Pancakes all round ...
Our chickens have settled into their new environment and routine….the eggs have started to flow.

The infant students used the eggs to further develop their understanding of measuring and volume by making pancakes during the week.

CHORDS Rehearsal
Last Monday, the primary started rehearsals for CHORDS - combined primary schools choir which was awesome. Your children were fantastic.

We are now really learning these songs. Primary students will be learning a song EVERY night until the end of term. Please encourage your child to learn the words, listen to the song and improve. If you would like a copy of the music, please send in a thumb drive and we will save it all for you.

Science Investigation Awards—CSU—Wednesday
Primary students ventured to CSU last Wednesday, with their experiments, for the Science Investigation awards. Every child had made an outstanding effort to name their experiment, write an aim, a hypothesis, gather data and write up a conclusion. The judges certainly questioned the students on their projects and their understanding of the scientific process required when completing a scientific investigation.

The students who took prior knowledge with them, to this project, really showed strategies of remembering, making connections and collaborating within their team. The year 3 students were amazing and the life long learning skills they built included being resourceful, resilient as well as showing reciprocity.

Many new ideas have come to light for next year.
Thank you to all the parents who helped with transportation to and from the University.

The awards went to:-

People’s Choice Award - Alex and Lachlan Webber
Encouragement Awards – Riley Wilson and Natalie Sim with her partner, Shyanne Stanton
Overall winner for the primary section was the McDougall team - Eddie, Joannah and Cameron

Orienteering— AASC
Years 5 and 6 participated in a BINGO version of orienteering last Tuesday. They are very enthusiastic and have learnt many new and varied skills. Some are keen to participate in the Wagga Wagga orienteering sessions - if they would like more information, please let me know and I will forward the schedule.
Orienteering is a PSSA sport and in 2014 I will notify students of the dates so our years 5 and 6 can enter the competition.
Lesson Studies

Professional development of teachers which comes from other teachers, in the form of feedback and professional dialogue, increases the learning of our students by 4 fold. At Ladysmith Public School, we embrace student learning and consider it paramount for their life long journey. This week we, again, allowed teaching staff to have the opportunity to participate in lesson studies. The feedback received from teaching colleagues on how the students are learning makes us really take note of what is happening for every child in our learning gym. Ask your child if they had a different teacher in their room this week and what they thought was happening.

Student Medical Forms

During Terms 3 and 4, we will be updating our medical records information to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health. If you have a child with a medical condition, it will be necessary for you to complete a new ‘Student Medical Details and Health Conditions’ form, a copy of which is attached to this newsletter. This form will also be included as part of the new Student Enrolment Form.

Please complete the form and return to school by Friday 30th August 2013.

If you have a child with a medical condition and a form is not attached to your newsletter, please contact the school.

Mobile Library — tomorrow, Wednesday 21st August, 2013

Book Club — August Book Club brochures are attached. Please return order forms and payment by Friday 30th August, 2013.

Excursion Update

Our Years 3-6 excursion to Mount Kosciusko is from Monday 4th November—Friday 8th November. In next week’s newsletter, there will be an excursion itinerary, permission note and request for payment.

Stop Press!

Mr Michael McCormack (MP Riverina) will be coming to our assembly on Friday to present certificates to students who participated in the ANZAC Day writing competition.
Building Learning Power in our students so they can become life long learners.

Our Super Student of the week awards are now linked to the habits we are learning to use more frequently while on our education journey. This fortnight we will be discovering the meaning and uses of empathy and listening. These are habits that enhance our reciprocity … being ready, willing and able to learn alone and with others. We have been developing our collaboration strategies, which will continue. Being able to get inside someone’s mind through empathy and listening, helps with collaboration and learning socially.

Our SUPER HOW2LEARN students have demonstrated the ability to listen and empathise, and will become role models to the rest of us.

Eligh Field - showing excellent empathy during the science investigations.
James Pope and Ben Hann – while collaborating in science; being able to listen to each other and show empathy while putting their project together.
Cameron Rutland—listening while learning.
Patrick Murphy—listening while others are teaching.

Year 5 Enviro Day …..Yesterday, we had lots of fun, great food and we learnt a lot when our Year 5 students held their Enviro Day. Riley planned the building of bird houses and Georgia and Joannah made jumping frogs, birds and butterflies. Here is what one of the groups thought about building bird houses:

Alex—thought it was fun learning while having fun.
Riley Whiting—It was awesome as we got to learn how to hammer.
Charlli—I thought if we had listened more, we’d have learnt more as a group.
Abby—Everyone felt happy because they had smiles on their faces—they were saying nice things to each other.

Little Athletics Registration Days
Kooringal-Wagga Athletics Club
Friday nights from 5pm
U6—Seniors
Jubilee Park Athletics Track
Registration – 30th Aug & 6th Sept 2013- 5pm-6.30pm
Where - Jubilee Park Hockey Rooms (upstairs)
Start Date – 13th September 2013 – 5pm
Contact -Stephen 04 0869 3411 or Angela 04 1120 0101
Website – www.kwa.org.au
Proof of Age required for new registrations
Registration Fees—$90 per athlete
Payment Options – Cash or Cheque Only on registration night
Direct Deposit (please bring proof of payment to registration night) – please check the website for details.