Building Learning Power

Primary learnt many aspects of the brain last week which has given them a deeper understanding of how we can stretch our learning muscles and remember more. Through questioning, they delved right into the workings of our brains and discovered we can always build our learning powers.

Here are some examples of brain models, the learning process and the neurons that pass the messages around.

Learning Journals

Primary started their learning journals last week—learning journals help individuals realise the journey they are going on as they develop a better understanding of a particular topic.

We complete these each night as this helps us rehearse what we covered during the day in the learning gym.

Learning journals allow your child to reflect on their learning, monitor what they have retained, and to exercise their brain in a relaxed environment. Each night, your child will be expected to spend some time adding to their journal.

Here is an example of our students’ journals.

General Assistant

After a rigorous and comprehensive merit selection process, we offered the General Assistant’s position to Anthony Archer who has accepted the position. He will begin working at Ladysmith Public School once the Department have completed the necessary steps.

We would like to thank Jennifer South for the wonderful contribution to our school over the past two terms, as she has filled the role of GA since Mr Koth retired.

Year 6 Yearbook

Our current Year 6 have begun the process of putting together the 2013 Yearbook.

As was the case in 2012, they will be asking families if they would like to support this project by sponsoring a page and receiving a free Yearbook.

Please watch out for this exclusive offer as it comes your way.

Mobile Library: TOMORROW — Wednesday 24th July 2013

P&C Meeting: TOMORROW — Wednesday 24th July 2013 at 7.00pm—all welcome.

The agenda will include a discussion around the school excursion and staffing for 2014; if you are interested in either, come along and contribute to the discussion.
Riverina Athletics—30th August
On Friday, we received the nominations for the Wagga Wagga team invited to attend the Riverina Athletics Carnival on 30th August. Notes went home to the students involved then, too.

We have one individual representative … **Charlli Whiting** who will be participating in the 8yrs girls 100m. Congratulations, Charlli!

Our PP5 relay team consisting of **James, Eddie, Riley and Ben** will be having their second attempt at qualifying for the state carnival also on this day.

**Congratulations boys, and all the best for the training weeks ahead.**

Riverina Softball Team
James represented our school at the Riverina softball trials on Monday and was successful in gaining a spot in the team. Congratulations, James!

Here is what he had to say: “On Monday, I went to the Riverina Boys’ Softball trials. It was lots of fun. We did batting, fielding and outfield drills. At the end of the day the coaches picked possibles and probables—I was in the probables and then I got chosen in the Riverina team”.

**Ladysmith Super Student Awards**
… please send/bring in your children’s awards from **Term 2** so we can see who has earned a Ladysmith Green or Gold Award. We will present these awards at our Education Week Assembly.

**Education Week Assembly**
**Wednesday 31st July—11.30am at Ladysmith Hall**
followed by the grand opening of the chicken pen, lunch and open classrooms.

_All welcome, please support your child’s learning._

Active After School Communities—starts next week on Tuesday and Thursday. 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 beforehand. If you would like your child to start attending AASC, please contact the school for appropriate forms.

**Book Club**—Brochures are attached. If wishing to place an order, please return forms and payment to school by **Monday 29th July**.

**Thumb Drives for Year 1**
Could parents of each Year One child, please supply a ‘thumb drive’ (USB) for children to learn to use during class learning? Please label the thumb drive with your child’s name.

**Infants Parents Helpers**
We would love to have the mums who helped in the Infants room continue to help us with our learning this term. If you are unable to keep coming on your rostered day, please let Miss Cutler know. Thankyou.

**Year 6 Fundraiser … Win a jar of Skittles!**
Year 6 students are raising money to purchase a Minecraft Computer Licence for use at school. Please support them by sending in your money to have a guess, $1.00 a guess.

**How2Learn**
This term we started our whole school focus on Building Learning Power with the strategy of “Questioning”.

Questioning enables us to understand that there is nothing wrong with not knowing. Through questioning, we can delve deeper into a concept and further develop our understanding. Questioning is a powerful tool we should all use every day. Building our learning powers enables us to become life long learners who can find ways to solve a problem by knowing there are strategies we can use when we don’t know what to do.

Our curious questioners last week were **Thomas Clarke, Christopher Alsop and Eddie McDougall**.