9.30—11.00am
- Friday 9.30—11.00am

Duties would involve listening to children read, helping them write stories using computers (basic computer skills required) and helping them learn sight words.

If you are able to help, please indicate on the following slip and return to the office by Friday of this week.

Thankyou—Miss Cutler

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**Year 5 Environmental Project — ‘De-Litter for the Critter’**

This year, Year 5’s environmental project is called ‘De-Litter for the Critter’. Year 5 students have put up a **Lucky Squares** chart on Ms Sturman’s door. When the 24th May comes, Year 5 will cut the chart up and put the parts in a hat. It is $2.00 per square. All the money raised will go to Year 5’s project. Year 5 will pull out a winning number. The prize is $50.00, so please start bringing in your money and start guessing the lucky square. *(Written by Georgia Clarke)*

**DISCO**

On the 24th May, the Year 5’s are running a Disco with fun games. There will be delicious pizza, tasty drinks, exciting night games, other fun games and, of course, a groovy disco! Everyone from Kindergarten to Year 7 is welcome, and parents, too. It costs $5.00 per person and once you pay at the start, you have paid for the whole disco—even the food and games. So come to the disco for one of the best nights of your lives!

**Time/Place:** 6.00pm—8.30pm at Ladysmith School

**Wear:** Disco clothes—nice, casual clothes

**Where the money is going:** The money raised will go to the Year 5’s important environmental project.

*(Written by Riley Wilson)*

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**Coming Up!**

**Small Schools’ Questacon – Science Day**

**Thursday 23rd May 2013 at Kapooka Public School—K-6**

A permission note for Science day was in last week’s newsletter. A lunch order form is now attached. Should you wish to order lunch, please return form and money to school by **Friday 17th May**.

**Wagga Wagga PSSA Cross Country**

**Friday 31st May at Ladysmith**

**Stewart House 2013 Donation Drive**

Please return envelopes to school by this **Friday 10th May, 2013**.

*Please support this worthy cause*

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

**Active After School Communities**

Active After School Communities starts this week and we would love to see every student there running around and having some fun. Sessions will be held on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoons this term from 3.15—4.30pm. We plan on having heaps of fun. Get your permission notes in, bring your joggers and have a tasty afternoon snack. Help us create some fun and exciting new games and activities involving soccer, league and dance skills.

See you there,

Mr Eady and Jocelyn

**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!*